

### Quiz #13

The Taylor series expansion for  $a^x$  is:

$$a^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(a)^n}{n!} x^n$$

Write a script that determines  $a^x$  using the Taylor series expansion. The user should enter values for  $a$  and  $x$ . Use a while loop to add the terms of the Taylor series. If  $c_n$  is the  $n$ th term in the series, then error can be calculated as  $E = \left| \frac{c_n}{S_{n-1}} \right|$ .  $S_{n-1}$  is the sum of all the previous  $n-1$  terms. You should stop adding terms when  $E < 0.000001$ . You should get the following when running the code:

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Enter the value a: 2
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Enter the value x: 3.5
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After 15 terms, the sum = 11.313708
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Recall that this Taylor series is an approximation to  $a^x$ . For this example then, 11.313708 is the approximate value of  $2^{3.5}$ .

