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[1]: # Standard imports
import numpy as np
np.seterr(all='ignore'); # allows floating-point exceptions
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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1.1 Q4: Upper Bound on Error

We begin with the equation:

$$\frac{|(a \otimes b) \ominus c - (ab - c)|}{|ab - c|} \quad (1)$$

To determine the error we will first determine the error for $(a \otimes b)$. We will set the relative error to be S_1 , and so by rearranging we get:

$$S_1 = \text{Relative error} \quad (2)$$

$$S_1 = \frac{(a \otimes b) - (a \times b)}{(a \times b)} \quad (3)$$

$$S_1 = \frac{(a \otimes b) - (ab)}{(ab)} \quad (4)$$

$$S_1(ab) = (a \otimes b) - (ab) \quad (5)$$

$$(ab)(1 + S_1) = (a \otimes b) \quad (6)$$

Lets do the same for \$ a \ominus c \$ (where a represents some value). We will set the relative error to be S_2 , and so by rearranging we get:

$$S_2 \geq \text{Relative error} \quad (7)$$

$$S_2 \geq \frac{(a \ominus b) - (a - b)}{(a - b)} \quad (8)$$

$$S_2(a - b) \geq (a \otimes b) - (a - b) \quad (9)$$

$$(a - b)(S_2 + 1) \geq (a \otimes b) \quad (10)$$

And so with these two identities proven we can now move forward. Starting again with our equation we have:

$$\frac{|(a \otimes b) \ominus c - (ab - c)|}{|ab - c|} \leq \frac{|(ab)(1 + S_1) \ominus c - (ab - c)|}{|ab - c|} \quad (11)$$

$$\leq \frac{|[(ab)(1 + S_1) - c](S_2 + 1) - (ab - c)|}{|ab - c|} \quad (12)$$

$$\leq \frac{|[ab + abS_1 - c](S_2 + 1) - (ab - c)|}{|ab - c|} \quad (13)$$

$$\leq \frac{|ab + abS_1 - c + abS_2 + abS_1S_2 - cS_2 - (ab - c)|}{|ab - c|} \quad (14)$$

$$\leq \frac{|abS_1 + abS_2 + abS_1S_2 - cS_2|}{|ab - c|} \quad (15)$$

$$\leq \frac{|abS_1 + abS_1S_2 + abS_2 - cS_2|}{|ab - c|} \quad (16)$$

$$\leq \frac{|abS_1 + abS_1S_2 + (ab - c)S_2|}{|ab - c|} \quad (17)$$

$$\leq \frac{|(ab)S_1(1 + S_2) + (ab - c)S_2|}{|ab - c|} \quad (18)$$

$$(19)$$

We will first apply the triangle inequality and thus we will use that $S_1 \leq E$ and $S_2 \leq E$ where E is machine epsilon to get:

$$\frac{|(ab)S_1(1 + S_2) + (ab - c)S_2|}{|ab - c|} \leq \frac{|ab|}{|ab - c|} |S_1(1 + S_2)| + |S_2| \quad (20)$$

$$\leq \frac{|ab|}{|ab - c|} |E(1 + E)| + |E| \quad (21)$$

Which gives us the required result.

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