

Instruction sheet for Worksheet 1, read carefully please.

The zipped file contains 4 files, `WS1_a.py` ... `WS1_c.py` and `WS1_notebook.ipynb` file, along with the plots and the required tables.

- The `.py` files are the solutions for individual part of the worksheet problem.
- The Jupyter notebook file i.e. `.ipynb` file contains the step-by-step explanation for each step and hence is suggested for evaluation.

Results and conclusion for the Worksheets

Part 1a:

We found the **linear relationship** between the **Relative Error* and the step parameter **h** .

The plot is in `error_vs_h_a.jpg`.

Part 1b:

We proved that the central difference method is exact for quadratic functions.

The plot is `error_vs_h_b.jpg`.

In the plot, we can see that the error is almost zero for the central difference method. I also plotted the *log(Relative error)* to exaggerate the error. Also at some points the error is ~ 0 , as we get runtime error for "divide by zero encountered in log10".

So we can say central difference method is exact for quadratic functions.

Part 1c:

- First we show the table of *Computed Numerical Second Derivative* for different values of x and step size h
- The table is also stored in the `.csv` file `df_table.csv`.
- We also saved the table for absolute and relative errors as `df_er_table.csv` and `df_rel_er_table.csv`
- To find the optimal step size we plotted the error: `error_vs_h.jpg`. **Note:** I took the log of the error to exaggerate the differences.
 - We observe that the error is the lowest for the 3 point from left which corresponds to **$h=1e-4$**
- As reading the line plot may be tricky, we also plotted an image from the error array, where the pixel values is the error values: `error_vs_h_image.jpg`. We see that the error is the lowest for the 3rd column of the image which again corresponds to **$h=1e-4$** .
- Thus we conclude that the optimal value of h is **$h=1e-4$**