

# 1.3 Error Analysis

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Def Assume  $\tilde{p}$  is approximation to  $p$ , where  $p \neq 0$ . Then,

- The (absolute) error is  $E_p = |p - \tilde{p}|$  and
- the relative error is  $R_p = \frac{|p - \tilde{p}|}{|p|}$  which expresses the error as percentage of the true value.

Exp Find the error and relative error for the following cases:

①  $x = 3.141592$  and  $\tilde{x} = 3.14$  (sure about 3 digits)

$$\text{Error} = E_x = |x - \tilde{x}| = |3.141592 - 3.14| = 0.001592$$

$$\text{Relative Error} = R_x = \frac{|x - \tilde{x}|}{|x|} = \frac{0.001592}{3.141592} = 0.000507$$

$\tilde{x}$  is good approx. of  $x$

②  $y = 1000000$  and  $\hat{y} = 999996$  (sure about 5 digits)

$$E_y = |y - \hat{y}| = |1000000 - 999996| = 4$$

$$R_y = \frac{|y - \hat{y}|}{|y|} = \frac{4}{1000000} = 4 \times 10^{-6} = 0.000004$$

$\hat{y}$  is good approx. of  $y$

③  $z = 0.000012$  and  $\hat{z} = 0.000009$  (not sure about any digit)

$$E_z = |z - \hat{z}| = |0.000012 - 0.000009| = 0.000003$$

$$R_z = \frac{|z - \hat{z}|}{|z|} = \frac{0.000003}{0.000012} = 0.25$$

$\hat{z}$  is bad approx. of  $z$

Remarks ①  $\tilde{x}$  is a good estimate for  $x$  since there is no much difference between  $E_x$  and  $R_x$  and so any of them could be used to determine the accuracy of  $\tilde{x}$ .

②  $\hat{y}$  is good estimate for  $y$  since  $R_y$  is small (even if  $E_y$  is large since  $y$  is of magnitude  $10^6$ )

③  $\hat{z}$  is bad approximation for  $z$  even that  $E_z$  is the smallest of the three cases. This because  $R_z$  is the largest.

<u>Exp</u>	0.000004321	4 significant digits
	3.10045	6 significant digits
	$2 \times 10^{-4} = 0.0002$	1 significant digits

Def The number  $\tilde{p}$  approximates  $p$  to  $d$  significant digits if  $d$  is the largest non-negative integer s.t.  $\boxed{7}$

$$R_p < 5 \times 10^{-d}$$

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Exp ①  $x = 3.141592$  and  $\tilde{x} = \underline{3.14}$

$$R_x = 0.000507 < 0.005 = 5 \times 10^{-3} \Leftrightarrow d=3$$

②  $y = 1000000$  and  $\tilde{y} = \underline{999996}$

$$R_y = 0.000004 < 0.000005 = 5 \times 10^{-6} \Leftrightarrow d=6$$

③  $z = 0.000012$  and  $\tilde{z} = \underline{0.000009}$

$$R_z = 0.25 < 0.5 = 5 \times 10^{-1} \Leftrightarrow d=1$$

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## انتقال الخطأ Propagation of Error

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- Assume the number  $p$  is approximated by  $\tilde{p}$  with error  $\epsilon_p$  ( $p = \tilde{p} + \epsilon_p$ )
- " " " "  $q$  " " " "  $\tilde{q}$  " " " "  $\epsilon_q$  ( $q = \tilde{q} + \epsilon_q$ )

Exp 1) Describe the error in their sum

$$\begin{aligned} p + q &= (\tilde{p} + \epsilon_p) + (\tilde{q} + \epsilon_q) \\ &= (\tilde{p} + \tilde{q}) + (\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the error of the sum is the sum of the errors.

Exp 2) Assume  $p \neq 0$  and  $q \neq 0$ .

