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## problem 3

Objective: Calculate the approximate derivative and its error for using the derAprox function and steps of  $h = 10^{-j}$  with  $j$  values from 0-10. Then graph the log of the error against the log of  $h$  to compare. The error of a derivative approximation is  $\text{derAprox}(x) - f'(x)$

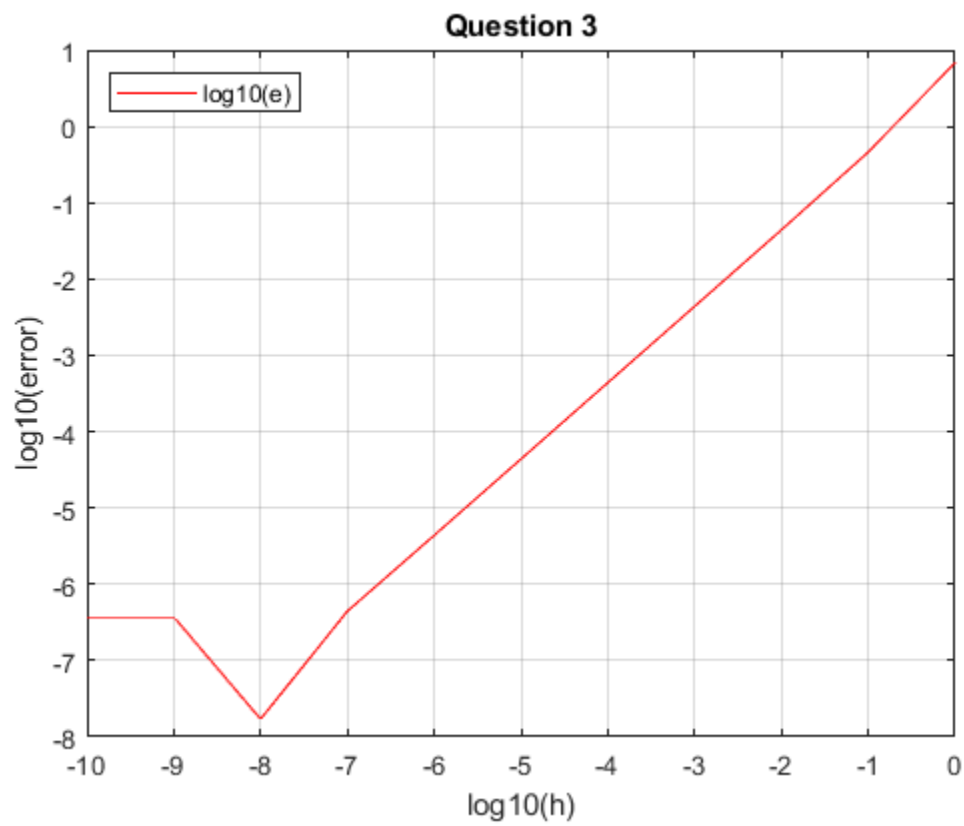
Functions called derAprox

Setting the value of the function  $f_1$  that will be approximated and setting its derivative.

```
f1 = @(x) x^(7/2) + x;
df1 = @(x) (7/2)*x^(5/2) + 1;
%
% Setting the array of values that h will be to the power to
%
j = 0:1:10;
%
% setting empty arrays for the values of e, e stands for error
%
e = zeros(1,11);
%
% Setting the empty h array
%
h = zeros(1,11);
%
% setting the value of xo that is used for the derivative approximation
%
xo = 1;
%
% Starting the for loop to populate the e, eHat, eTilde, and h arrays. it
% iterates from 1 to 11 to use each value of j
%
for i = 1:1:length(j)
    %
    % Calling each derAprox function to compute the approximate
    % derivatives and populate the error arrays, using step as a temporary
    % variable
    %
    step = 10^(-j(i));
    e(i) = abs(derAprox(f1,xo,step) - df1(xo));
    h(i) = step;
end
%
% Creating a plot with log(e), log(eHat), log(eTilde), and log(h).
%
plot(log10(h),log10(e), 'r')
%
% Adding a legend to the plot
%
legend('log10(e)', 'Location', 'northwest');
%
% Adding Axis labels and title and adding grid
%
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xlabel('log10(h)')
ylabel('log10(error)')
title('Question 3')
grid on
hold off;
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