

# PHYS338:Computational Physics

## HW2

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### Question 1

The used nuclei are:

- A is Carbon 14
- B is Radium 226
- C is Plutonium 239

The first table is for the averaged values of Half Life (in sec) for different  $N$ , with different nuclei.

|                   | A           | B           | C           |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Exp HL            | 1.777300e11 | 5.134424e10 | 7.534208e11 |
| HL for $N = 10^2$ | 1.764438e11 | 5.201744e10 | 7.347240e11 |
| HL for $N = 10^3$ | 1.712631e11 | 5.175446e10 | 7.226480e11 |
| HL for $N = 10^4$ | 1.702164e11 | 5.138629e10 | 7.161787e11 |
| HL for $N = 10^5$ | 1.707792e11 | 5.124428e10 | 7.172832e11 |

The second table is for the errors (sigma-standard deviation) for each value.

|                         | A          | B         | C          |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| HL error for $N = 10^2$ | 2.28584e10 | 6.64163e9 | 1.03054e11 |
| HL error for $N = 10^3$ | 7.85555e9  | 2.33155e9 | 3.52289e10 |
| HL error for $N = 10^4$ | 2.27931e9  | 6.40076e8 | 1.18998e10 |
| HL error for $N = 10^5$ | 9.35164e8  | 3.00765e8 | 3.31801e9  |

What we can notice here, is that the errors are decreased by increasing  $N$ , that is, more experiments done less errors have.

We cannot predict which averaged value will be closest to Exp value, because the operations depend on the `rand()` function in C.