

# Lab1

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## Question 1:

**Be careful when comparing**

```
## [1] "subtraction is wrong"
```

Due to underflow the subtraction is displaying the same number although when the digits are increased using options we can see that the number is actually different. Underflow is the loss of significant digits.

On using the function `all.equal` we can get the solution as required

```
## [1] "subtraction is correct"
```

```
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```

Evaluating the results of the 2 snippets we see that in the first occasion we get the wrong print of the if-else statement. The problem lies to the fact that float numbers that have infinite numbers of decimals can't be represented exactly in the binary system in computers due to memory storage limitation. Using `print(x1-x2,digits=16)` and `print(1/12,digits=16)` we will see that the resulting floats are (0.0833333333333331, 0.0833333333333333) respectively and they are not the same causing the condition of underflow which leads to the failure of the if statement and evaluation of else. We can address this problem using the "`all_equals()`" in the if statement instead of "`==`" to compare the numbers and we will see that the if statement will be executed and the correct print message will be outputted. The second statement is evaluated correctly and we get the correct print output because `1/2` has finite numbers of decimals so we don't have the occurrence of underflow here.

## Question 2:

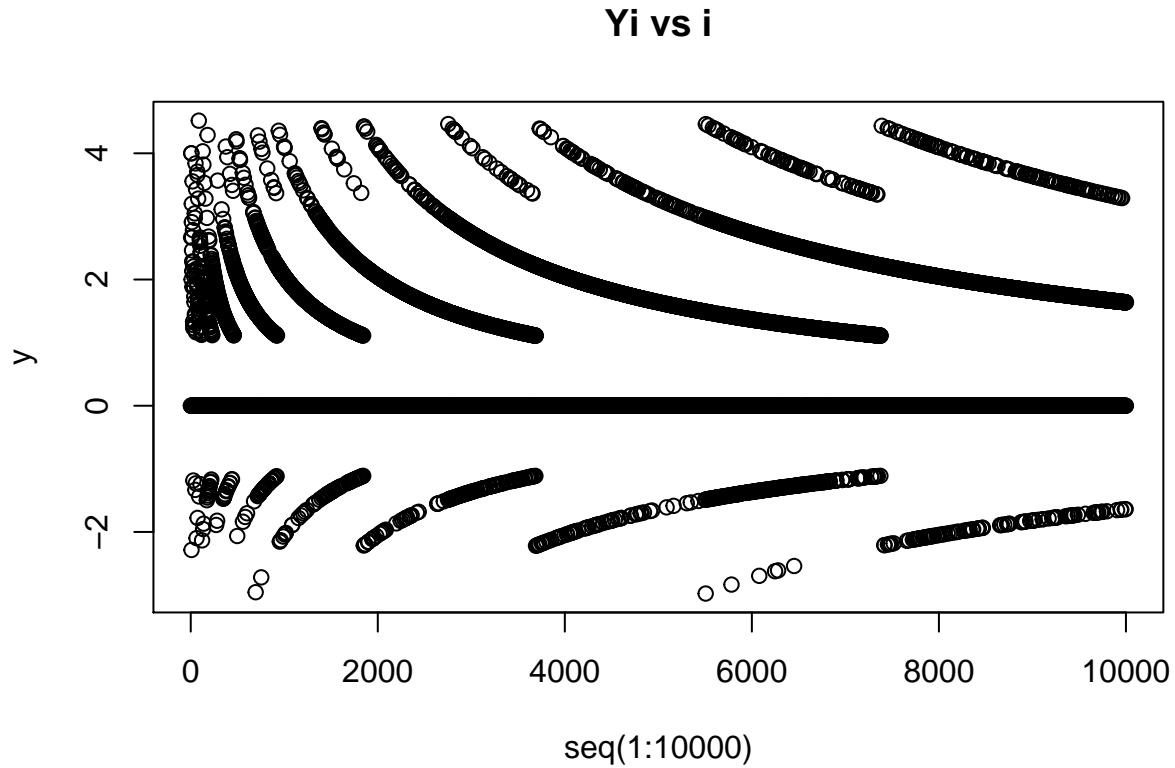
**Derivative**

