

**Q6 Condition Number of  $e^x$** 

1. What is the approximate condition number for evaluating function  $f(x) = e^x$  ?

The condition number of a function is approximated by:  $\text{cond} \cong \left| \frac{xf'(x)}{f(x)} \right|$

For  $f(x) = e^x$ ,  $f'(x) = e^x$

$$\text{cond} \cong \left| \frac{x \cdot e^x}{e^x} \right| = |x|$$

2. How large is  $f(x)$  when the approximate condition number is  $10^8$  ?

$$|x| = 10^8$$

$$x = \pm 10^8$$

$$f(x) = e^x = e^{\pm 10^8}$$