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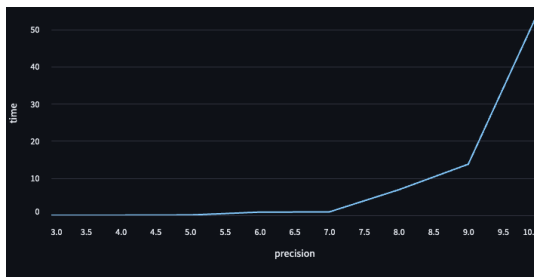
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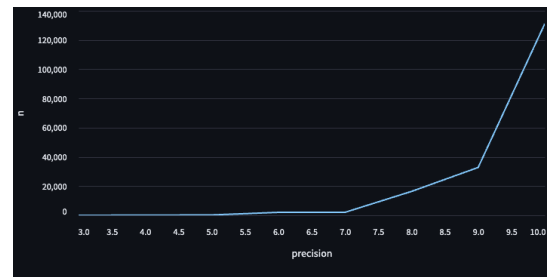
Approximation 1

$$\ln e = \int_1^e \frac{1}{t} dt = 1$$

▼ Time



▼ n value



▼ Code solution

```
def approximation1(n:int,prec:int = 100) -> Decimal:
    n = int(n)
    getcontext().prec = prec

    def riemann_sum(e:Decimal) -> Decimal:
        delta_x = Decimal(e - 1) / Decimal(n)
```

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d_dot_5 = Decimal(0.5)

s = Decimal(0)
for i in range(1,n + 1):
    s += Decimal(1)/Decimal(1+Decimal(i-d_dot_5)*de:
return s * delta_x

lower = Decimal("2")
upper = Decimal("3")

step = 0

old_s = 0

while (step < n):

    middle = Decimal((lower+upper)/2)
    s = riemann_sum(middle)

    if old_s == s:
        break
    old_s = s

    if s > 1:
        upper = middle
    else:
        lower = middle

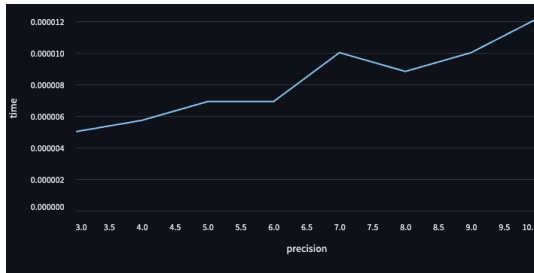
    step += 1
    print(f"step {step:4} : e value {middle}")
return Decimal((lower+upper)/2)

```

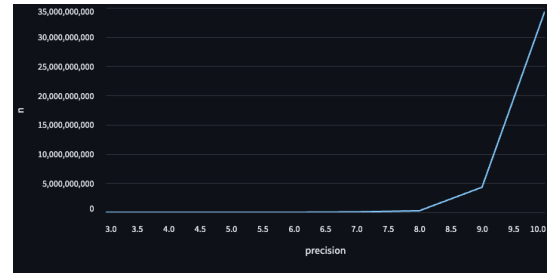
Approximation 2

$$e = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} (1 + \delta)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

▼ Time



▼ n value



▼ Code solution

```
def approximation2(n:int, prec:int = 100) -> Decimal:
    getcontext().prec = prec

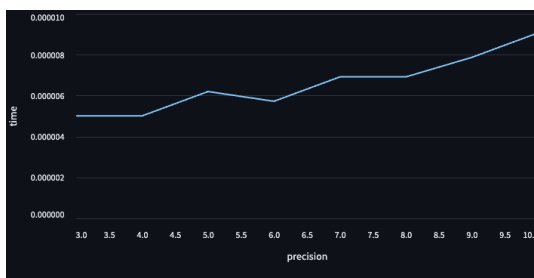
    s = Decimal(1) + Decimal(1) / Decimal(n)
    s = s**Decimal(n)

    return s
```

Approximation 3

$$e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$$

▼ Time



▼ n value



▼ Code solution

```
def approximation3(n:int,prec:int = 100) -> Decimal:

    getcontext().prec = prec

    tmp = Decimal(1)
    s = Decimal(1)

    old_s = 0

    for i in range(1,n + 1):
        s += tmp / Decimal(i)
        tmp /= Decimal(i)

        if old_s == s:
            break
        old_s = s
    return s
```

Testing

▼ Code to test time and using n value

