

Question 3 cont...

Note: $|X_1 + X_2| = \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \left[2\Delta x f'(x) + \frac{2\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x) + \dots \right]$ as before

$$|X_1| + |X_2| = \frac{1}{2\Delta x} \left[|f(x) + \Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + \dots| + |f(x) - \Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + \dots| \right]$$

since Δx is small we only take leading terms

$$|X_1 + X_2| \approx \frac{1}{2\Delta x} |2\Delta x f'(x)| = |f'(x)|$$

$$|X_1| + |X_2| \approx \frac{1}{2\Delta x} [|f(x)| + |f(x)|] = \frac{|f(x)|}{\Delta x}$$

now $\boxed{\mathcal{L}_p} = \frac{\varepsilon [|X_1| + |X_2|]}{|X_1 + X_2|} \quad (\text{as } \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon)$

$$\approx \frac{\varepsilon \left[\frac{|f(x)|}{\Delta x} \right]}{|f'(x)|} = \boxed{\frac{|f(x)| \varepsilon}{|f'(x)| \Delta x}}$$