

Problem 5

Derive the order of the error with respect to the sin and cos approximations,

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

Approximation: $\sin(\frac{1}{N}) \approx \frac{1}{N}$ $\cos(\frac{1}{N}) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2N^2}$

$\Rightarrow \text{error sin}(\frac{1}{N})$

$$\sin(\frac{1}{N}) = \frac{1}{N} - \frac{\frac{1}{N^3}}{6} + \frac{\frac{1}{N^5}}{5!} - \frac{\frac{1}{N^7}}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\underbrace{\sin(\frac{1}{N}) - \frac{1}{N}}_{\text{error}} = -\frac{1}{6N^3} + \frac{1}{5!N^5} - \frac{1}{7!N^7} + \dots$$

$$\boxed{\text{error sin}(\frac{1}{N}) = O(N^3)}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{error cos}(\frac{1}{N})$

$$\cos(\frac{1}{N}) = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{N^2}}{2} + \frac{\frac{1}{N^4}}{4!} - \frac{\frac{1}{N^6}}{6!} + \dots$$

$$\underbrace{\cos(\frac{1}{N}) - [1 - \frac{1}{2N^2}]}_{\text{error}} = \frac{1}{4!N^4} - \frac{1}{6!N^6} + \dots$$

$$\boxed{\text{error cos}(\frac{1}{N}) = O(N^4)}$$