Numerical Computation – Assignment 2

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1. $f \in O(h^k)$ and $gO(h^m)$, m < k.

 $|f(h)| \le C * h^k, |g(h)| \le C * h^m.$

 $|f(h)|+|g(h)|\leq *(h^k+h^m)$

$$|(f+g)(h)| = |f(h)+g(h)| \le |f(h)| + |g(h)| \le C * (h^k + h^m)$$

Because k>m and for all h sufficiently small which means that h is smaller than 1, so $h^m > h^k$, $f + g \in O(h^m)$

2.

Method1:

$$f(h) = h^3$$

The Taylor's polynomial of the f(h) is:

$$f(x) = f(a) + f(a)'(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)(x - a)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{n-1}(a)(x - a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} + \frac{f^n(a)(\xi - a)^n}{(n)!}$$
$$= a^3 + 3a^2(x - a) + 3a(x - a)^2 + 6(x - a)^3 + 0 \qquad (a \le \xi \le x)$$

Taylor expansion of the function, the series after the third order is 0. The $f(h) = h^3$ is not in $O(h^4)$.

Method2:

 $|f(h)| \le c|h|^k$ for h sufficiently small, so h is close to the zero.

If the upper bound of the $f(h) = h^3$ is $O(h^4)$, then we have the:

$$C \ge \frac{|h^3|}{|h^4|} = |\frac{1}{h}|$$
, and we know that the h is sufficiently small. So, $|\frac{1}{h}|$ is very large which

means that we cannot find a constant to make $C * |h|^k$ always be larger than or equal to the f(h).

To conclude, the $f(h) = h^3$ is not in $O(h^4)$.

3.
$$\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x} = \frac{(\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}) \cdot (\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}}$$

When x is very large, and even approaching positive infinity, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}+\sqrt{x}}$ is approaching 0.

4. let
$$f(x) = 1 - \cos^2 x = \sin^2 x$$

$$f'(x) = \sin(2x), f''(x) = 2\cos(2x), f^3(x) = -4\sin(2x), f^4(x) = -8\cos(2x)$$

$$f^5(x) = 16\sin(2x), f^6(x) = 32\cos(2x).$$

The Taylor's series of the f(x) at order 6 is:

$$f(x) = f(a) + f(a)'(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2!} + \frac{f^3(a)(x-a)^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{f^6(a)(\xi-a)^6}{6!}$$
$$= (\sin^2 a) + \sin(2x)(x-a) + \frac{2\cos(2a)(x-a)^2}{2!} - \frac{4\sin(2a)(x-a)^3}{3!} - \frac{8\cos(2a)(x-a)^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\frac{16\sin{(2a)(x-a)^5}}{5!} + \frac{32\cos{(2a)}(\xi-a)^6}{6!}$$
. Let a=0 and we can get:

$$f(x) = 0 + 0 + x^2 - 0 - \frac{x^4}{3} + 0 + 2 * \frac{\xi^6}{45} = x^2 - \frac{x^4}{3} + O(x^6)$$

$$(5) x^2 + 3x - 8^{-14} = 0$$

According to the root finding formula, the root of the function is $\frac{-b\pm\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$.

We can find that $b \gg c > 0$, one of roots is:

$$\frac{-b+\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a} = \frac{\left(-b-\sqrt{b^2-4ac}\right)*(-b+\sqrt{b^2-4ac})}{2a*(-b-\sqrt{b^2-4ac})} = \frac{b^2-b^2+4ac}{2a*(-b-\sqrt{b^2-4ac})} = \frac{4c}{-4*b} = 7.579*10^{-14}.$$

Another root is:

$$\frac{-b-\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-2b}{2a} = -3.000.$$