



Introduction to Numerical Analysis for Engineers

- Fundamentals of Digital Computing
 - Digital Computer Models
 - Convergence, accuracy and stability
 - Number representation
 - Arithmetic operations
 - Recursion algorithms
- Error Analysis
 - Error propagation – numerical stability
 - Error estimation
 - Error cancellation
 - Condition numbers



Floating Number Representation

$$r = mb^e$$

m Mantissa
 b Base
 e Exponent

Examples

Decimal $0.00527 = 0.527_{10} \times 10^{-2_{10}}$

Binary $10.1_2 = 0.101_2 \times 2^{2_{10}} = 0.101_2 \times 2^{10_2}$

Convention

Decimal $0.1 \leq m < 1.0$

Binary $0.1_2 = 0.5_{10} \leq m < 1.0$

General $b^{-1} \leq m < b^0$

Max mantissa $0.11 \dots 1 = 0.999999$

Min mantissa $0.10 \dots 0 = 0.5$

Max exponent $2^7 - 1 = 127$ $2^{127} \simeq 1,7 \times 10^{38}$

Min exponent $-2^7 = -128$ $2^{-128} \simeq 2.9 \times 10^{-39}$



Error Analysis

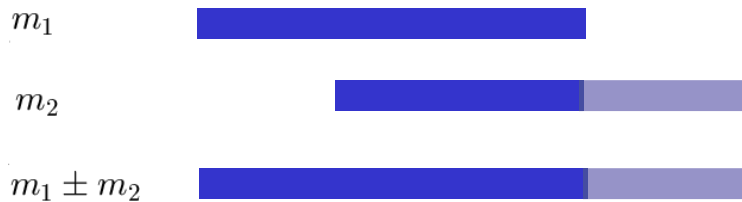
Number Representation

Absolute Error

$$\bar{\epsilon} = |\bar{m} - m| \leq \frac{1}{2}b^{-t}$$

Relative Error

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{|\bar{m} - m|b^e}{|m|b^e} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2}b^{-t}}{b^{-1}} \leq \frac{1}{2}b^{1-t}$$



Addition and Subtraction

$$r_1 \pm r_2 = m_1b^{e_1} \pm m_2b^{e_2}$$

Shift mantissa of largest number

$$e_1 > e_2$$

Result has exponent of largest number

$$r_1 \pm r_2 = (m_1 \pm m_2b^{e_2-e_1})b^{e_1} = mb^{e_1}$$

Absolute Error

$$\bar{\epsilon} \leq \bar{\epsilon}_1 + \bar{\epsilon}_2$$

Relative Error

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{|\bar{m} - m|}{|m|}$$

Unbounded

Multiplication and Division

$$r_1 \times r_2 = m_1m_2b^{e_1+e_2}$$

$$m = m_1m_2 < 1$$

$$0.1_2 \times 0.1_2 = 0.01_2$$

Relative Error

$$\bar{\alpha} \leq \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2$$

Bounded



Error Propagation

Spherical Bessel Functions

Differential Equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} (x^2 - n(n+1)) y = 0$$

Solutions

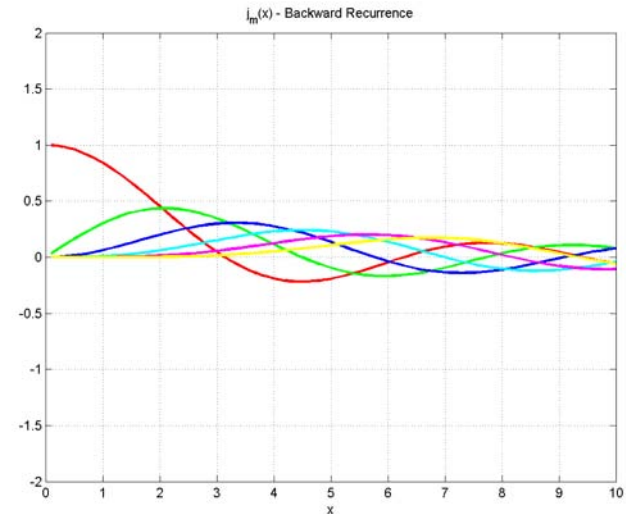
$$j_n(x) y_n(x)$$

n	$j_n(x)$	$y_n(x)$
0	$\frac{\sin x}{x}$	$-\frac{\cos x}{x}$
1	$\frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}$	$-\frac{\cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x}$

