

# Midterm – Introduction to Computational Science

Claudio Maggioni

April 3, 2020

## Question 1

### Point a)

$$\begin{aligned}7.125_{10} &= (1 + 2^{-1} + 2^{-2} + 2^{-5}) * 2^2_{10} = 0|110010000000|110_F \\0.8_{10} &= (1 + 2^{-1} + 2^{-4} + 2^{-5} + 2^{-8} + 2^{-9} + 2^{-12}) * 2^{-1}_{10} \approx 0|100110011001|011_F \\0.046875_{10} &= (2^{-2} + 2^{-3}) * 2^{-3}_{10} = 0|001100000000|000_F\end{aligned}$$

For the last conversion, we assume that the denormalized mode of this floating point representation implicitly includes an exponent of  $-3$  (this makes the first bit in the mantissa of a denormalized number weigh  $2^{-3}$ ). This behaviour is akin to the denormalized implementation of IEEE 754 floating point numbers.

### Point b)

$$\begin{aligned}1|011010111000|110_F &= -(1 + 2^{-2} + 2^{-3} + 2^{-5} + 2^{-7} + 2^{-8} + 2^{-9}) * 2^2_{10} \approx -5.6796875 \\1|101010101010|010_F &= -(1 + 2^{-1} + 2^{-3} + 2^{-5} + 2^{-7} + 2^{-9} + 2^{-11}) * 2^{-2}_{10} \approx -0.4166259766\end{aligned}$$

### Point c)

$$1|000000000000|001_F = 2^{-3}_{10} = 0.125_{10}$$

### Point d)

$$\begin{aligned}&1|111111111111|111_F = \\&= (1 + 2^{-1} + 2^{-2} + 2^{-3} + 2^{-4} + 2^{-5} + 2^{-6} + 2^{-7} + 2^{-8} + 2^{-9} + 2^{-10} + 2^{-11} + 2^{-12}) * 2^3_{10} = \\&= 15.998046875_{10}\end{aligned}$$

### Point e)

With 12 independent binary choices (bits to flip), there are  $2^{12}$  different denormalized numbers in this encoding.

### Point f)

With 12 independent binary choices (bits to flip) and 3 extra bits for the exponent, there are  $2^{15} - 1$  different denormalized numbers in this encoding. We subtract 1 in order to be consistent with the assumption in point a), since  $0.125_{10}$  would be representable both as  $1|000000000000|001_F$  and as  $1|100000000000|000_F$

## Question 2

Point a)

$$\sqrt[3]{1+x} - 1 = (\sqrt[3]{1+x} - 1) \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{(1+x)^2} + \sqrt[3]{1+x} + 1}{\sqrt[3]{(1+x)^2} + \sqrt[3]{1+x} + 1} = \frac{(1+x) - 1}{\sqrt[3]{(1+x)^2} + \sqrt[3]{1+x} + 1} = \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{(1+x)^2} + \sqrt[3]{1+x} + 1}$$

Point b)

$$\frac{1 - \cos(x)}{\sin(x)} = \frac{\sin^2(x)\cos^2(x) - \cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \cdot \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \cdot \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} = (\sin^2(x)\cos(x) - 1) \cdot \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$$

Point c)

$$\frac{1}{1 - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{(1 - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})(1 + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{1 - (x^2 - 1)} = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}{x^2}$$

Point d)

$$x^3 \cdot \left( \frac{x}{x^2 - 1} - \frac{1}{x} \right) = x^3 \cdot \left( \frac{x^2 - x^2 + 1}{x^3 - x} \right) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 1}$$

Point e)

$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{x+1-x}{x^2+x} = \frac{1}{x^2+x}$$

## Question 3

Point a)

Consider the Taylor expansion with  $a = x$  of  $f(x+h)$  and  $f(x-h)$ :

$$f(x+h) \geq f(x) + \frac{f'(x)}{1} \cdot h + \frac{f''(x)}{2} \cdot h^2 + \frac{f'''(x)}{6} \cdot h^3$$

$$f(x-h) \geq f(x) - \frac{f'(x)}{1} \cdot h + \frac{f''(x)}{2} \cdot h^2 - \frac{f'''(x)}{6} \cdot h^3$$

