

Spring 2021: Chapter 2 Errors

Numerical Differentiation

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1. What is the highest order of a polynomial for which the central-divided-difference approximation of the first derivative will give the exact answer at any point?

☐ 0

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

2. Using the central divided difference, the true error in the calculation of a derivative of a function is 32.0 for a step size of 4. If the step size is reduced to 1, the true error will be approximately

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