

512Assignment1

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Problem 1: We saw in class how Taylor series/roundoff errors fight against each other when deciding how big a step size to use when calculating numerical derivatives. If we allow ourselves to evaluate our function f at four points ($x \pm \delta$ and $x \pm 2\delta$),

- a) What should our estimate of the first derivative at x be? Rather than doing a complicated fit, I suggest thinking about how to combine the derivative from $x \pm \delta$ with the derivative from $x \pm 2\delta$ to cancel the next term in the Taylor series.

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[1]: from IPython.display import Latex
Latex(r"""From Taylor expansion:\begin{eqnarray}
f(x+\delta)= f(x) + \delta f'(x) + \frac{\delta^2}{2} f''(x) + \frac{\delta^3}{6} f'''(x) + \frac{\delta^4}{24} f^{(4)}(x) + \frac{\delta^5}{120} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots
f(x-\delta)= f(x) - \delta f'(x) + \frac{\delta^2}{2} f''(x) - \frac{\delta^3}{6} f'''(x) + \frac{\delta^4}{24} f^{(4)}(x) - \frac{\delta^5}{120} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots
f(x+\delta)-f(x-\delta)= 2\delta f'(x) + \frac{2\delta^3}{6} f'''(x) + \frac{2\delta^5}{120} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots
f(x+2\delta)-f(x-2\delta)= 4\delta f'(x) + \frac{4\delta^3}{6} f'''(x) + \frac{4\delta^5}{120} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots
\frac{f(x+\delta)-f(x-\delta)}{2\delta}= f'(x) + \frac{\delta^2}{6} f'''(x) + \frac{\delta^4}{120} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots
\frac{f(x+2\delta)-f(x-2\delta)}{4\delta}= f'(x) + \frac{\delta^2}{6} f'''(x) + \frac{\delta^4}{120} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots
\end{eqnarray}

Also from Taylor expansion but this time with 2
 $\delta$ :
\begin{eqnarray}
f(x+2\delta)-f(x-2\delta)= 4\delta f'(x) + \frac{8\delta^3}{6} f'''(x) + \frac{8\delta^5}{120} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots
\frac{f(x+2\delta)-f(x-2\delta)}{4\delta}= f'(x) + \frac{2\delta^2}{3} f'''(x) + \frac{\delta^4}{15} f^{(5)}(x) + \dots
\end{eqnarray}

Now, we combine the two:
\begin{eqnarray}
\frac{8(f(x+\delta)-f(x-\delta))-f(x+2\delta)+f(x-2\delta)}{6\delta}= 6f'(x) + \dots
\end{eqnarray}

Thus, the formula is:
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\begin{eqnarray}f'(x)=\frac{8(f(x+\delta)-f(x-\delta))-f(x+2\delta)+f(x-2\delta)}{12\delta}+O(\delta^4)
\end{eqnarray}
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[1]: From Taylor expansion:

$$f(x + \delta) = f(x) + \delta f'(x) + \frac{\delta^2}{2} f''(x) + \frac{\delta^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \frac{\delta^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^5) \quad (1)$$

$$f(x - \delta) = f(x) - \delta f'(x) + \frac{\delta^2}{2} f''(x) - \frac{\delta^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \frac{\delta^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(x) - \mathcal{O}(\delta^5) \quad (2)$$

$$f(x + \delta) - f(x - \delta) = 2\delta f'(x) + \frac{2\delta^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^5) \quad (3)$$

$$f(x + \delta) - f(x - \delta) = 2\delta f'(x) + \frac{\delta^3}{3} f'''(x) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^5) \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{f(x + \delta) - f(x - \delta)}{2\delta} = f'(x) + \frac{\delta^2}{6} f'''(x) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^4) \quad (5)$$

$$(6)$$

Also from Taylor expansion but this time with 2δ :

$$f(x + 2\delta) - f(x - 2\delta) = 4\delta f'(x) + \frac{8\delta^3}{3} f'''(x) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^5) \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{f(x + 2\delta) - f(x - 2\delta)}{2\delta} = 2f'(x) + \frac{8\delta^2}{6} f'''(x) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^4) \quad (8)$$

$$(9)$$

Now, we combine the two:

$$\frac{8(f(x + \delta) - f(x - \delta)) - f(x + 2\delta) + f(x - 2\delta)}{2\delta} = 6f'(x) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^4) \quad (10)$$

$$(11)$$

Thus, the formula is:

$$f'(x) = \frac{8(f(x + \delta) - f(x - \delta)) - f(x + 2\delta) + f(x - 2\delta)}{12\delta} + \mathcal{O}(\delta^4) \quad (12)$$