```
## =====
## The derivative for x=1 is : 1.1102230246251565
## The derivative for x=10000 is : 0
```

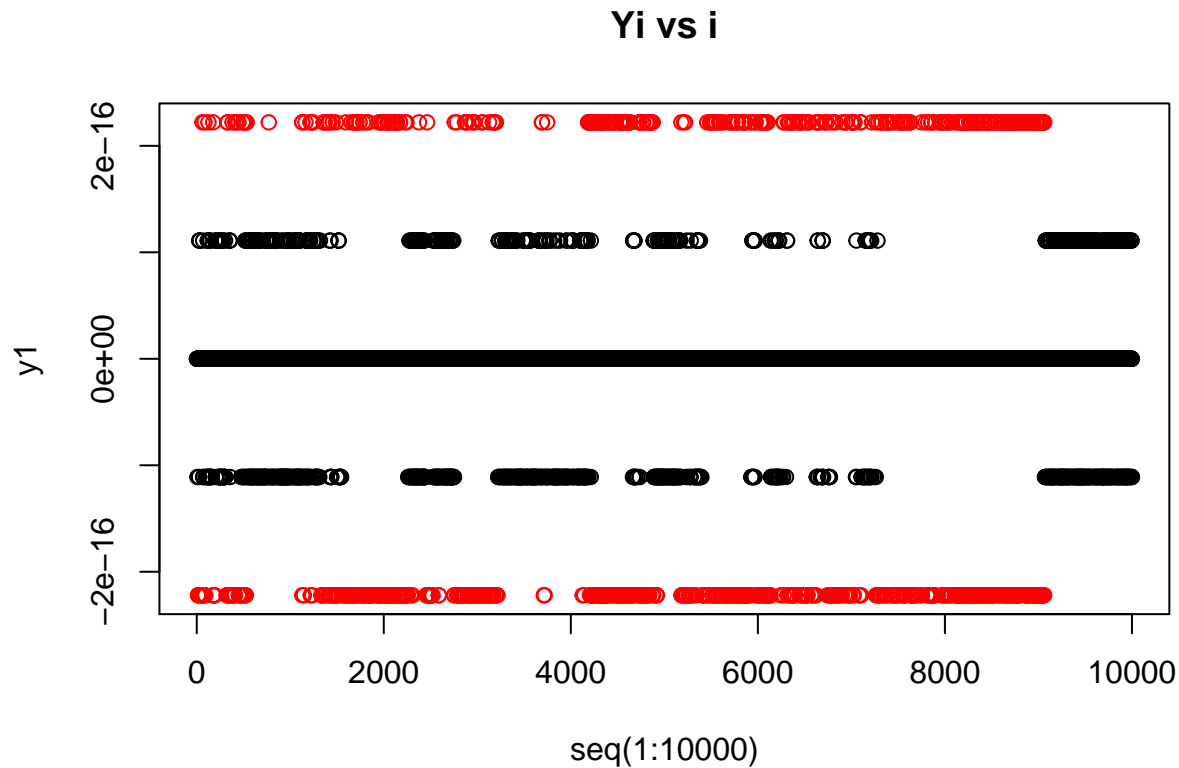
The true value for the function using the function  $f(x) = x$  is  $f'(x) = \frac{f(x+\epsilon) - f(x)}{\epsilon} = \frac{(x+\epsilon) - x}{\epsilon} = 1$  is always constant with value 1. Regarding the result of the derivative function we see that for  $x = 100000$  R doesn't take into account the decimals after a specific number of  $x$  and rounds the number to the nearest integer which is 100000 due to underflow occurrence so the numerator of the derivative formula becomes 0 leading finally to 0. When instead  $x = 1$  the numerator evaluated is 1.1102230246251565e-15 and the division with epsilon  $10^{-15}$  is just discards the last 15 decimals resulting 1.1102230246251565.

### Question 3:

Variance



The plot above shows the dependence  $Y_i$  on  $i$  with the formula  $Var(x) = \frac{1}{n-1} (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2)$  given. As we can see from the plot we got a lot of curves under and over 0 meaning that we have differences in the calculations of the variance using the formula given compared with the `var()` function. This occurs because if we see the formula the term  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$  where we square each value of the vector we tend to lose precision because of arithmetic underflow and all the latter calculations are affected leading to deviations from the true result.



The plot above shows the dependence  $Y_i$  on  $i$  with the formula  $Var(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n-1}$  where  $\mu$  is the mean. Using the new formula where we center the points around the mean we see that we have an improvement in the range of the errors and the deviation of the errors is steady and we can see an upper and a lower band with few errors lie beyond these linear bands represented with red in the plot. Also we can observe that the range of the errors is much smaller with means the formula used almost as good as the `var()` basic function in R.

#### Question 4:

##### Linear Algebra

##### Using the unscaled data first

```
## The result of solve in the unscaled data is :
## Error in solve.default(A, b) :
## system is computationally singular: reciprocal condition number = 7.78822e-17
```

When we used the unscaled data `solve` returns an error that the system is computationally singular and we can't solve the linear equation and the function exits.