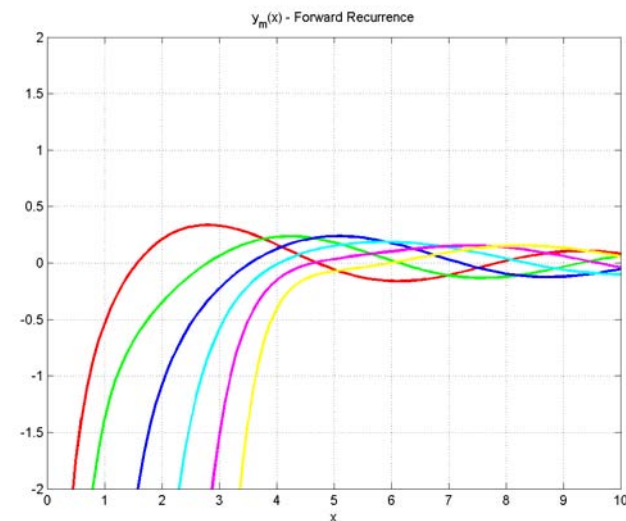
$$j_n(x) \rightarrow 0 \begin{cases} n \rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y_n(x) \rightarrow -\infty \begin{cases} n \rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$j_n(x)$$



$$y_n(x)$$





Error Propagation

Spherical Bessel Functions

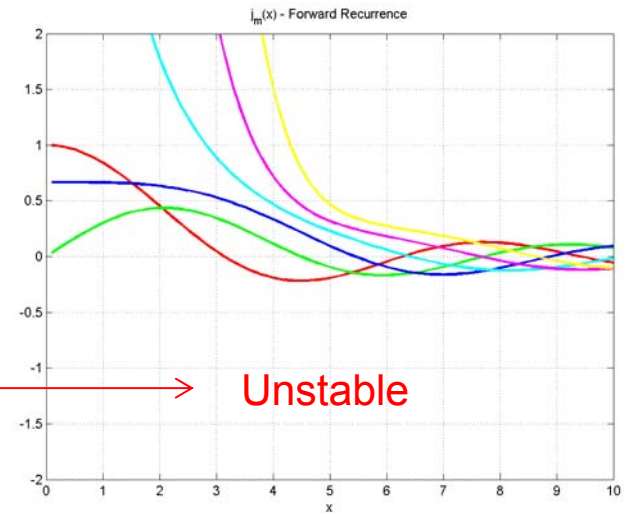
Forward Recurrence

$$j_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) - j_{n-1}(x)$$

Forward Recurrence

$$\frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) \simeq j_{n-1}(x)$$

← Unstable →



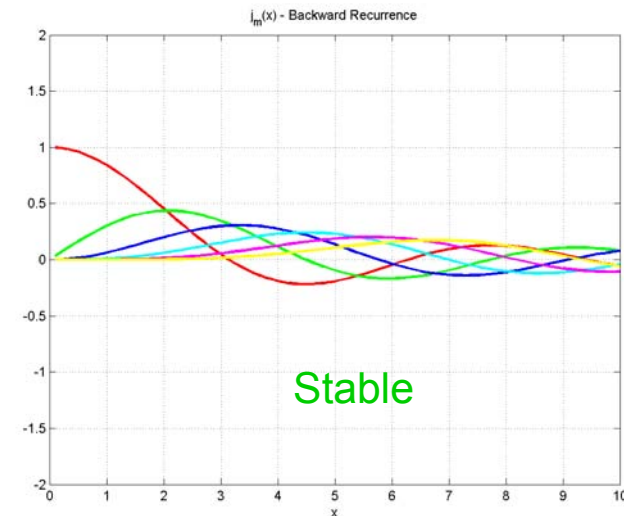
Backward Recurrence

$$j_{n-1}(x) = \frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) - j_{n+1}(x)$$

Miller's algorithm

$$j_N(x) = 1, \quad j_{N+1}(x) = 0, \quad j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

$$N \sim x+20$$





Error Propagation

Euler's Method

Differential Equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y_0 = p$$

Example

$$f(x, y) = x \left(y = \frac{x^2}{2} + p \right)$$

Discretization

$$x_n = nh$$

Finite Difference (forward)

