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   file: derivative test.cpp
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//
    Program to study the error in differentiation rules
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    Revision history:
       01/14/04 original version, translated from derivative test.c
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       01/14/07 modified to be consistent with derivative test simple.cpp
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   Notes:
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    * Based on the discussion of differentiation in Chap. 8 of "Computational Physics" by Landau and Paez.
    * Use the adaptive gsl diff central function as well.
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       Output from this with e^{(-x)} at x=1 is:
    qs1 diff central(1) = -3.6787944117560983e-01 +/- 6.208817e-04
    actual relative error: 1.13284386e-11
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//
// include files
#include <iostream>
                               // note that .h is omitted
#include <iomanip>
                               // note that .h is omitted
#include <fstream>
                              // note that .h is omitted
using namespace std;
                              // we need this when .h is omitted
#include <gsl/gsl_math.h>
#include <gsl/gsl diff.h>
// function prototypes
double test function (double x, void *params ptr);
double test function derivative (double x, void *params_ptr);
double forward diff (double x, double h,
                    double (*f) (double x, void *params ptr),
                    void *params ptr);
double central diff (double x, double h,
                    double (*f) (double x, void *params ptr),
                    void *params ptr);
double extrap diff (double x, double h,
                   double (*f) (double x, void *params_ptr),
                   void *params ptr):
int
main (void)
 void *params ptr:
                              // void pointer passed to functions
 const double hmin = 1.e-10; // minimum mesh size
  double x = 1:
                               // find the derivative at x
  double alpha = 1.;
                               // a parameter for the function
  double diff cd, diff_fd;
                               // central, forward difference
  double diff extrap;
                               // extrapolated derivative
  double diff qsl cd;
                               // qsl adaptive central derivative
 gsl function My F;
                               // qsl function type
 double abserr:
                               // absolute error
 ofstream out ("derivative_test.dat");
                                      // open the output file
 params ptr = α
                              // double to pass to function
  // exact answer for test
 double answer = test function derivative (x, params ptr);
 My F.function = &test function:
                                    // set up the asl function
 My F.params = params ptr;
 gsl_diff_central (&My_F, x, &diff_gsl_cd, &abserr); // gsl calculation
 cout << "gsl_diff_central(" << x << ") = " << scientific</pre>
    << setprecision (16) << diff qsl cd << " +/- "
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    << setprecision (6) << abserr << endl;
  cout << " actual relative error: " << setprecision (8)
    << fabs((diff gsl cd - answer)/answer) << endl;
  double h = 0.1;
                               // initialize mesh spacing
  while (h >= hmin)
    diff fd = forward diff (x, h, &test function, params ptr);
    diff_cd = central_diff (x, h, &test_function, params_ptr);
    diff extrap = extrap diff (x, h, &test function, params ptr);
    // print relative errors to output file
    out << scientific << setprecision (8)
     << log10 (h) << " '
     << log10 (fabs ((diff_fd - answer) / answer)) << " "
<< log10 (fabs ((diff_cd - answer) / answer)) << " "
<< log10 (fabs ((diff_extrap - answer) / answer)) << endl;</pre>
   h /= 2.;
                       // reduce mesh by 2
  out.close ();
                       // close the output stream
 return (0);
                       // successful completion
test function (double x, void *params ptr)
  double alpha;
  alpha = *(double *) params ptr;
 return (exp (-alpha * x));
test function derivative (double x, void *params ptr)
 double alpha = *(double *) params_ptr;
 return (-alpha * exp (-alpha * x));
//*************************** forward diff ****************
double
forward diff (double x, double h,
              double (*f) (double x, void *params ptr), void *params ptr)
 return ( f(x + h, params ptr) - f(x, params ptr) ) / h;
//************************* central diff ****************
double
central diff (double x, double h,
              double (*f) (double x, void *params ptr), void *params ptr)
 return ( f(x + h/2., params ptr) - f(x - h/2., params ptr) ) / h;
//********************** extrap diff **************
extrap diff (double x, double h,
            double (*f) (double x, void *params ptr), void *params ptr)
 return ( 8.*(f(x + h/4., params_ptr) - f(x - h/4., params_ptr))
         - (f(x + h/2., params ptr) - f(x - h/2., params ptr)))
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