

① Absolute error = exact value - approximate value (E_t)

② Relative error = $\frac{\text{Absolute}}{\text{exact}}$ (E_r)

Ex.

The derivative $f'(x)$ of function $f(x)$ can be approximated by the equation

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

If $f(x) = 3x^2$ and $h = 0.1$

a) Find the approximate value of $f'(2) \rightarrow \frac{f(2+0.1) - f(2)}{0.1} = \frac{3(2.1)^2 - 12}{0.1} = 12.3$

b) exact value of $f'(2) \rightarrow f'(x) = 6x \rightarrow f'(2) = 12$

c) Absolute error for part (a) \rightarrow exact - app. $\rightarrow 12 - 12.3 = -0.3$

③ Approximate error = Present app. - previous app. (E_a)

ex.

$f(x) = 3x^2$ at $x = 2$

Find the app. error for the value of $f'(2)$ For part b

a) $f'(2)$ using $h = 0.1$

b) $f'(2)$ using $h = 0.2$

$$a) f'(2) = 12.3$$

$$b) f'(2) = \frac{f(2+0.2) - f(2)}{0.2} = \frac{3(0.2)^2 - 12}{0.2} = 12.6$$

$$\text{APP. error} = 12.6 - 12.3 = 0.3$$

$$(4) \text{ Relative error} = \frac{\text{approximate}}{\text{Present}} (E_a)$$

Example

Calculate of e' with an relative app. error of less than 1%.

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Sol.	n	e'	E_a	$E_a\%$	
Previous ←	1	1	-	-	
Present ←	2	$1+x=2$	$2-1=1$	50%	$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times 100 =$
	3	$1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!}$	$2.5-2=0.5$	20%	$\rightarrow \frac{0.5}{2.5} \times 100$
	4	$1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!}+\frac{x^3}{3!}$	0.16667	6.25%	$\rightarrow \frac{0.16667}{2.6}$
	5	$1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!}+\frac{x^3}{3!}+\frac{x^4}{4!}$	$\frac{1}{24}$	1.53%	
	6	$1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!}+\frac{x^3}{3!}+\frac{x^4}{4!}+\frac{x^5}{5!}$	$\frac{1}{120}$	0.3%	

* The max. error for function of multi variable

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots)$$

$$\Delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} \Delta x_1 + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_2} \Delta x_2 + \dots \rightarrow \Delta F \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \right| |\Delta x_i|$$

Example:

Find The max. error for The function $f(x, y, z) = \frac{xy}{z}$

$$X = 1 \pm 0.01 \quad Y = 2 \pm 0.03, \quad Z = 3 \pm 0.04$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{y}{z}$$

$$\Delta F_{\max} = \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x \right| + \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y \right| + \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \Delta z \right|$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x}{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(1,2,3)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = -xy z^{-2} = -\frac{xy}{z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(1,2,3)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right|_{(1,2,3)} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\Delta F_{\max} = \frac{2}{3}(0.01) + \frac{1}{3}(0.03) + \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)(0.04) = \frac{23}{900}$$

$$\text{relative maximum error} \rightarrow \left| \frac{\Delta f}{f} \right|_{\max} = \frac{23}{900} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{23}{600}$$