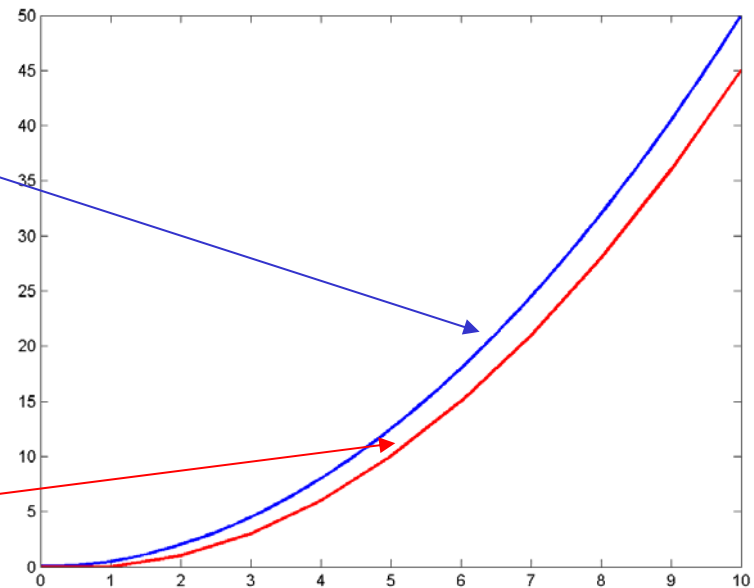
$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_n} \simeq \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h}$$

Recurrence

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(nh, y)$$

Central Finite Difference

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_n} \simeq \frac{y_{n+1} - y_{n-1}}{2h}$$



euler.m



Error Propagation

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Absolute Errors

$$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$$

$$\epsilon_y$$

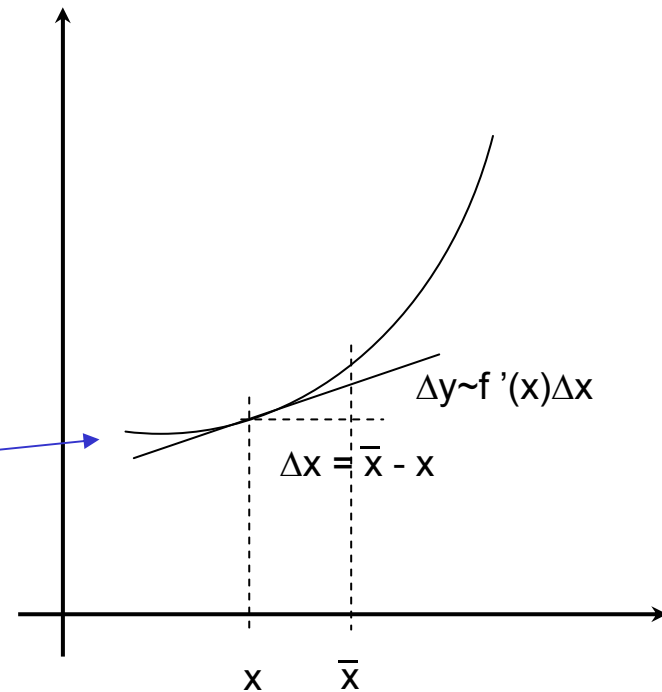
Function of one variable

$$y = f(x) \quad \bar{y} = f(\bar{x})$$

General Error Propagation Formula

$$\Delta y \simeq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i} \Delta x_i$$

$$\epsilon_y \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i} \right| |\epsilon_i|$$





Error Propagation Example

Multiplication

$$y = x_1 x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log y = \log x_1 + \log x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i} = \frac{1}{x_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i} = \frac{y}{x_i}$$

\Rightarrow

Error Propagation Formula

$$\left| \frac{\Delta y}{y} \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \left| \frac{\Delta x_i}{x_i} \right|$$

$$\alpha_y \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i$$

$$y = x_1^{m_1} x_2^{m_2} \cdots x_n^{m_n}$$

$$\alpha_y \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |m_i| \alpha_i$$

Relative Errors Add for Multiplication



Error Propagation

Expectation of Errors

Addition

$$y = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n$$

Truncation

$$\Delta x_i = \bar{x}_i - x_i \leq 0$$

Error Expectation

$$E(\Delta x_i) = -b^{-t}/2$$

$$E(\Delta y) = -nb^{-t}/2$$

Rounding

$$E(\Delta x_i) = 0$$

$$E(\Delta y) = -nE(\Delta x_i) = 0$$

Standard Error

$$E(\Delta_s y) \simeq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i}\right)^2 \epsilon_i^2}$$

$$y = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n$$

$$E(\Delta_s y) \simeq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2} = \sqrt{n}\epsilon$$