```
## The value of condition number is : 1346742158714896.8
```

Printing the number of kappa for the value of A matrix we see that is very big and that implies that the matrix is said to be ill-conditioned a very small change in matrix A will cause a large error in b and makes the solution unstable.

This happens because the tolerance returned is larger than the default threshold set by the function solve (argument tolerance) so an error returned and we cannot get a solution. The tolerance is related to condition number by the function  $tolerance = \frac{1}{conditionnumber}$  so in our case  $tolerance = \frac{1}{kappa(A)} = 7.425326e - 16$  and it is bigger than the threshold of  $7.425326e - 17$  that is set by solve function as we see in the printed error resulting the end of execution of the function.

## Using the scaled data now

## The result of solve in the scaled data is :

|           | coefficient            |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Channel1  | -333.7723581641874375  |
| Channel2  | -667.2610807294202004  |
| Channel3  | 1140.3280966267136591  |
| Channel4  | -391.2759141564009155  |
| Channel5  | 1247.1529844508411315  |
| Channel6  | -240.5868396857954963  |
| Channel7  | -612.4056658136556734  |
| Channel8  | 249.7665333996565664   |
| Channel9  | -399.3523344198769109  |
| Channel10 | 771.7389786701435241   |
| Channel11 | -991.3091492657798653  |
| Channel12 | -917.5249334110951622  |
| Channel13 | 1882.7953033718983988  |
| Channel14 | -901.6849924118358786  |
| Channel15 | 122.9100231856377690   |
| Channel16 | -776.9054554395269179  |
| Channel17 | 510.5409264281486230   |
| Channel18 | 894.9393744216870346   |
| Channel19 | -980.6225625906838559  |
| Channel20 | -9.0734249805687046    |
| Channel21 | 1672.9355298381658486  |
| Channel22 | -4120.8801663207659658 |
| Channel23 | 5612.1140253206194757  |
| Channel24 | -4272.0280105506881227 |
| Channel25 | 1906.0627997120004693  |
| Channel26 | -338.0015978357982931  |
| Channel27 | 51.3341219028812930    |
| Channel28 | -690.6121719101871577  |
| Channel29 | 1340.2310719309848537  |
| Channel30 | -1802.1103981019855382 |
| Channel31 | 1321.7569264046346689  |
| Channel32 | 950.3754371034500537   |
| Channel33 | -1055.2806443510628469 |
| Channel34 | -862.5040736009890452  |
| Channel35 | 1262.7282229681475201  |
| Channel36 | -238.6405656807493756  |
| Channel37 | -922.9294067309713228  |
| Channel38 | 857.5065288358730413   |
| Channel39 | -1313.9658542000493071 |
| Channel40 | 2472.9254237011073201  |
| Channel41 | -2669.7905230282244702 |

|           | coefficient            |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Channel42 | 979.1845701106919932   |
| Channel43 | 1582.5228129695881307  |
| Channel44 | -1760.0618630714689061 |
| Channel45 | -422.8520254057773968  |
| Channel46 | 1741.3411474152576375  |
| Channel47 | -887.7159427490217922  |
| Channel48 | -205.3613848560372901  |
| Channel49 | -272.9869413138711138  |
| Channel50 | 1219.1760041973689113  |
| Channel51 | -2108.6616923778556156 |
| Channel52 | 3797.6577264061820642  |
| Channel53 | -5046.1061855032085077 |
| Channel54 | 4483.4911881428915876  |
| Channel55 | -2450.6402972934142781 |
| Channel56 | 580.6986990963471271   |
| Channel57 | -99.2853530209052337   |
| Channel58 | 22.2488353288514098    |
| Channel59 | -267.5521678797088612  |
| Channel60 | 1040.3858344078735172  |
| Channel61 | -1370.6375719483937701 |
| Channel62 | 1350.3312504164287020  |
| Channel63 | -595.5504743115803876  |
| Channel64 | 670.7214856865929278   |
| Channel65 | -1204.4300790776399026 |
| Channel66 | 1100.6883860869274940  |
| Channel67 | -1107.6114575544106629 |
| Channel68 | 735.8366337001825741   |
| Channel69 | -230.1576686547575719  |
| Channel70 | -959.8846419397033287  |
| Channel71 | 988.4639138026977889   |
| Channel72 | -538.5485583568369066  |
| Channel73 | 359.5458612166420380   |
| Channel74 | 1342.7728566354412578  |
| Channel75 | -60.3721512072025348   |
| Channel76 | -1938.9788868264736266 |
| Channel77 | 1114.6085558497597958  |
| Channel78 | -225.9533179299097014  |
| Channel79 | -70.8482141140722206   |
| Channel80 | -2041.8797130989651123 |
| Channel81 | 3057.2733992743474118  |
| Channel82 | -2684.1348453563809926 |
| Channel83 | 1215.7448495032235769  |
| Channel84 | 1279.3314054665283948  |
| Channel85 | -2416.6551256092452604 |
| Channel86 | 1975.9707929666433301  |
| Channel87 | 1988.5490527422625746  |
| Channel88 | -6488.3897048616190659 |
| Channel89 | 5043.3249684079501094  |
| Channel90 | 901.0776114211523691   |
| Channel91 | -1002.0614402561074030 |
| Channel92 | -1470.2398945740619638 |
| Channel93 | 840.5327952596707064   |

|            | coefficient            |
|------------|------------------------|
| Channel94  | 608.3534648545289656   |
| Channel95  | -1838.6956020550285302 |
| Channel96  | 1705.2887250944133939  |
| Channel97  | -402.2474027076328866  |
| Channel98  | -1110.1673074114487463 |
| Channel99  | 718.5797667625781742   |
| Channel100 | 74.3366702227628053    |
| Fat        | -5.0277328856756220    |
| Moisture   | -2.8179177866411296    |
| intercept  | 17.6827906976687679    |

Using the scaled data we were able to solve the linear system and get coefficients for every feature value.

