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# Chapter 01

## □ Error Analysis



# Outcomes:

**After reading this chapter, you should be able to:**

- 1. To determine of Error, exact, relative, and percentage error.**
- 2. To calculate of the absolute, relative, and approximate error to the number of significant digits.**
- 3. To determine of error in numerical methods – round-off and truncation error.**
- 4. To calculate about the difference between round-off and truncation error.**

# \*\*\* Numerical Error

If we want to

**solve,**  $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{10} = 2.9$

**Exact Value**

$\frac{25}{36} + \frac{12}{13} = 1.61752136752$

**For our convenience we may write 1.6175**

**Approximate Value**

So in the second calculation, calculated value is **1.61752136752 (Exact value)** but we write **1.6175 (Approximate value)**.

So the Error occurred here, **1.61752136752 - 1.6175 = 0.00002136752.**



Finally,

The error of a quantity is the difference between its true value and approximate.

It is denoted by  $E$ .

If the true value is  $X$  and

approximate value is  $x$   $E = X - x$

then the error of the quantity is given

## Different Types of Error

Absolute error

Relative error

Percentage error

The absolute error of a quantity is the absolute value of the difference between the **exact value** and the **approximate value**. It is denoted by  $E_A = |X - x|$ . If the

**exact value is X** and **approximate value is x**, the **relative error** is the ratio of its absolute error to its **exact value**. It is denoted by,  $E_R = \frac{E_A}{X}$

The percentage error of a quantity is **100 times of its relative error**.

It is denoted by  $E_P$ , that is,  $E_P = 100E_R$

$$E_A = |X - x| = |3.1415926 - 3.1428571|$$



**Problem** An approximate value of  $\pi$  is 3.142857 and

true value is 3.1415926 Find the absolute, relative

and percentage errors

**Solution** We have true value  $X = 3.1415926$

and approximate value  $x = 3.1428571$

**The absolute error is**  $E_A = |X - x|$




**The absolute error is**

$$\begin{aligned} E_A &= |X - x| \\ &= |3.1415926 - 3.1428571| \\ &= |-0.0012645| = 0.0012645 \end{aligned}$$

**The relative error is**

$$E_R = \frac{E_A}{X} = \frac{0.0012645}{3.1415926} = 0.000402$$



**The relative error is**  $E_R = \frac{E_A}{X} = \frac{0.0012645}{3.1415926} = 0.000402$

**The percentage error is**  $E_p = 100 E_R$

$$= 100 \times 0.000402$$

$$= 0.0402$$

## **\*\* \*Round off**

### **Error:**

**When a calculator or digital computer is used to perform numerical calculations, an unavoidable error, called round-off error, must be considered. A round-off error, also called rounding error, is the difference between the calculated approximation of a number and its exact mathematical value due to rounding**

For example, a number like  $\frac{1}{3}$  may be represented as 0.333333 on a PC.

Then the round off error in this case is  $\frac{1}{3} - 0.333333 = 0.000000\bar{3}$ .

Then there are other numbers that cannot be represented exactly.

For example,  $\pi$  and  $\sqrt{2}$  are numbers that need to be approximated in computer calculations.

Formula: If the number P is rounded to N decimal place then  $E_A = \frac{1}{2} (10^{-N})$

**Problem:** Find the absolute, relative and percentage errors of the number 8.2546 if this number rounded up to two decimal places.

**Solution:** The given number is  $P = 8.2546$

Since the given number rounded up to two decimal places so  $N = 2$

The absolute error is, 
$$E_A = \frac{1}{2}(10^{-N})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(10^{-2})$$
$$= 0.005$$

The given number,  $P = 8.2546$

The absolute error is,  $E_A = 0.0005$

Here, Exact value  $X = 8.25$

Given number is  $P = 8.2546$ , if we write this number as, 8.2541 then error will be,

$$E = 8.2546 - 8.2541 = 0.0005$$

From the error we can say, as long as there is zero there is no mistake that is exact.