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[1]: #In code
import numpy as np
def firstderiv(x0,delta,fun):
    x=(x0-2*delta,x0-delta,x0+delta,x0+2*delta)
    y=fun(x)
    diff1= (y[2]-y[1])
    diff2= (y[3]-y[0])
    firstderiv= (8*diff1 -diff2)/(12*delta)
    return firstderiv

#Sanity Check
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fd=firstderiv(1,0.0000001,np.exp)
print("We find that d(exp(x))/dx evaluated at 1 is:",fd)
print("Which corresponds to our expectation of",np.exp(1))
print("The error is",abs(np.exp(1)-fd))
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We find that $d(\exp(x))/dx$ evaluated at 1 is: 2.718281828887707
 Which corresponds to our expectation of 2.718281828459045
 The error is 4.286619947890813e-10

b) Now that you have your operator for the derivative, what should be in terms of the machine precision and various properties of the function?

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[21]: from IPython.display import Latex
Latex(r"""To find the ideal delta, let's try to minimize our error:
\begin{eqnarray}diff=\frac{8(f(x+\delta)-f(x-\delta))-f(x+2\delta)+f(x-2\delta)}{12\delta}+
\rightarrow\mathcal{O}(\delta^4)\\
Error=|diff-f'(x)|\\
Error\approx|\frac{f^{(5)}\delta^4}{4}+\frac{\epsilon_m f(x)}{2\delta}|
\end{eqnarray}
Where the first term is the order of  $\delta^4$  left from our expression of
\rightarrow diff, and  $\epsilon_m$  is machine precision.
By minimizing this expression, we obtain:
\begin{eqnarray}
\frac{dError}{d\delta}=0 \\
0=f^{(5)}\delta^3-\frac{\epsilon_m f(x)}{\delta^2} \\
f^{(5)}\delta^3=\frac{\epsilon_m f(x)}{\delta^2} \\
\delta^5=\frac{\epsilon_m f(x)}{f^{(5)}} \\
\end{eqnarray}
So if we assume that  $f(x)\approx f^{(5)}(x)$ , then the ideal  $\delta$  is
\rightarrow  $\epsilon_m^{1/5}$ , or  $10^{-16/5}$ .
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[21]: To find the ideal delta, let's try to minimize our error:

$$diff = \frac{8(f(x+\delta) - f(x-\delta)) - f(x+2\delta) + f(x-2\delta)}{12\delta} + \mathcal{O}(\delta^4) \quad (13)$$

$$Error = |diff - f'(x)| \quad (14)$$

$$Error \approx \left| \frac{f^{(5)}\delta^4}{4} + \frac{\epsilon_m f(x)}{2\delta} \right| \quad (15)$$

Where the first term is the order of δ^4 left from our expression of diff, and ϵ_m

is machine precision. By minimizing this expression, we obtain:

$$\frac{dError}{d\delta} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$0 = f^{(5)}\delta^3 - \frac{\epsilon_m f(x)}{\delta^2} \quad (17)$$

