

# Errors and Precision Lab

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1. Accumulate 0.001 million times and compare it with the actual value 1000.
2. Using float and double data types calculate the minimum temperature at which you can calculate the Fermi-Dirac statistics. Assume  $E - E_F = E_G$ 
$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E-E_F}{k_B T}\right)} \quad (1)$$
3. Mathematically the harmonic series diverges. Perform the sum using float data type and see if it really diverges. Analyse your answer
4. Calculate the root of the following quadratic equation ( $x^2 - 100000x + 1.0 = 0$ ) using the float and double data types. Compare your answers.
5. Calculate the function  $f(x)$  for different values of  $x$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}$$

Reason your answers and see if you can improve the calculations

6. Calculate and plot the error in computing derivative of  $\sin(x)$  for different values of  $\Delta x$  at  $x = 0$ . The definition of the numerical derivative is given by

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \frac{\sin(x + \Delta x) - \sin(x)}{\Delta x}$$

Compare it with the true value of the derivative ( $\frac{d\sin(x)}{dx} = \cos(x)$  at  $x = 0$ )

7. Consider yourself as a part of the Patriot Missile Project 2.0. You are tasked with developing a timer such that the catastrophic disaster doesn't reoccur. However, there are some limitations.
  - (a) The time between two successive scans cannot be less than 0.1 sec
  - (b) The maximum time between two scans has to be less than 1 sec

Write a small piece of code that calculates the time without incurring round-off errors or having very minimal round-off errors over a very long period of time. You can emulate the time by simply having a very while/for loop that iterates over many many times. Use float as data type