

Problem 5)

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Derive the order of the error with respect to the sin and cosine approximations.

Part A

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

Approximation
 $\sin\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \approx \frac{1}{N}$

error $\sin\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) = O(?)$

error $\sin = \sin\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) - \frac{1}{N}$

(Using series expansion, only using first three terms $x = \frac{1}{N}$)

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) = \frac{1}{N} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^3}{3!} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^5}{5!} - \dots$$

* Substitution

error $\sin = -\frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^3}{3!} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^5}{5!} - \dots - \frac{1}{N}$

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Part A

Leading term is $-\frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^3}{3!}$, so error \sin behaves like $O\left(\frac{1}{N^3}\right)$

Part B

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

Approximation
 $\cos\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2N^2}$

error $\cos\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) = O(?)$

error $\cos = \cos\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N^2}\right)$

(Using series expansion only using first three terms $x = \frac{1}{N}$)

$$\cos\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) = 1 - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^2}{2!} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^4}{4!} - \dots$$

* Substitution

error $\cos = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^4}{4!} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^6}{6!} + \dots - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N^2}\right)$

error $\cos = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^4}{4!} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^6}{6!} + \dots$

Part B

Leading term is $\frac{\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^4}{4!}$, so error \cos behaves like $O\left(\frac{1}{N^4}\right)$