```
def test(tail:int=10,prec:int=15) -> list[dict]:

    getcontext().prec = prec
    real_e = "2.71828182845904523536028747135266249775724709"

    data = []

    for precision in range(3,tail+1):
```

```

n = 1
start = time.time()
test_e = solve.approximation1(n,prec=prec)
time_delta = time.time() - start
while str(test_e)[:precision+2] != real_e[:precision+2]:

    start = time.time()
    n *= 2
    test_e = solve.approximation1(n,prec=prec)
    time_delta = time.time()-start
data.append({
    "precision" : precision,
    "Approximation" : "Approximation1",
    "time": time_delta,
    "e_value" : str(test_e),
    "n" : n
})

n = 1
start = time.time()
test_e = solve.approximation2(n,prec=prec)
time_delta = time.time() - start
while str(test_e)[:precision+2] != real_e[:precision+2]:

    start = time.time()
    n *= 2
    test_e = solve.approximation2(n,prec=prec)
    time_delta = time.time()-start
data.append({
    "precision" : precision,
    "Approximation" : "Approximation2",
    "time": time_delta,
    "e_value" : str(test_e),
    "n" : n
})

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```

n = 1
start = time.time()
test_e = solve.approximation3(n,prec=prec)
time_delta = time.time() - start
while str(test_e)[:precision+2] != real_e[:precision+2]:

    start = time.time()
    n += 1
    test_e = solve.approximation3(n,prec=prec)
    time_delta = time.time()-start
data.append({
    "precision" : precision,
    "Approximation" : "Approximation3",
    "time": time_delta,
    "e_value" : str(test_e),
    "n" : n
})

return data

```

Compare

Plot the image to compare the difference. (Using streamlit)

`data.json` is the time and n data from last step.

The output images are put at the approximation part.

▼ Code the plot the image

```

import streamlit as st
import pandas as pd
import json

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```

def get_data(approximation:str,filename="data.json") -> pd.DataFrame:

    with open(filename,"r") as f:
        raw_data = json.load(f)

    data = filter(lambda x : x["Approximation"]==approximation,raw_data)

    df = pd.json_normalize(data,
                           meta=["precision",
                                  "Approximation",
                                  "e_value",
                                  "n",
                                  "time"])

    return df

st.title("Approximations of e")
st.write("## Approximation 1")
st.latex(r"\ln \, e = \int_1^e \frac{1}{t} dt = 1")
st.subheader("Time chart")
st.line_chart(get_data("Approximation1"), x="precision", y="time")

st.subheader("n value chart")
st.line_chart(get_data("Approximation1"), x="precision", y="n")

st.write("## Approximation 2")
st.latex(r"e = \lim_{\delta \to 0} (1+\delta)^{\frac{1}{\delta}}")

st.subheader("Time chart")
st.line_chart(get_data("Approximation2"), x="precision", y="time")

st.subheader("n value chart")
st.line_chart(get_data("Approximation2"), x="precision", y="n")

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st.write("## Approximation 3")
st.latex(r"e = \Sigma_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}")

st.subheader("Time chart")
st.line_chart(get_data("Approximation3"), x="precision", y="n")

st.subheader("n value chart")
st.line_chart(get_data("Approximation3"), x="precision", y="n")

```

Conclusion

Approximation1 的逼近方法較為特殊，使用 $\ln e = \int_1^e \frac{1}{t} dt = 1$ 的定義，因此我透過黎曼和計算積分值，並使用二分逼近法來逐步逼近 e ，時間複雜度為 $O(n^2)$ ，執行效率最差，精度與執行時間及 n 值呈指數關係，所解如上。

假設次方運算的時間複雜度為： $O(n)$ ，此三個 Approximation 的時間複雜度分別為：

1. $O(n^2)$
2. $O(n)$
3. $O(n)$

而其中因為 Approximation3 的收斂速度較快，因此如需達到同樣的精度，在 Approximation2 中需要使用較大的 n 值，可以看到在圖表中， n 值的增長在 Approximation2 中呈指數增長，而在 Approximation3 中呈線性增長。

就結論來說，若要比較效率：

$$eff_3 > eff_2 > eff_1$$

但，由於我使用 Python 來實作，在 Approximation2 內使用的次方運算有經過底層優化，因此在此實現中，如果需要達到同樣精度，所需的時間比較大約如下：

$$T_3 \approx T_2 < T_1$$