Assume  $\tilde{p}$  and  $\tilde{q}$  are good approximations for  $p$  and  $q$ . Show that the relative error in the product  $pq$  is approximately the sum of the relative errors in the approximation  $\tilde{p}$  and  $\tilde{q}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} pq &= (\tilde{p} + \epsilon_p)(\tilde{q} + \epsilon_q) \\ &= \tilde{p}\tilde{q} + \tilde{p}\epsilon_q + \tilde{q}\epsilon_p + \epsilon_p\epsilon_q \end{aligned}$$

$$pq - \tilde{p}\tilde{q} = \tilde{p}\epsilon_q + \tilde{q}\epsilon_p + \epsilon_p\epsilon_q$$

- Since  $p \neq 0$  and  $q \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  their relative errors

$$R_{pq} = \frac{pq - \tilde{p}\tilde{q}}{pq} = \frac{\tilde{p}\epsilon_q}{pq} + \frac{\tilde{q}\epsilon_p}{pq} + \frac{\epsilon_p\epsilon_q}{pq}$$

$$\approx \frac{\epsilon_q}{q} + \frac{\epsilon_p}{p} + 0$$

$$= R_q + R_p$$

- This is because  $\tilde{p}$  and  $\tilde{q}$  are good approximation for  $p$  and  $q$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\tilde{p}}{p} \approx 1$  and  $\frac{\tilde{q}}{q} \approx 1$



## Normalized decimal form

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Any real number  $p$  can be written in normalized decimal form:

$$p = \pm 0.d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots d_k d_{k+1} \dots \times 10^n$$

where  $d_1 \neq 0$  and  $d_j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$  for  $j > 1$ .

Exp •  $0.01234 = 0.1234 \times 10^{-1}$

•  $12.034 = 0.12034 \times 10^2$

•  $0.000101 = 0.101 \times 10^{-3}$

## Source of Error

Truncation Error

↓  
Error results from estimating a formula by a formula

↓  
TE is the difference between a truncated value  $\tilde{p}$  and the actual value  $p$  arises from executing a finite number of steps to approximate an infinite process.

Exp  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$   
 $e^x \approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!}$

TE = Error

$$= \left| e^x - \left( 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} \right) \right|$$

Round-off Errors

↓  
Error results from estimating a number by a number

Round-off Errors  
Two Types

Rounding

↓  
 $fl(p)$   
round

↓  
rounded floating point representation

Chopping

↓  
 $fl(p)$   
chop

↓  
chopped floating point representation

Exp Assume the truncated Taylor series  $P_8(x)$  is used 7.3

to approximate  $P = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{x^2} dx = 0.544\ 987\ 104\ 184$ .

Determine the accuracy and TE.

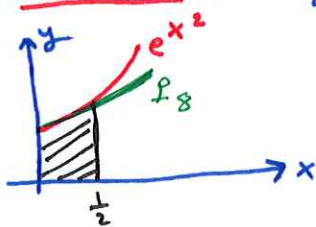
$$\tilde{P} = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2!} + \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} \right) dx = \left( x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{10} + \frac{x^7}{42} + \frac{x^9}{216} \right) \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 0.544\ 986\ 720\ 817$$

$$z_P = \frac{|P - \tilde{P}|}{|P|} = \frac{0.000\ 000\ 383\ 367}{0.544\ 987\ 104\ 184}$$

$$= 7.03442 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$= 0.000\ 000\ 703\ 442 < 0.000\ 005 = 5 \times 10^{-6}$$



$d = 6$

Exp TE  $P = \frac{22}{7} = 3.14\ 285\ 714\ 285\ 714\ 285\ 7 \dots$  computer works with finite digits

Find the 6<sup>th</sup> digits representation of  $P$  in chopping and <sup>16</sup> rounding.

$f_l(P) = 3.14285 = \underline{0.314285} \times 10$   
chop normalized

$f_l(P) = 3.14286 = \underline{0.314286} \times 10$   
round normalized

Exp Find the 4<sup>th</sup> digits chopping and rounding of

[2]  $P = 0.12344445$

$f_l(P) = 0.1234 = 0.1234 \times 10^0$   
chop

$f_l(P) = 0.1235 = 0.1235 \times 10^0$   
round

[3]  $y = 2.00475$

$f_l(y) = 2.004$   
chop

$f_l(y) = 2.005$   
round

[4]  $x = 0.000\ 182\ 79$

$f_l(x) = 0.000\ 1827$   
chop

$f_l(x) = 0.000\ 1828$   
round

Q. How does computer approximate operations?

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A. A priority to 1) Brackets

