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Name: **Solution**

1. Solve the

$$\int_0^1 (x^2 + 2)^{-1} dx$$

via the following methods:

- (a) Calculate the integral using Simpson rule.
- (b) Give a precise formula for the error in approximation.

Answer: Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $f(x) = (x^2 + 2)^{-1}$. Then by Simpson rule

$$\int_0^1 (x^2 + 2)^{-1} dx = \frac{1}{6}(f(0) + 4f(0.5) + f(1)) - \frac{1}{(2^5)(90)}f^{(4)}(\xi),$$

with $\xi \in (0, 1)$. Now

$$f(0) = ((0)^2 + 2)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad f(0.5) = ((0.5)^2 + 2)^{-1} = \frac{4}{9}, \quad \text{and } f(1) = ((1)^2 + 2)^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Further

$$f^{(1)}(x) = \frac{-2x}{(x^2 + 2)^2}, \quad f^{(2)}(x) = \frac{-2}{(x^2 + 2)^2} + \frac{8x^2}{(x^2 + 2)^3}, \quad f^{(3)}(x) = \frac{8x}{(x^2 + 2)^3} + \frac{16x}{(x^2 + 2)^3} - \frac{48x^3}{(x^2 + 2)^4}$$
$$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{24}{(x^2 + 2)^3} - \frac{144x^2}{(x^2 + 2)^4} - \frac{144x^2}{(x^2 + 2)^4} + \frac{384x^4}{(x^2 + 2)^5}.$$

$$(a) S^{(0,1)}(f) = \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{16}{9} + \frac{1}{3}\right).$$

$$(b) \text{Error} = -\left[\frac{1}{(2^5)(90)}\left(\frac{24}{(\xi^2+2)^3} - \frac{288\xi^2}{(\xi^2+2)^4} + \frac{384\xi^4}{(\xi^2+2)^5}\right)\right].$$