

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 Δx 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