2) Powers

3)  $\times, \div$  from left to right

4)  $+, -$  from left to right

Exp Use 4-digits rounding to find  $f(0.3456)$  if

$$f(x) = \frac{x - \sin \sqrt{x}}{2x^2 + x \cos x}$$

$$f(0.3456) = \frac{0.3456 - \sin(\sqrt{0.3456})}{2(0.3456)^2 + (0.3456) \cos(0.3456)}$$

$$= \frac{0.3456 - \sin(0.5879)}{2(0.1194) + (0.3456)(0.9409)}$$

$$= \frac{0.3456 - 0.5546}{0.2388 + 0.3252}$$

$$= \frac{-0.2090}{0.5640}$$

$$= -0.3706$$



Exp Determine the proper answer of  $\frac{3}{7} + \frac{5}{8} + \frac{11}{5}$  9  
 using four significant digits of accuracy.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{3}{7} &= 0.428571... \approx 0.4286 \\ \frac{5}{8} &= 0.625 = 0.6250 \\ \frac{11}{5} &= 2.2 = 2.200 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{7} + \frac{5}{8}\right) + \frac{11}{5}}{21} &= \frac{0.4286 + 0.6250 + 2.200}{21} \\ &= \frac{1.0536 + 2.200}{21} \\ &= \frac{1.054 + 2.200}{21} \\ &= \frac{3.254}{21} = 0.1550 \end{aligned}$$

$\swarrow$   
0.15495

### Loss of Significance

- Let  $p = 3.1415926536$  and  $q = 3.1415957341$  with 11 decimal digits
- Note that  $p - q = -0.0000030805$  has 5 decimal digits
- We have loss of 6 digits (which are the first 6 digits in  $p$  and  $q$ )
- This is called loss of significance or subtractive cancellation.

Exp Let  $f(x) = x(\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x})$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}}$   
 Use 6 digits and rounding to compare  $f(500)$  with  $g(500)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(500) &= 500(\sqrt{501} - \sqrt{500}) = 500(22.3830 - 22.3607) \\ &= 500(0.0223) \quad \text{loss of 3 digits} \\ &= 11.1500 \end{aligned}$$

$$g(500) = \frac{500}{\sqrt{501} + \sqrt{500}} = \frac{500}{22.3830 + 22.3607} = \frac{500}{44.7437} = 11.1748$$

- True value is  $11.1747553...$   $E_f = 0.0247$  and  $E_g = 0$
- Note that  $g(500)$  involves less error and becomes true value to the 6 digits. so  $g$  is a better approximation than  $f$

although  $f(x) = x(\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}) \frac{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{x(x+1-x)}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}} = g(x)$

we solve this problem by finding  $g(x)$

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How to solve this function to avoid loss of significantants:

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$$\textcircled{1} f(x) = \ln x - \ln(x+1)$$

$$P(x) = \ln \left( \frac{x}{x+1} \right)$$

x  $\textcircled{2} f(x) = \frac{x - \sin x}{\ln(x+2)}$ . Find  $f\left(\frac{7}{12}\right)$  using 6 digits rounding.

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet f\left(\frac{7}{12}\right) &= f(0.583333) = \frac{0.583333 - \sin(0.583333)}{\ln(0.583333 + 2)} \\ &= \frac{0.583333 - 0.550809}{0.949080} \\ &= \frac{0.0325240}{0.949080} = 0.0342690 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet P(x) = \frac{x - \sin x}{\ln(x+2)} \cdot \frac{x + \sin x}{x + \sin x} = \frac{x^2 - \sin^2 x}{[\ln(x+2)][x + \sin x]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(0.583333) &= \frac{(0.583333)^2 - \sin^2(0.583333)}{[\ln(0.583333+2)][0.583333 + \sin(0.583333)]} \\ &= \frac{0.340277 - 0.303391}{(0.949080)(1.13414)} \\ &= \frac{0.0368860}{1.07639} \\ &= 0.0342682 \end{aligned}$$

we compare  
with the  
true value



Exp Compare the results of calculating  $f(0.01)$  and  $P(0.01)$  10  
using 6 digits rounding arithmetic for

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad P(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x^2}{24}$$

loss 1 digit                      loss 2 digits

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet f(0.01) &= \frac{e^{0.01} - 1 - 0.01}{(0.01)^2} = \frac{1.01005 - 1 - 0.01}{0.0001} = \frac{0.01005 - 0.01}{0.0001} \\ &= \frac{0.00005}{0.0001} = 0.5 \quad \Rightarrow E_f = 0.001671 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet P(0.01) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{0.01}{6} + \frac{(0.01)^2}{24} \quad \text{P solves the problem and it is easy to find it} \\ &= 0.5 + 0.00166667 + 0.00000416670 = 0.501671 \quad E_p = 0 \end{aligned}$$

• Note that  $P(x)$  is Taylor polynomial of degree 2 for  $f(x)$  at  $x=0$ .