$$f^{(5)}\delta^3 = \frac{\epsilon_m f(x)}{\delta^2} \quad (18)$$

$$\delta^5 = \frac{\epsilon_m f(x)}{f^{(5)}} \quad (19)$$

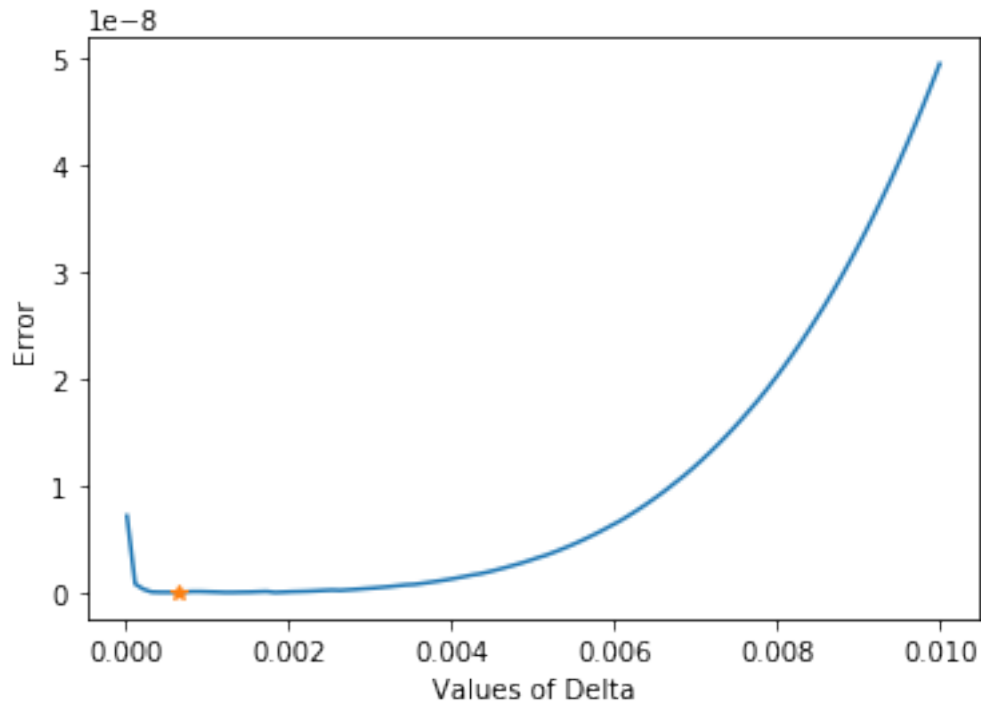
$$(20)$$

So if we assume that $f(x) \approx f^{(5)}(x)$, then the ideal δ is $\epsilon_m^{1/5}$, or $10^{-16/5}$.

- b) (continued) Show for $f(x) = \exp(x)$ and $f(x) = \exp(0.01x)$ that your estimate of the optimal is at least roughly correct.

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[77]: import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def firstderiv(x0,delta,fun):
    x=(x0-2*delta,x0-delta,x0+delta,x0+2*delta)
    y=fun(x)
    diff1= (y[2]-y[1])
    diff2= (y[3]-y[0])
    firstderiv= (8*diff1 -diff2)/(12*delta)
    return firstderiv

delta=np.linspace(10**(-5),10**(-2),100)
optimal_delta=(10**(-16/5))
error= abs(np.exp(5)-firstderiv(5,delta,np.exp))
optimal_error=abs(np.exp(5)-firstderiv(5,optimal_delta,np.exp))
plt.clf()
plt.plot(delta,error)
plt.plot((10**(-16/5)),optimal_error,"*")
plt.xlabel('Values of Delta')
plt.ylabel('Error')
plt.show()
print('Our optimal delta (orange point) roughly gives minimum error.')
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Our optimal delta (orange point) roughly gives minimum error.

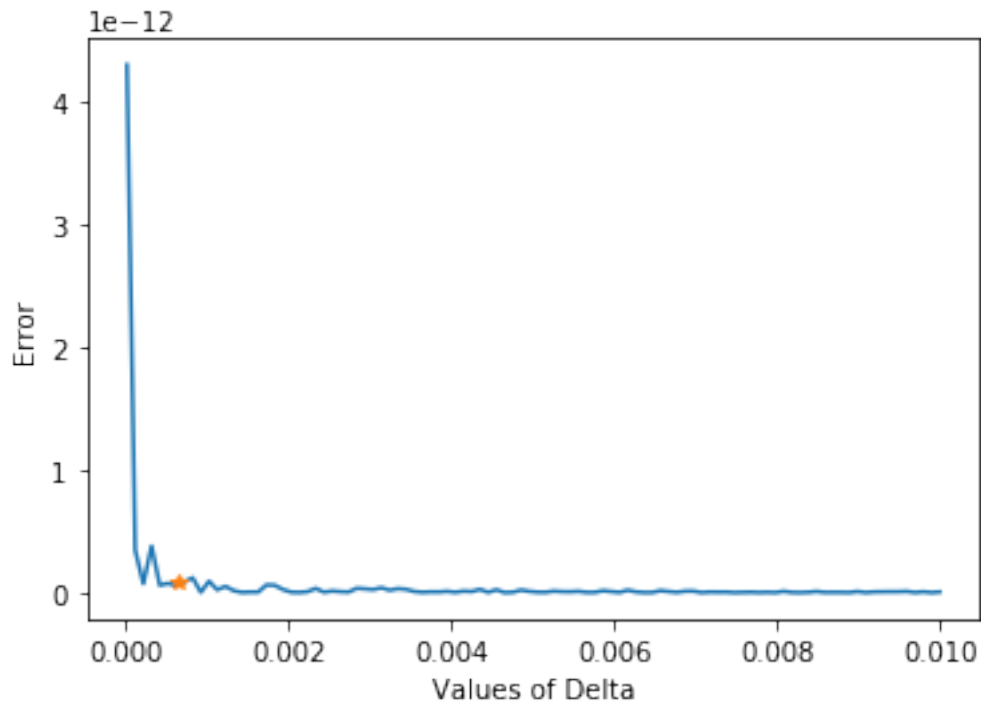
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[79]: import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
def firstderiv(x0,delta,fun):
    x=(x0-2*delta,x0-delta,x0+delta,x0+2*delta)
    y=fun(x)
    diff1= (y[2]-y[1])
    diff2= (y[3]-y[0])
    firstderiv= (8*diff1 -diff2)/(12*delta)
    return firstderiv