Standard Error better measure
of expected errors



Error Propagation Error Cancellation

Function of one variable

$$y = f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x + 200; \quad x = 100 \pm 4$$

$$z_1 = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \quad \epsilon_1 = 4$$

$$z_2 = 200 - x \quad \epsilon_2 = 4$$

$$y = z_1 + z_2$$

Max. error $E(\Delta y) = 8$

Stand. error $E(\Delta_s y) = 4\sqrt{2} = 5.6$

$$\frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}, \quad \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial x} = -1$$

$$\Delta y \simeq \frac{dz_1}{dx} \Delta x + \frac{dz_2}{dx} \Delta x$$

$$= \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} - 1 \right) \Delta x \simeq_{x \gg 1} \frac{-1}{x^2} \Delta x$$

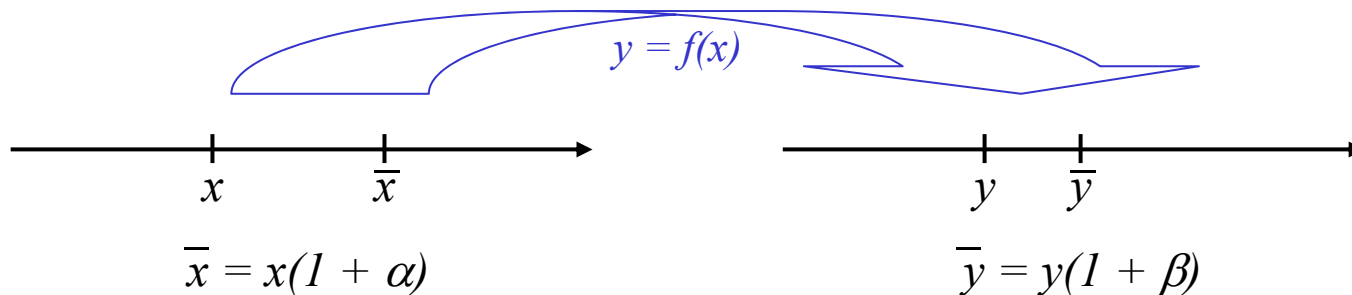
Error cancellation

$$x = 100 \pm 4 \Rightarrow |\Delta y| \leq 4 \cdot 10^{-4} \leq 0.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$y = 200.005 \pm 0.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$$



Error Propagation Condition Number



Problem Condition Number

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_P &= \frac{|\beta|}{|\alpha|} \\
 &= \left| \frac{f(\bar{x}) - f(x)}{f(x)} \right| / \left| \frac{\bar{x} - x}{x} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{f(\bar{x}) - f(x)}{\bar{x} - x} \right| \times \left| \frac{x}{f(x)} \right| \\
 &\approx \left| x \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

$K_P \gg 1$
Problem ill-conditioned

Error cancellation example

$$y = f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x + 200; \quad x = 100 \pm 4$$

$$K_P = \left| 100 \frac{-10^{-4}}{200.005} \right| = 0.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

Well-conditioned problem



Error Propagation Condition Number

Problem Condition Number

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x$$

$$x = 100 \Rightarrow y = 0.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

$$y' = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} - 1 \simeq -\frac{1}{x^2} = -10^{-4}$$

$$K_P = \left| 100 \frac{-1 \cdot 10^{-4}}{0.5 \cdot 10^{-4}} \right| = 2.0$$

4 Significant Digits

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= \sqrt{0.1 \cdot 10^5 + 1} - 0.1 \cdot 10^3 \\ &= \sqrt{(0.1000 + 0.00001) \cdot 10^5} - 0.1 \cdot 10^3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\beta| = \left| \frac{\bar{y} - y}{y} \right| = \frac{0.5 \cdot 10^{-2}}{0.5 \cdot 10^{-2}} = 1$$

$$|\alpha| = \left| \frac{\bar{x} - x}{x} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} 10^{1-t} \simeq \frac{1}{2} 10^{-3}$$

Algorithm Condition Number

$$K_A = \frac{|\beta|}{|\alpha|} \simeq 2000$$

K_A is algorithm condition number, which may be much larger than the K_P due to limited number representation.

Solution

- Higher precision
- Rewrite algorithm

Well-conditioned Algorithm

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{0.1 \cdot 10^3 + 0.1 \cdot 10^3} = 0.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

$$|\beta| \simeq 0 \Rightarrow K_A \simeq 0 \ll 1$$