```
## The value of condition number is : 490471518993.2923
```

Printing the number of kappa again we can see that is still high but much less than the previous used with the unscaled data and we were able to solve the linear system and get coefficient values.

When we scale the data we see that the linear system did not get any better or worse the linear dependences of the column features are still present but we manage to make the value of condition number smaller with scaling. This is happening because if we look at the definition of the condition number  $k(A) = \|A\| * \|A^{-1}\|$  and just by making the range of the columns smaller the magnitude got smaller leading to a smaller value of condition number which is below threshold value of solve function and we manage to get the solution. The tolerance now is  $tolerance = \frac{1}{kappa(A1)} = \frac{1}{490471518993} = 2.038854e - 12$  which is smaller than the default  $7.425326e - 17$  set by solve so now we are able to get a solution.

## Appendix

```
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
options(digits=22)
x1<-1/3;x2<-1/4
if(x1-x2==1/12){
  print("subtraction is correct")
}else{
  print("subtraction is wrong")
}
x1<-1/3;x2<-1/4
if(all.equal((x1-x2),(1/12))){
  print("subtraction is correct")
}else{
  print("subtraction is wrong")
}
x1<-1;x2<-1/2
if(x1-x2==1/2){
  print("subtraction is correct")
}else{
  print("subtraction is wrong")
}
derivative <-function(f,epsilon){
```

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d<-((f+epsilon)-f)/epsilon
return(d)
}

cat("=====\n",
    "The derivative for x=1 is :",derivative(1,10^-15),"\n",
    "The derivative for x=10000 is :",derivative(10000,10^-15))

set.seed(123456)
myvar<-function(vec){

  n<-length(vec)
  variance<-(sum(vec^2)-(sum(vec)^2)/n)/(n-1)
  return(variance)

}

myvec<-rnorm(10000,10^8,1)

y<-double(10000)

for (i in 1:length(myvec)){
  x<-myvec[1:i]
  y[i]<-myvar(x-var(x,na.rm = T))
}

plot(seq(1:10000),y,main="Yi vs i" )

set.seed(12345)
myvar1<-function(v){
  n<-length(v)
  variance<-sum((v-mean(v))^2)/(n-1)
  return(variance)
}

y1<-double(10000)

for (i in 1:length(myvec)){
  x1<-myvec[1:i]
  y1[i]<-myvar1(x1)-var(x1)
}

plot(seq(1:10000),y1,col=ifelse(y1>1.2e-16 | y1<-1.2e-16, "red","black"),
     main="Yi vs i" )

tecator<-readxl::read_excel("tecator.xls")

tecator<-as.data.frame(tecator)

```

```

X<-tecator[,!names(tecator)%in%c("Sample","Protein")]
X$intercept<-1
X<-as.matrix(X)
y<-tecator$Protein

A<-t(X)%*%X
b<-t(X)%*%y

try(solve(A,b))
cat("The result of solve in the unscaled data is : \n","Error in solve.default(A, b) :
  system is computationally singular: reciprocal condition number = 7.78822e-17")

cat("The value of condition number is :",kappa(A))

library(knitr)

X1<-as.data.frame(scale(tecator[,!names(tecator)%in%c("Sample","Protein")]))
X1$intercept<-1
X1<-as.matrix(X1)

y1<-tecator$Protein

A1<-t(X1)%*%X1
b1<-t(X1)%*%y1

cat("The result of solve in the scaled data is : \n")
a<-solve(A1,b1)

kable(a,col.names = c("coefficient") ,top.label="Output solve scaled")

cat("The value of condition number is :",kappa(A1))

```