

1. What is the approximate condition number for evaluating function $f(x)=e^x$?

$$\text{condition number} = \left| \frac{xf'(x)}{f(x)} \right| = \left| \frac{xe^x}{e^x} \right| = |x|$$

2. How large is $f(x)$ when the approximate condition number is 10^8 ?

$$\text{condition number} = |x| = 10^8$$

$$x = 10^8 \text{ or } -10^8$$

$$f(x) = e^{10^8}, \text{ overflow } \text{ or } f(x) = e^{-10^8}$$