# NUMERICAL ANALYSIS I

## The Bisection Method

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#### Instructions:

- When you have finished the exercises, prepare the command line and show the associated programs to your professor who will record that you have finished the work.
- The exercises must be carried out under Matlab or Gnu Octave (https://octave.org/download).
- The work must be individual. You must bring your personal computer fully charged.
- It is your responsibility to install Matlab or Gnu Octave there. Octave is a free open-source alternative to MATLAB; It works under GNU/Linux, macOS and Microsoft Windows.
- Create an easily accessible folder that will store all your files from this course. I would suggest calling it "MATH319". In the folder created above, create a first sub-folder and call it "LectureCodes".
- Download the MATLAB/OCTAVE script bisection\_tp1.m from the Blackboard. Go to Course Contents, click on "Computer-Based Exercises" then download bisection\_tp1.m. Make sure the file name remains bisection\_tp1.m with no spaces or parentheses. If your machine added extra characters to the file name (e.g. bisection\_tp1(1).m) after saving the file, you must change the name without spaces or parentheses before opening or running the file in MATLAB/OCTAVE.

#### Exercise 1

- 1. Create a real-valued function of a real variable  $f(x) = x^2 5$ .
- 2. Find the value of f(0), f(3) and f(10).
- 3. What means 'x = [0, 3, 6, 10];'?
- 4. Write a vector 'vect' with 4 entries, whose components are the values of f(x[i]).
- 5. Plot the function f(x) within the range [0,10].
- 6. Use the command 'plot' to plot the function f(x) within the range [0,10] with red points.

#### Exercise 2

- 1. Let  $a_1 = 0$  and  $b_1 = 10$ . Use Theorem 2.1 to find a bound for the number of iterations needed to achieve an approximation with accuracy  $10^{-8}$  to the solution of  $x^2 5 = 0$  lying in the interval [0, 10].
- 2. Complete the following program corresponding to the bisection method.
- 3. Use the code to compute the zeros of  $f(x) = x^2 5$  in the interval [0, 10].
- 4. Provide the approximated solution and the number of iterations needed to obtain a tolerance of  $10^{-8}$ .
- 5. For each iteration k > 1, compute the error ratio:  $e^k/e^{k-1}$ . What do you notice?
- 6. Test the convergence when using different stopping criteria.

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function [zero,res,niter]=bisection_tp1(fun,a,b,tol,nmax)
% =====
% STUDENT:
% ID:
% MY COMMAND LINE TO RUN THE CODE:
%
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% ======
% ZERO=BISECTION TP1(FUN,A,B,TOL,NMAX) tries to find Finds function zeros
% of the continuous function FUN in the interval
\% [A,B] using the bisection method. If
% the search fails an error message is displayed.
\% FUN is a function handle associated with an anonymous
% function or a Matlab function.
% ZERO=BISECTION(FUN,A,B,TOL,NMAX,P1,P2,...) passes
% parameters P1,P2,... to the function FUN(X,P1,P2,...)
% [ZERO,RES,NITER]=BISECTION(FUN,...) returns the value
\% of the residual in ZERO and the iteration number at
% which ZERO was computed.
% ****** Main ****
x = [a, (a+b)*0.5, b]; %vector
fx = fun(x);
                    % vector fx
if ... ' statement ' ...
 error([' The sign of the function at ... \n']);
 elseif fx(1) == 0
   . . .
                return
 elseif fx(3) == 0
                return
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end
niter = 0;
I = (b - a) * 0.5;
while 'condition' & niter < nmax</pre>
  . . .
  if fx(1)*fx(2) < 0
      . . .
      . . .
      . . .
      . . .
  elseif fx(2)*fx(3) < 0
      . . .
      . . .
      . . .
      . . .
  else
      . . .
      . . .
end
end
if (niter==nmax & 'condition' )
fprintf(['....']);
end
zero = ...
. . .
. . .
return
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