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4. (20 pts) Find the smallest N so that $\left| \sum_{i=0}^N \frac{3^i}{i!} - e^3 \right| < 10^{-5}$. Let your code print the answer N and $\left| \sum_{i=0}^N \frac{3^i}{i!} - e^3 \right|$ on screen, and also write them down on the answer sheet. Extra credits for more efficient method(s).

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