That is,  $f(x) = P_2(x) + R_2(x)$ .

• Now  $P(0.01)$  contains less error and becomes same as true answer  $0.50167084168057542\dots$  when rounding

### Order of Approximation $O(h^n)$

Def • Assume  $f(h)$  is approximated by the function  $p(h)$ .

• Assume  $\exists$  a real constant  $M > 0$   
and  $\exists$  a positive integer  $n$  so that

$$\bullet \frac{|f(h) - p(h)|}{|h^n|} \leq M \quad \text{for sufficiently small } h.$$

• In this case, we say  $p(h)$  approximates  $f(h)$  with order of approximation  $O(h^n)$  and we write this as

$$f(h) = p(h) + O(h^n)$$

Note: if we write  $\bullet$  as  $|f(h) - p(h)| \leq M |h^n|$ , then we see that  $O(h^n)$  stands in place of the error bound  $M |h^n|$ .

Th • Assume  $f(h) = p(h) + o(h^n)$  and  $g(h) = q(h) + o(h^m)$  where  $n, m$  are positive integers. 11

• Then  $f(h) + g(h) = p(h) + q(h) + o(h^r)$

and  $f(h)g(h) = p(h)q(h) + o(h^r)$

and  $\frac{f(h)}{g(h)} = \frac{p(h)}{q(h)} + o(h^r)$ ,  $g(h) \neq 0$  and  $q(h) \neq 0$

where  $r = \min\{n, m\}$

Exp If  $f(h) = p(h) + o(h^5)$  and  $g(h) = q(h) + o(h^3)$ , then  $f(h)g(h) = p(h)q(h) + o(h^3)$

Remark • If  $p(x)$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Taylor polynomial approximation of  $f(x)$ , then by Taylor formula

$$f(x) = p(x) + R(x)$$

Truncation Error Term → the remainder  $R(x)$  is simply  $o(h^{n+1})$ . That is

$$E = o(h^{n+1}) \approx M h^{n+1} \approx \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} h^{n+1}, \quad h \text{ small.}$$

$c \in (x_0, x)$

Th (Taylor's Th) Assume  $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$ . Then for  $x_0, x \in [a, b] \Rightarrow$

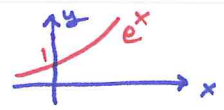
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x-x_0)^n + o(h^{n+1}), \quad h = x - x_0$$

Remark ① If  $k \geq n$  then  $h^k + o(h^n) = o(h^n)$

Exp  $h^3 + o(h^3) = o(h^3)$  since  $h^3 + o(h^3) = h^3 + ch^3 = (1+c)h^3 = ch^3 = o(h^3)$

Exp  $h^4 + o(h^3) = o(h^3)$

② If  $f(h) = p(h) + o(h^n)$  with  $n > m$ , then  $p(h)$  is a better approximation for  $f(h)$ .

Exp  $e^h = 1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + \frac{h^4}{4!} + \dots$   12

•  $e^h \approx 1 + h + o(h^2)$  where  $E = o(h^2) \approx \frac{h^2}{2!} = \text{Error}$

$e^{0.1} = 1.105170918$  true value ↑  
order of approximation

$e^{0.1} \approx 1 + 0.1 = 1.1$  with error  $= Mh^2 = M(0.1)^2 = M(0.01) < 10^{-2}$

where  $M = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} = \frac{e^c}{2!}$ ,  $c \in (0, 0.1)$

$\Rightarrow 0 < c < 0.1 \Rightarrow 1 < e^c < e^{0.1} < 2 \Rightarrow M < 1$

•  $e^h = 1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2} + o(h^3) \Rightarrow \text{Error} = o(h^3) = Mh^3$

$e^{0.1} = 1 + 0.1 + \frac{0.01}{2} = 1.105 \Rightarrow \text{Error} \approx M(0.1)^3 = M(0.001) < 10^{-3}$   
since  $M < 1$

Exp  $\sinh h = h - \frac{h^3}{3!} + \frac{h^5}{5!} - \dots$

$\sinh h \approx h$  with error  $= o(h^3)$

$\Leftrightarrow \sin(0.1) \approx 0.1$

$\sinh h \approx h - \frac{h^3}{3!}$  with error  $= o(h^5)$

$\Leftrightarrow \sin(0.1) \approx 0.1 - \frac{(0.1)^3}{3!}$   
 $\approx 0.0998$