Then, we can derive that:

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} \geq \frac{1}{2h} \cdot \left( 2hf'(x) + \frac{2h^3 f'''(x)}{6} \right) = f'(x) + \frac{h^2 f'''(x)}{6}$$

So:

$$\left| f'(x) - \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} \right| \leq \left| f'(x) - \left( f'(x) + \frac{h^2 f'''(x)}{6} \right) \right| = \frac{h^2 |f'''(x)|}{6} \Rightarrow C = \frac{f'''(x)}{6}$$

## Point b)

In order to find a valid constant for the entire domain  $[-10, 10]$  we find the constant for the value of  $x$  that maximizes  $f'''(x)$ , hence the sup.

### Function 1

$$f(x) = e^{-x^2} \quad f'''(x) = -4e^{-x^2}(2x^3 - 3x) \quad C = \sup_{x \in [-10, 10]} \frac{f'''(x)}{6} = 2\sqrt{1 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}}e^{\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{3}{2}}$$

### Function 2

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad f'''(x) = 0 \quad C = \sup_{x \in [-10, 10]} \frac{f'''(x)}{6} = 0$$

### Function 3

$$f(x) = \sin(x) \quad f'''(x) = -\cos(x) \quad C = \sup_{x \in [-10, 10]} \frac{f'''(x)}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

## Question 4

### Point a)

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 & 10 & 10 & 10 \\ 4 & 10 & 16 & 20 & 20 \\ 5 & 13 & 22 & 30 & 35 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, u_1 = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1], A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 7 & 7 & 7 \\ 0 & 6 & 12 & 16 & 16 \\ 0 & 8 & 17 & 25 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = [0 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2], A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 17 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, u_3 = [0 \ 0 \ 3 \ 3 \ 3], A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, u_4 = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 4 \ 4], A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_5 = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 5], L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Point b)**

$$l_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, e_1^T = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0], L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, e_2^T = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0], L_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, e_3^T = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0], L_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, e_4^T = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0], L_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Point c)**

$$Ly = b$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$y_2 = \frac{2 - 2 \cdot 1}{1} = 0$$

$$y_3 = \frac{3 - 3 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 0}{1} = 0$$

$$y_4 = \frac{4 - 4 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 0}{1} = 0$$

$$y_5 = \frac{5 - 5 \cdot 1 - 4 \cdot 0 - 3 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 0}{1} = 0$$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Point d)

$$Ux = y$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_5 = \frac{0}{5} = 0$$

$$x_4 = \frac{0 - 4 \cdot 0}{4} = 0$$

$$x_3 = \frac{0 - 3 \cdot 0 - 3 \cdot 0}{3} = 0$$

$$x_2 = \frac{0 - 2 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 0}{2} = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{0 - 1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 0}{1} = 0$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Question 5

Point a)

$$f(x) = x \quad K_{abs} = |f'(x)| = 1 \quad K_{rel} = \left| \frac{1 \cdot x}{x} \right| = 1$$

Point b)

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} \quad K_{abs} = |f'(x)| = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}} \quad K_{rel} = \left| \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \right| = \frac{1}{3}$$

Point c)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad K_{abs} = |f'(x)| = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad K_{rel} = \left| \frac{-x}{x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} \right| = 1$$

**Point d)**

$$f(x) = e^x \qquad K_{abs} = |f'(x)| = e^x \qquad K_{rel} = \left| \frac{xe^x}{e^x} \right| = |x|$$

**Point e)**

Cases *a), b)* and *c)* are well-conditioned for any  $x$  since their  $K_{rel}$  is not defined by  $x$ . Case *d)* is well-conditioned only for  $x$ s whose absolute value is in the order of magnitude of 1 or less, since  $K_{rel}$  in this case is exactly  $|x|$ .