

In [1]:

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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In [2]:

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def f(x):
    return np.sin(x)

def df(x):
    return np.cos(x)
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In [3]:

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h = 0.25
x = 1.0

hs = []
errs = []

dfexact = df(x)

while h > 0:
    dfapprox = (f(x+h) - f(x)) / h
    hs.append(h)
    errs.append(abs(dfexact - dfapprox)/dfexact)

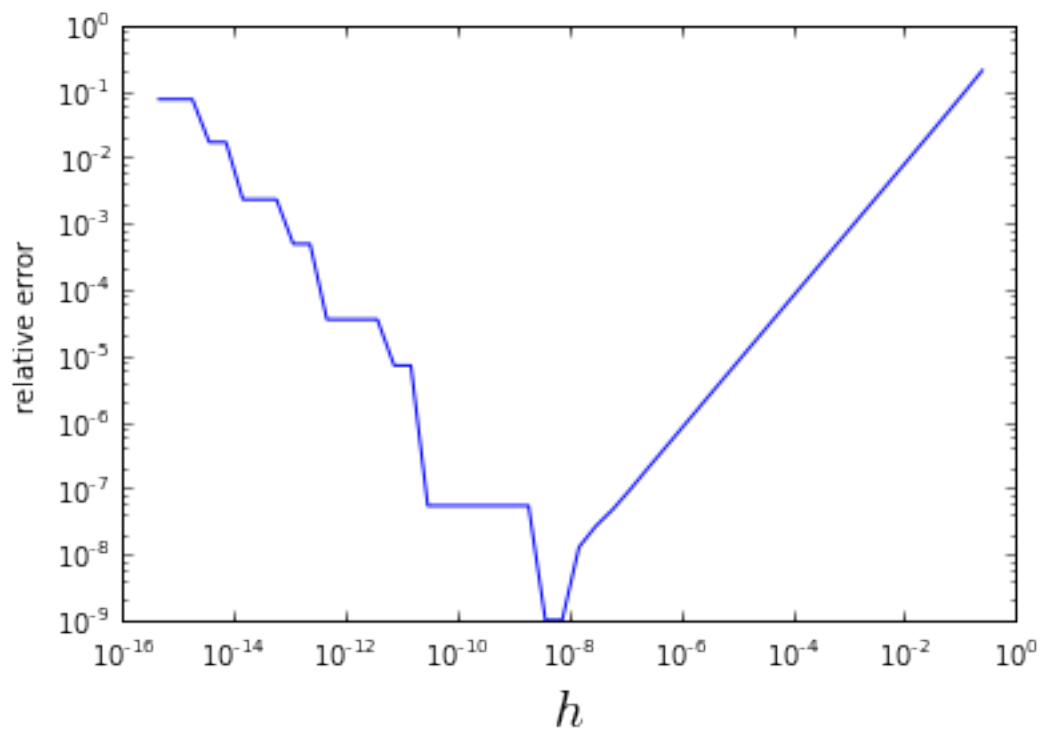
    h /= 2.0
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In [7]:

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%matplotlib inline
plt.loglog(hs[:50], errs[:50])
plt.xlabel(r'$h$', fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel('relative error')
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Out[7]:

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In [8]:

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f(x + 1e-8)
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Out[8]:

0.84147099021091942

In [9]:

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f(x)
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Out[9]:

0.8414709848078965

In [10]:

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f(x + 1e-8) - f(x)
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Out[10]:

5.4030229179602429e-09

In [11]:

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(f(x + 1e-8) - f(x))/1e-8
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Out[11]:

0.54030229179602429

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