Exp Suppose  $e^h = 1 + h$  (Error  $= o(h^2)$ )

and  $\sinh h = h - \frac{h^3}{3!}$  (Error  $= o(h^5)$ )

Then  $e^h + \sinh h = 1 + 2h - \frac{h^3}{3!} + o(h^2) + o(h^5)$  الأصغر هي التي تؤثر  
 $\approx 1 + 2h + o(h^2)$

Exp  $\cosh h = 1 - \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^4}{4!} - \frac{h^6}{6!} + \frac{h^8}{8!} - \dots$

$\cosh h \approx 1 - \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^4}{4!}$  with  $E = o(h^6) = \text{constant} \cdot h^6$



Exp Consider the Taylor Polynomial expansions

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$$e^h = 1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + o(h^4) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\cosh h = 1 - \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^4}{4!} + o(h^6).$$

Determine the order of approximation for their sum and product.

$$e^h + \cosh h = 1 + h + \cancel{\frac{h^2}{2!}} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + o(h^4) + 1 - \cancel{\frac{h^2}{2!}} + \frac{h^4}{4!} + o(h^6)$$

$$= 2 + h + \frac{h^3}{3!} + o(h^4) + \frac{h^4}{4!} + o(h^6)$$

But  $o(h^4) + \frac{h^4}{4!} = o(h^4)$  and

$o(h^4) + o(h^6) = o(h^4)$

$$= 2 + h + \frac{h^3}{3!} + o(h^4) \quad \text{with order of approximation } o(h^4).$$

$$e^h \cosh h = \left(1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + o(h^4)\right) \left(1 - \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^4}{4!} + o(h^6)\right)$$

or  $1 - \frac{h^2}{2!} + h - \frac{h^3}{2!} + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + o(h^4)$

$$= \left(1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!}\right) \left(1 - \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^4}{4!}\right) + \left(1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!}\right) o(h^6)$$

$$+ o(h^4) o(h^6) + \left(1 - \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^4}{4!}\right) o(h^4)$$

error term

$$= 1 + h - \frac{h^3}{3} - \frac{5h^4}{24} - \frac{h^5}{24} + \frac{h^6}{48} + \frac{h^7}{144} + o(h^6)$$

$$+ o(h^4) o(h^6) + o(h^4)$$

But  $o(h^4) o(h^6) = o(h^{10})$  and so

$$-\frac{5}{24}h^4 - \frac{h^5}{24} + \frac{h^6}{48} + \frac{h^7}{144} + o(h^6) + o(h^{10}) + o(h^4) = o(h^4)$$

Hence,  $e^h \cosh h = 1 + h - \frac{h^3}{3} + o(h^4)$  and the order of approximation is  $o(h^4)$ .

## Def (order of convergence of a sequence)

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• Suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = 0$

• We say  $x_n$  converges to  $x$  with order of convergence  $O(r_n)$

if  $\exists$  a constant  $K > 0$  s.t

$$\frac{|x_n - x|}{|r_n|} \leq K \quad \text{for } n \text{ sufficiently large}$$

and we write  $x_n = x + O(r_n)$

Exp show that  $\square$   $x_n = \frac{\cos n}{n^2}$  converges to 0 with rate of convergence  $O(\frac{1}{n^2})$ .

$$\frac{|x_n - x|}{|r_n|} = \frac{\left| \frac{\cos n}{n^2} \right|}{\left| \frac{1}{n^2} \right|} = |\cos n| \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } n$$

$\square$   $p(h) = 1+h$  estimate  $f(h) = e^h$  with order  $O(h^2)$

$$\frac{|f(h) - p(h)|}{|r_h|} = \frac{|e^h - (1+h)|}{h^2} = \frac{\cancel{1+h} + \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^3}{3!} + \dots - \cancel{(1+h)}}{h^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{h}{3!} + \frac{h^2}{4!} + \frac{h^3}{5!} + \dots = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{h^{n-2}}{n!}$$

Apply Ratio Test to see  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{h^{n-2}}{n!}$  converges to some  $K$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n+1)!} \frac{n!}{h^{n-2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h}{n+1} = 0 < 1 \quad \text{for all } h$$

$\square$   $\sinh = h - \frac{h^3}{3!} + O(h^5)$  Exercise