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In[17]:= (* Mathematica program to print finite difference approximation table *)
(* approximation of derivative of sin(x) using different step size *)
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h = {0.1, 0.05, 0.01, 0.005, 0.001};
exact = Cos[1];
derivativeRight [h_] := (Sin[1.0 + h] - Sin[1.0]) / h;
derivativeLeft [h_] := (Sin[1.0] - Sin[1.0 - h]) / h;
derivativeCenter [h_] := (Sin[1.0 + h] - Sin[1.0 - h]) / (2.0 * h);
derivative3rdOrder [h_] :=
(2.0 * Sin[1.0 + h] + 3.0 * Sin[1.0] - 6.0 * Sin[1.0 - h] + Sin[1.0 - 2.0 * h]) / (6.0 * h);

data = Table[{h[[i]],
  derivativeRight [h[[i]]] - exact,
  derivativeLeft [h[[i]]] - exact,
  derivativeCenter [h[[i]]] - exact,
  derivative3rdOrder [h[[i]]] - exact}, {i, 1, Length[h]}]
];

ScientificForm[TableForm[SetPrecision[data, MachinePrecision],
  TableHeadings -> {None, {"h", "D+", "D", "D0", "D3"
}}, TableAlignments -> Left
], {5, 4}, NumberFormat -> (Row[{#, "e", #3}] &), NumberPadding -> {"", "0"}]

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Out[24]/ScientificForm=

h	D+	D	D0	D3
1.0000e-1	-4.2939e-2	4.1138e-2	-9.0005e-4	6.8207e-5
5.0000e-2	-2.1257e-2	2.0807e-2	-2.2510e-4	8.6491e-6
1.0000e-2	-4.2163e-3	4.1983e-3	-9.0050e-6	6.9941e-8
5.0000e-3	-2.1059e-3	2.1014e-3	-2.2513e-6	8.7540e-9
1.0000e-3	-4.2083e-4	4.2065e-4	-9.0050e-8	7.0053e-11