

Advanced Numerical Algorithms (MU4IN920)

Tutorial-Practical 5 - Floating-point summation algorithms

1. Tutorial

Exercise 1 (Summation). Let $p_i \in \mathbb{F}$, $1 \le i \le n$ be a sequence of n floating-point numbers.

1. Show that the condition number of the computation of the summation satisfies

cond
$$(\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |p_i|}{|\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i|}.$$

We recall that by definition

$$\operatorname{cond}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i}\right) := \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \sup \left\{ \left| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{p}_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i}}{\varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_{i}} \right| : \left| \widetilde{p}_{i} - p_{i} \right| \le \varepsilon |p_{i}| \text{ for } i = 1, \ldots, n \right\}.$$

- **2.** Show that the recursive summation algorithm is *backward-stable*.
- **3.** Derive a bound on the relative error for the summation.
- **4.** Redo all the questions for the dot product.

2. Practical

Exercise 2 (Summation algorithms). The purpose is to compare the accuracy of different algorithms for summation.

1. Implement the Error-Free Transformations (EFT).

Algorithm 1. EFT for the summation of two floating-point numbers with $|a| \ge |b|$

function
$$[x, y] = \text{FastTwoSum}(a, b)$$

 $x = \text{fl}(a + b)$
 $y = \text{fl}((a - x) + b)$

Algorithm 2. EFT for the summation of two floating-point numbers

function
$$[x, y] = \text{TwoSum}(a, b)$$

 $x = \text{fl}(a + b)$
 $z = \text{fl}(x - a)$
 $y = \text{fl}((a - (x - z)) + (b - z))$

2. Implement the following summation algorithms:

Algorithm 3. Classic recursive summation algorithm

function res = Sum(
$$p$$
)
 σ = 0;
for i = 1: n
 σ = fl(σ + p_i)
res = σ

Algorithm 4. Kahan's summation algorithm

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function res = SCompSum(p)

\sigma = 0

e = 0

for i = 1 : n

y = p_i + e

[\sigma, e] = FastTwoSum(\sigma, y)

res = \sigma
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Algorithm 5. Priest's doubly compensated summation algorithm

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function res = DCompSum(p)

we sort the p_i such that |p_1| \ge |p_2| \ge \cdots \ge |p_n|

s = 0
c = 0

for i = 1 : n

[y, u] = \text{FastTwoSum}(c, p_i)

[t, v] = \text{FastTwoSum}(y, s)

z = u + v

[s, c] = \text{FastTwoSum}(t, z)

res = s
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Algorithm 6. Rump's compensated summation algorithm

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\begin{aligned} & \text{function res} = \text{CompSum}(p) \\ & \pi_1 = p_1 \text{; } \sigma_1 = 0 \text{;} \\ & \text{for } i = 2 \text{: } n \\ & \left[ \pi_i, q_i \right] = \text{TwoSum}(\pi_{i-1}, p_i) \\ & \sigma_i = \text{fl}(\sigma_{i-1} + q_i) \\ & \text{res} = \text{fl}(\pi_n + \sigma_n) \end{aligned}
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 $\textbf{3. Study the accuracy of those different algorithms in function of the condition number of the sum1.}$

¹A MATLAB generator of ill-conditioned sum can be found here: http://www-pequan.lip6.fr/~graillat/gensum.zip