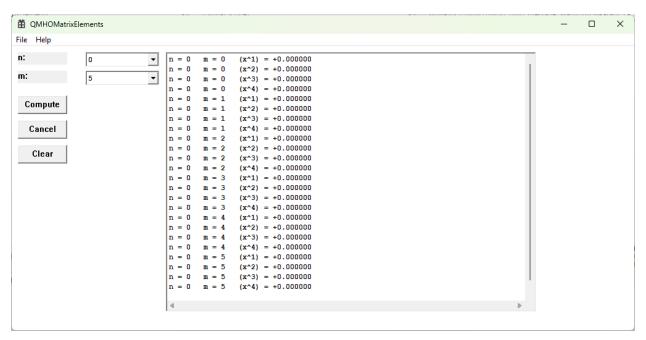
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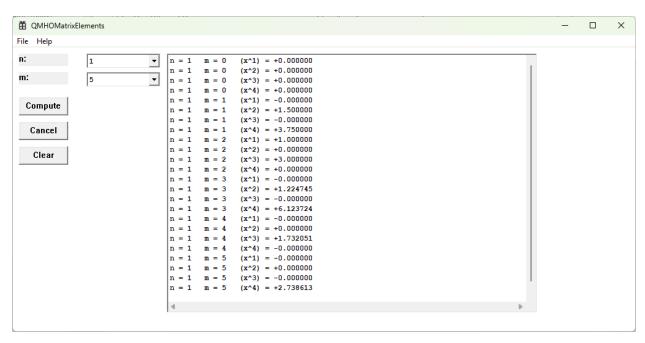
Reference: *Introduction to Quantum Mechanics with Applications to Chemistry* by Linus Pauling and E. Bright Wilson, Jr.

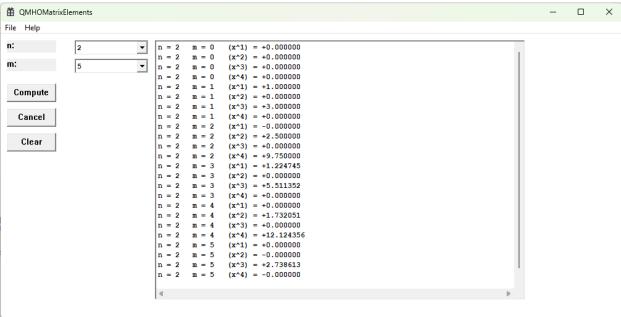
I wrote a Win32 C/C++ Desktop application to compute the following integrals:

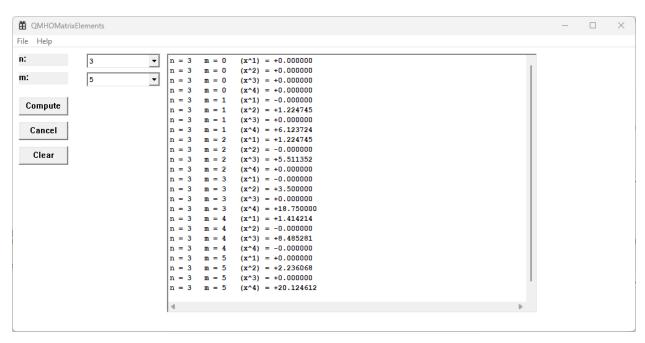
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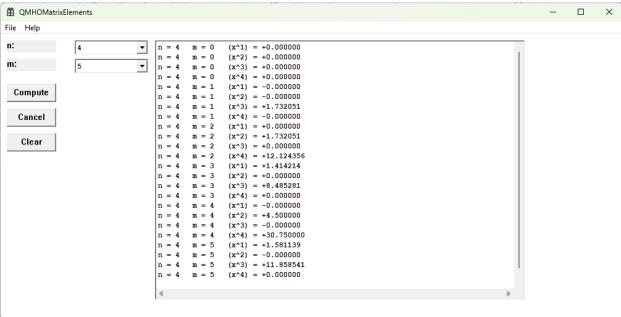


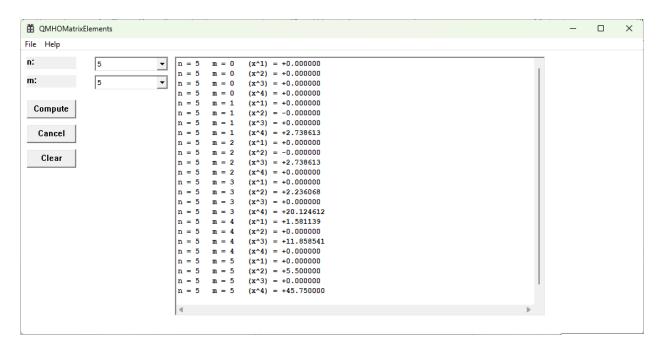
I set the limits of integration to -10 to 10 and use Simpson's Rule with 1024 steps.











I have attached the Win32 C/C++ driver source code file. Yesterday's blog entry has the Integration and Orthogonal Polynomials headers and source code files.