

SI 211: Numerical Analysis

Solution of Homework 1

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1. (a) $x = \pi$

Exact solution is: 0 and Matlab solution is: -1.54597494809480e-13.

So the numerical approximation error is: -1.54597494809480e-13.

The reason for this error is that π is stored with finite precision in the computers.

- (b)

Here, we can use Taylor Expansion at $x_0 = 0$ to approximate to exact value of $\sin(10^4 * x)$.

By using first order approximation of Taylor expansion, we have

$$f(x) = \frac{10^4 x + o(x^2)}{x} = 10^4 + o(x)$$

Thus the numerical evaluation error calculated by Julia is

```
Julia> h(x)=sin(1e4*x)/x
```

```
Julia> abs(h(1e-10)-1e4)
```

By using fourth order approximation of Taylor expansion, we have

$$f(x) = \frac{10^4 x - 10^{12} x^3 + o(x^5)}{x} = 10^4 + 10^{12} * x^2 + o(x^4)$$

Thus the numerical evaluation error calculated by Julia is

```
Julia> h(x)=sin(1e4*x)/x
```

```
Julia> abs(h(1e-10)-1e4-1e-8)
```

we eventually get the error $\approx 10^{-8}$

2. (a) Function *diff* code in Matlab:

```
function r = newdiff(f,x,h)
    b = 2*h;
    r = (f(x+h)-f(x-h))/b;
end
```

- (b) Evaluate the derivative of the function $f(x)=\exp(x)$ at $x=0$, and $h \in [10^{-15}, 10^{-1}]$

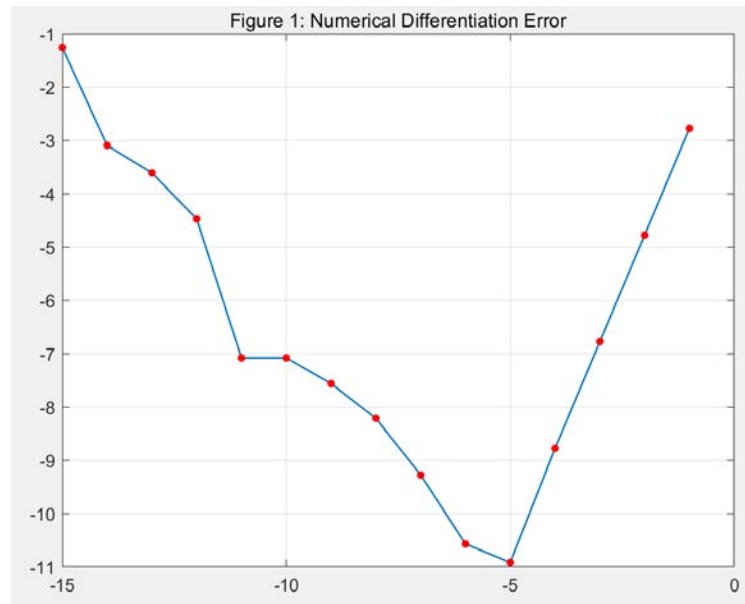
```
for i = 1 : 15
    h(i) = 10^-i;
end
x = 0.0;
exact_value = 1.0;
f = @(x) exp(x);
for i = 1 : 15
    e(i)=abs(newdiff(f,x,h(i))-exact_value);
end
```

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x = log10(h);
y = log10(e);
plot(x,y);hold on
plot(x,y,'r.','MarkerSize',10);

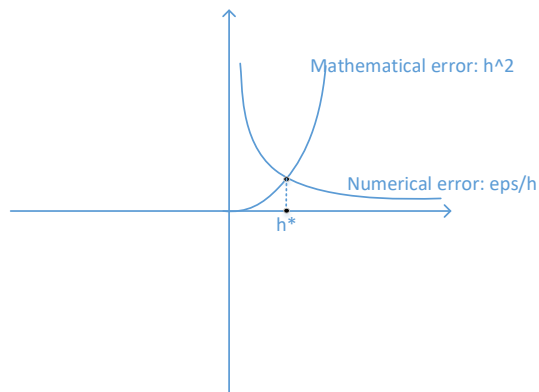
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The result is shown in the figure 1



Interpret the result:

The numerical differentiation error is produced by numerical error and mathematical error together, the error dominated by h^2 when h is greater than h^* , in the other hand, the error dominated by $\frac{eps}{h}$ when h is less than h^* .



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{error}(h) &\approx h^2 + \frac{eps}{h} \\
 \frac{d}{dh} \text{error}(h^*) &= 2h^* - \frac{eps}{h^{*2}} = 0 \\
 h^* &= \sqrt[3]{eps} \approx 10^{-5}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Algorithmic differentiation

$$\begin{aligned}b_0 &= 1 \\b_1 &= -\sin(a_0) * b_0 \\b_2 &= a_1 * b_1 + b_1 * a_1 \\b_3 &= \cos(a_1) * b_1 \\b_4 &= a_2 * b_3 + b_2 * a_3 \\f'(x) &= b_4\end{aligned}$$

The derivative of $f(x)$ at $x = 0$ is: 0 using AD code, the actual derivative is 0, so the numerical error is 0, and the order of magnitude of the numerical error also is 0.

Julia Code

```
import Base.*
import Base.sin
import Base.cos
mutable struct ADV
    a
    b
end

function *(A::ADV,B::ADV)
    return ADV(A.a*B.a,A.a*B.b+A.b*B.a);
end

function sin(A::ADV)
    return ADV(sin(A.a),cos(A.a)*A.b)
end

function cos(A::ADV)
    return ADV(cos(A.a),-sin(A.a)*A.b)
end

function f(x)
    return sin(cos(x))*cos(x*x)
end
```

Get the Result

```
x = ADV(0,1)
f(x)
ADV(0.8414709848078965, -0.0)
```