

Numerical Jacobian (forward difference)

input : function $\{f\} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, point $\{x\}$, step size h

output: approximation $[J]$ of the Jacobian at $\{x\}$, $J_{ij} \approx \partial f_i / \partial x_j$

$\{f\}_0 \leftarrow \{f(\{x\})\}$

for $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** n **do**

$\{e_j\} \leftarrow$ unit vector in the j direction *// jth column of $[I]$*

$[J][:, j] \leftarrow \frac{\{f(\{x\} + h \{e_j\})\} - \{f\}_0}{h}$ *// jth column of $[J]$*

end

return $[J]$