The relative error is,  $E_R = \frac{E_A}{X} = \frac{0.005}{8.25}$   
 $= 0.00060606061$

The percentage error is,  $E_P = 100E_R$   
 $= 100 \times 0.00060606061$   
 $= 0.060606061\%$



# Significant Digits:

5.21432

5 decimal

places

But the significant  
digits are 6

Example:  
5.609 has 4 significant digits.  
700.0879 has 7 significant  
digits.

Example:  
456 has 3 significant digits  
68.29 has 4 significant digits

Example:  
0.067 has 2 significant digits  
0.000008 has 1 significant digit

Some rules to  
identify the  
significant  
numbers

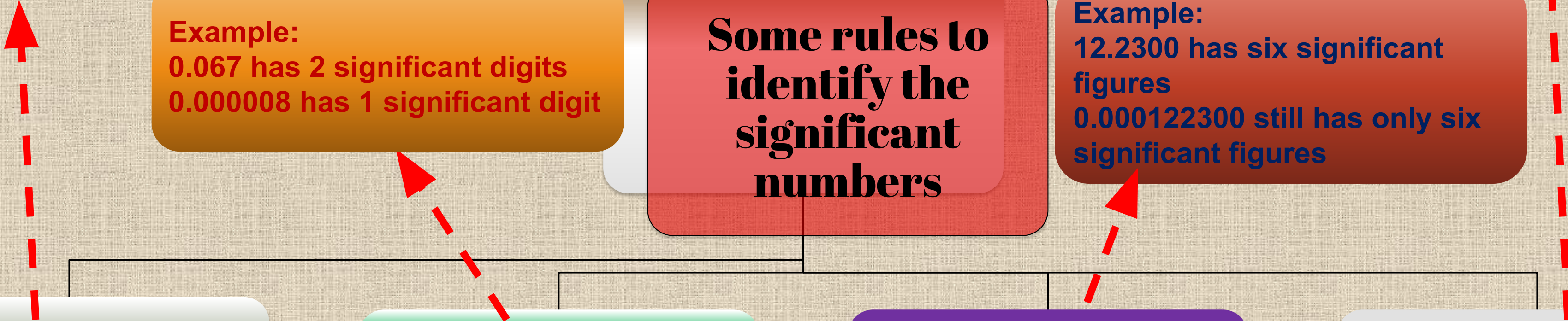
Example:  
12.2300 has six significant  
figures  
0.000122300 still has only six  
significant figures

Every non-zero  
digit is  
significant

Zeros before  
non-zero digits  
are never  
significant

Zeros behind  
non-zero digits  
are sometimes  
significant

Zeros between  
non-zero digits  
are always  
significant



Problem: Evaluate the sum  $S = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}$

to 4 significant digits and also find its absolute, relative and percentage errors.

Solution: For the 4 significant digits we may write

$$\sqrt{2} = 1.414, \longrightarrow \text{Rounded up to 3 decimal places, so for } N=3$$

$$\sqrt{3} = 1.732, \longrightarrow \text{Rounded up to 3 decimal places, so for } N=3$$

$$\sqrt{5} = 2.236, \longrightarrow \text{Rounded up to 3 decimal places, so for } N=3$$

So, sum  $S = 1.414 + 1.732 + 2.236 = 5.382$

Since the values of  $\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\sqrt{3}$  and  $\sqrt{5}$  all are rounded to three decimal places, so for all values  $N = 3$ .

Now the absolute error is,  $E_A = \frac{1}{2} (10^{-N}) + \frac{1}{2} (10^{-N}) + \frac{1}{2} (10^{-N})$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (10^{-3}) + \frac{1}{2} (10^{-3}) + \frac{1}{2} (10^{-3})$$

$$= 0.0005 + 0.0005 + 0.0005 = 0.0015$$

The absolute error shows that the sum is correct to two decimal places only, so we take exact value ,

$$\mathbf{X = 5.38}$$

The relative error is,  $\mathbf{E_R = \frac{E_A}{X} = \frac{0.0015}{5.38} = 0.00028}$

The percentage error is,  $\mathbf{E_P = 100E_R = 100 \times 0.00028}$   
 $\mathbf{= 0.028\%}$