def e001(x):
    y=np.exp(np.asarray(x)*0.01)
    return y

delta=np.linspace(10**(-5),10**(-2),100)
optimal_delta=(10**(-16/5))

exp001_A=0.01*np.exp(0.01) #analytical derivative
exp001_B=firstderiv(1,delta,e001) #using our algorithm and optimal delta
error2= abs(exp001_A-exp001_B)
optimal_error2=abs(0.01*np.exp(0.01)-firstderiv(1,optimal_delta,e001))
plt.clf()
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plt.plot(delta,error2)
plt.plot(optimal_delta,optimal_error2,'*')
plt.xlabel('Values of Delta')
plt.ylabel('Error')
plt.show()
print('Our optimal delta (orange point) roughly gives minimum error.')
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Our optimal delta (orange point) roughly gives minimum error.

Problem 2: Write a routine that will take an arbitrary voltage and interpolate to return a temperature.

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[42]: import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
from scipy import interpolate

def temperature(V):
    data = np.loadtxt("/Users/jmlascar/lakeshore.txt")
    data = np.transpose(data)
    temperature, voltage = data[0], data[1]
    ind=np.argsort(voltage)
    temperature=temperature[ind]
    voltage=voltage[ind]
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    spln=interpolate.splrep(voltage,temperature)
    yy=interpolate.splev(V,spln)
    return yy

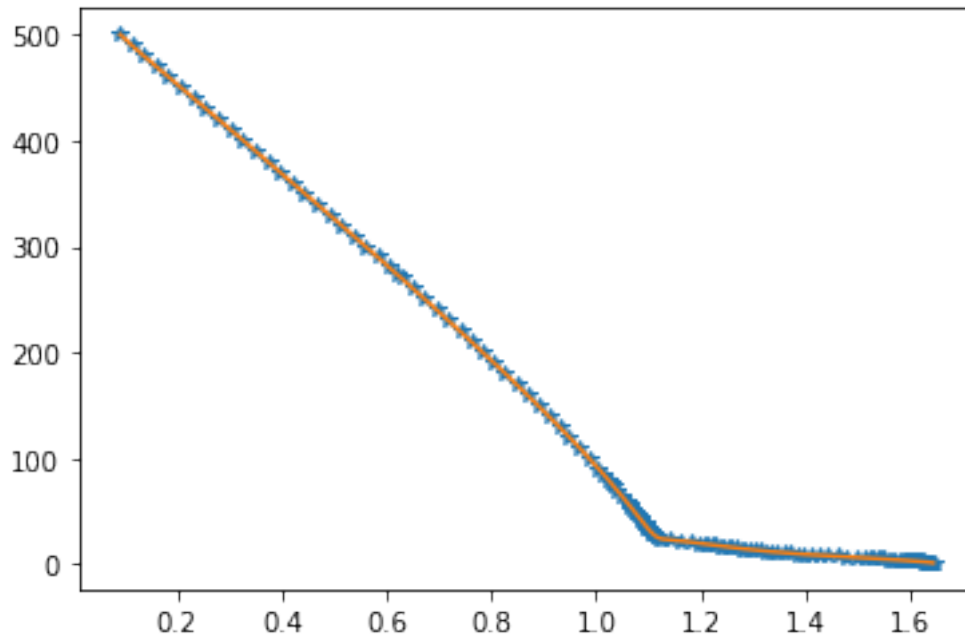
def temperature_odd(V):
    data = np.loadtxt("/Users/jmlascar/lakeshore.txt")
    data = np.transpose(data)
    temperature, voltage = data[0], data[1]
    ind=np.argsort(voltage)
    temperature=temperature[ind]
    temperature=temperature[1::2]
    voltage=voltage[ind]
    voltage=voltage[1::2]
    spln=interpolate.splrep(voltage,temperature)
    yy=interpolate.splev(V,spln)
    return yy

