

Example on Error

Problem 1: Find The Chopping And Symmetric Round Off Error for the number 118.68, Using Four Digit Mantissa.

• Solution: (A) True value = 118.68

chopping: True value = approximate value + error

$$= (f \times 10^E + g \times 10^{E-d})$$
$$118.68 = 0.11868 \times 10^3$$
$$= (0.1186 + 0.00008) \times 10^3$$
$$= (0.1186 \times 10^3) + (0.8 \times 10^{-4}) \times 10^3$$
$$= (0.1186 \times 10^3) + 0.8 \times 10^{-1}$$
$$\therefore \text{error} = 0.8 \times 10^{-1} = 0.08$$

(A) symmetric round off

$$\text{error} = (g_x - 1) \times 10^{E-d}$$

$$g_x > 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{error} &= (0.8 - 1) \times 10^{E-d} \\ &= -0.2 \times 10^{3-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -0.02$$

Find the absolute and relative errors for the arithmetic operation $87.26 + 31.42$.

Since the number x & y are stored in 4 digit mantissa system, therefore

$$|e_{rx}| = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-d+1} = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-4+1} = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-3} \\ = 0.5 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|e_{ry}| = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-3} = 0.5 \times 10^{-3}$$

Then absolute error $|e_x| = |x| \times e_{rx}$

$$= |0.8726 \times 10^2| \times 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \\ = 0.4363$$

$$|e_y| = |y| \times e_{ry} = |0.3142 \times 10^2| \times 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \\ = 0.5934$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |e_z| &= |e_x| + |e_y| \\
 &= |0.4363| + |0.1571| \\
 &= 0.5934
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |e_{rz}| &= \frac{\text{absolute error}}{x + y} \\
 &= \frac{0.5934}{1118.681} = 0.005
 \end{aligned}$$

* Error in result is bigger than error in individual number.

* Error can be calculated using the concept of differential calculus.

* Example: $W = x^n$

$$\Delta W = n x^{n-1} \Delta x$$

$\Delta W = \text{Error}$

therefor relative error $e_{rw} = n * \frac{\Delta x}{x}$
 $= n * e_{rx}$

- If $u = 5xy^2/z^3$ (3) $\Delta x = \Delta y = \Delta z = 1$ and $x = y = z = 1$, find the value of relative error.

$$u = 5xy^2z^3$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{5y^2}{z^3} = 5 \left[\text{putting the value of } x, y, z \right]$$

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{10xy}{z^3} = 10$$

$$\frac{du}{dz} = \frac{-15xy^2}{z^4} = -15$$

$$\Delta u = \left| \frac{du}{dx} \Delta x \right| + \left| \frac{du}{dy} \Delta y \right| + \left| \frac{du}{dz} \Delta z \right|$$

$$= 5 \times 1 + 10 \times 1 + 15 \times 1 = 30$$

$$ER = \frac{\Delta u}{u}$$

$$= \frac{30}{5}$$

$$= 6$$

$$x_a = 2.35$$

$$\text{absolute error } e_x = |x_a| \varepsilon = |2.35| \times \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-2+1} = 2.35 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-3}$$

$$2.35 \times 0.0005 = 0.01175$$

$$e_y = |y| \varepsilon = |6.74| \times \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-3} = 6.74 \times 0.0005 = 0.03370$$

$$e_z = |z| \varepsilon = |3.45| \times \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-3} = 3.45 \times 0.0005 = 0.01725$$

$$e_{xy} = |x_a| e_y + |y_a| e_x \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{From total error} \\ \text{due to multiplication} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= 2.35 \times 0.03370 + 6.74 \times 0.01175 = 0.15839$$

$$e_w = |e_{xy}| + |e_z| = 0.15839 + 0.01725 = 0.17564$$

- Find the absolute error in $w=xy+z$, if $x = 2.35$, $y = 6.74$ and $z = 3.45$ stored as 4 digit mantissa.

absolute error in $x = e_x = |x| \epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} e_x &= |x_a| \epsilon = |2.35| \times \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-4+1} \\ &= |2.35| \times 0.0005 \\ &= 0.01175 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_y &= |y_a| \epsilon = |6.74| \times \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-4+1} \\ &= |6.74| \times 0.0005 \\ &= 0.03370 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_z &= |z_a| \epsilon = |3.45| \times \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-4+1} \\ &= |3.45| \times 0.0005 \\ &= 0.01725 \end{aligned}$$

Total error due to multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} e_{xy} &= |x_a| e_y + |y_a| e_x \\ &= 2.35 \times 0.03370 \\ &\quad + 6.74 \times 0.01175 \\ &= 0.15839 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_w &= e_{xy} + e_z \\ &= 0.15839 + 0.01725 \\ &= 0.17564 \end{aligned}$$