

Scientific Computing 1
3rd worksheet for online events
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*“When reading the code in about six months and asking yourself: who wrote this crap?
The answer should not be: YOU!”*

Basically that means:

- Try to always use meaningful names for functions, variables, . . .
 - Write documentation wherever necessary.
 - Use indentation to increase readability of the code.
 - Add a short statement describing its purpose and basic behavior to each function.
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Exercise 1:

Determine the absolute and the relative condition numbers of

- $f(x) = \sin(x)$,
- $f(x) = \arctan(x)$,
- $f(x) = \sqrt{x \exp(x)}$, $x > 0$.

Which values of x will lead to high condition numbers?

Exercise 2:

Reformulate the following expressions to avoid cancellation:

- $\sqrt{1+x} - 1$, $x \approx 0$
- $\frac{1-\cos x}{\sin x}$, $x \approx 0$
- $\frac{1}{1+2x} - \frac{1-x}{1+x}$, $x \approx 0$

Exercise 3:

Determine the absolute and the relative error of 0.5403023059 and π in

- $\mathbb{M}(10, 3, -2, 2)$
- $\mathbb{M}(2, 3, -2, 3)$
- $\mathbb{M}(2, 5, -2, 2)$
- IEEE 754 half precision