#just to get a nice plot:
data = np.loadtxt("/Users/jmlascar/lakeshore.txt")
data = np.transpose(data)
temp, volt = data[0], data[1]
plt.clf()
plt.plot(volt, temp,"*")
plt.plot(volt,temperature(volt))
plt.show()
plt.xlabel('Voltage (V)')
plt.ylabel('Temperature (K)')
#estimate error

V=1.4
T=temperature(V)
error=abs(temperature_odd(V)-temperature(V))

if (V<9.0681e-02) or (V>1.64429):
    print("A voltage of",V,"V is outside the bounds of this interpolation.")
else:
    print("For a voltage of ",V,"V the temperature is",T,"K, and the error_
↪is",error)

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For a voltage of 1.4 V the temperature is 9.412486285451617 K, and the error is 9.26516856196713e-05

Problem 3) Write a recursive variable step size integrator like the one we wrote in class that does NOT call $f(x)$ multiple times for the same x . For a few typical examples, how many function calls do you save vs. the lazy way we wrote it in class?

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[59]: import numpy as np

def myintegrate(fun,x1,x2,tracks=[[[]],[[]],tol=1e-8):

    x = np.linspace(x1,x2,5) #get 5 points that are evenly spaced between a and b
    y=[]
    neval=0

    if len(tracks[0])<1: #first time, when we haven't called the function at all
        for i in x:
            y_i=fun(i)
            tracks[0].append(i)
            tracks[1].append(y_i)
            y.append(y_i)
            neval=neval+1
    else:
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    for i in x:
        if i in tracks[0]: #function has already been called for that x
            index = tracks[0].index(i)
            y.append(tracks[1][index])
        else: #function has not been called for that x
            y_i=fun(i)
            tracks[0].append(i)
            tracks[1].append(y_i)
            y.append(y_i)
            neval=neval+1

    int1=(y[0]+4*y[2]+y[4])/6.0*(x2-x1)
    int2=(y[0]+4*y[1]+2*y[2]+4*y[3]+y[4])/12.0*(x2-x1)
    error=np.abs(int2-int1)

    if error<tol:
        return (16.0*int2-int1)/15.0,error,neval
    else:
        mid=0.5*(x1+x2)
        leftintegral,lefterror,leftneval=myintegrate(fun,x1,mid,tracks,tol/2.0)
        rightintegral,righterror,rightneval=myintegrate(fun,mid,x2,tracks,tol/2.
→0)

        neval=neval+leftneval+rightneval
        integral=leftintegral+rightintegral
        error=lefterror+righterror
        return integral,error,neval

#####WAY WE DID IN CLASS FOR COMPARISON:#####

def simple_integrate(fun,a,b,tol=10e-8):
    x=np.linspace(a,b,5)
    #np.median(np.diff(x))
    y=fun(x)
    neval=len(x) #let's keep track of function evaluations
    f1=(y[0]+4*y[2]+y[4])/6.0*(b-a)
    f2=(y[0]+4*y[1]+2*y[2]+4*y[3]+y[4])/12.0*(b-a)
    myerr=np.abs(f2-f1)
    if (myerr<tol):
        #return (f2)/1.0,myerr,neval
        return (16.0*f2-f1)/15.0,myerr,neval
    else:
        mid=0.5*(b+a)
        f_left,err_left,neval_left=simple_integrate(fun,a,mid,tol/2.0)
        f_right,err_right,neval_right=simple_integrate(fun,mid,b,tol/2.0)
        neval=neval+neval_left+neval_right
        f=f_left+f_right
        err=err_left+err_right

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        return f,err,neval

#####
def exp2(x):
    y=np.exp(x**3)
    return y

def exp3(x):
    y=np.exp(-x)
    return y

intx=myintegrate(np.exp,0,2)
intclass=simple_integrate(np.exp,0,2)

intx2=myintegrate(exp2,0,2)
intclass2=simple_integrate(exp2,0,2)

print("Exp(x) integrated from 0 to 2: If we use our integral, we get", intx[2],
      ↪ "function calls",intclass[2]-intx[2],"less than with the one done in class.
      ↪ ")
print("Exp(x^3) integrated from 0 to 2:",intclass2[2]-intx2[2],"less function
      ↪ calls.")

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Exp(x) integrated from 0 to 2: If we use our integral, we get 257 function calls, 58 less than with the one done in class.

Exp(x³) integrated from 0 to 2: 4135 less function calls.

Problem 4

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[86]: from IPython.display import Latex
Latex(r"""For an infinitesimally thin shell of radius R and charge density
      ↪ $\sigma$,
the field E in spherical coordinates only has a z component:
\begin{eqnarray}E=\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\int \frac{\sigma R^2 \sin\theta}{
      ↪ d\theta d\phi (z-R\cos\theta)}{(R^2+z^2-2Rz\cos\theta)^{3/2}} \\\
\int d\phi = 2\pi \\\
E =\frac{R^2\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}\int_0^\pi \frac{
      ↪ (z-R\cos\theta)}{(R^2+z^2-2Rz\cos\theta)^{3/2}}d\theta \\\
\end{eqnarray}

      """)

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[86]: For an infinitesimally thin shell of radius R and charge density σ , the field E

in spherical coordinates only has a z component:

$$E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\sigma R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi (z - R\cos\theta)}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz\cos\theta)^{3/2}} \quad (21)$$

$$\int d\phi = 2\pi \quad (22)$$

$$E = \frac{R^2\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} \int_0^\pi \frac{(z - R\cos\theta)}{(R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz\cos\theta)^{3/2}} d\theta \quad (23)$$

$$(24)$$

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[85]: import numpy as np
from scipy.integrate import quad
import math

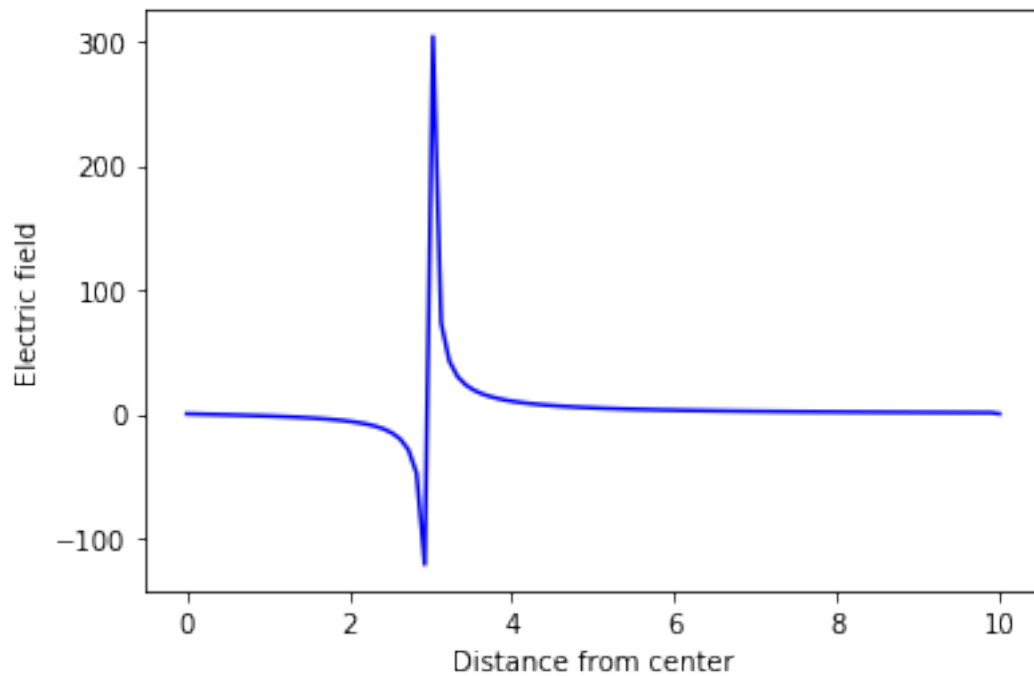
R=3 #radius
sigma=3 #charge density
epsilon=8.85400e-12 #vacuum permittivity

#first, with quad
def integrand(theta,z,R):
    y=(z-R*np.cos(theta))/((R**2+z**2-2*R*z*np.cos(theta))**(3/2))
    return y
def integral_quad(z,R,sigma):
    y=quad(integrand, 0, math.pi,args=(z,R))[0]
    y= (sigma*R**2)*y
    return y

z=1
zz=np.linspace(0,10,100)

E2=np.zeros(100)
for i in range(0,99):
    z=zz[i]
    E2[i]=integral_quad(z,R,sigma)

plt.clf()
plt.plot(zz,E2,'b')
plt.xlabel('Distance from center')
plt.ylabel('Electric field')
plt.show()
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I wasn't able to make this work for my own integrator, but we see that despite there being a singularity when we reach the radius of the infinitesimal shell, quad skips it.

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