

## ch 2 Solutions of Nonlinear equations $f(x) = 0$

### 2.2 Bracketing methods for locating a root: (solve $f(x) = 0$ )

□ Bisection method: To solve  $f(x) = 0$  for continuous function on  $[a, b]$ , where  $f(a) \cdot f(b) < 0$

we take  $c_0 = \frac{a+b}{2}$

1) If  $f(c_0) = 0$ , we find the root.

2) If  $f(c_0) \cdot f(a) < 0$ , then we assume  $r \in [a, c_0]$

& we call  $[a, c_0] = [a_1, b_1]$

3) If  $f(c_0) \cdot f(b) < 0$ , then we assume  $r \in [c_0, b]$

& we call  $[c_0, b] = [a_1, b_1]$

then according to the case, we take  $c_1 = \frac{a_1 + b_1}{2}$ .

Again the three possibilities, then

$c_2 = \frac{a_2 + b_2}{2}$ , ...,  $c_n = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$ .

Note: 1) Bisection method is used if  $f(x)$  satisfies Bolzano's theorem.

2) If this method satisfies Bolzano's theorem

It is always converge.

Example: Find the root of  $e^x - \cos x - 1 = 0$  in  $[0, 1]$

$f(0) = -1, f(1) > 0$

	$a_n$	$c_n$	$b_n$	$f(c_n)$
$n=0$	$0^-$	$0.5^-$	$1^+$	$-0.22886$
$n=1$	$0.5^-$	$0.75^-$	$1^+$	$+0.38531$
$n=2$	$0.5^-$	$0.625^-$	$0.75^+$	$+0.057283$
$n=3$	$0.5^-$	$0.5625^-$	$0.625^+$	$-0.090870$
$n=4$	$0.5625^-$	$0.59375^-$	$0.625^+$	

Advantage: Always converges to the root

Disadvantage: Very slow.

Note: # of iterations with accuracy  $< 10^{-n} = \epsilon \Rightarrow \frac{b-a}{2^{n+1}} < \epsilon$  to solve for n

Thm: Assume that  $f \in C[a, b]$  and that  $\exists r \in [a, b]$

(s.t)  $f(r) = 0$ . If  $f(a) \cdot f(b) < 0$  and

$\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  represents the sequence of mid points

generated by Bisection method, then:

1)  $|r - c_n| \leq \frac{b-a}{2^{n+1}}, n = 0, 1, \dots$

2)  $\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to the zero  $x=r$

(i.e)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = r$

Example: above with accuracy  $< 10^{-2}$

$\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} < 10^{-2} \Rightarrow 9.9 < n+1 \Rightarrow \# \text{ of Iterat} = n+1 = 10$

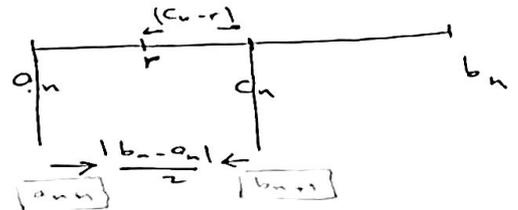
Since we started from  $c_0 = 0.5$  (17)

proof: Note first that  $r$  &  $c_n \in [a_n, b_n]$

where  $c_n = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$

this implies that

$$|r - c_n| \leq \frac{b_n - a_n}{2}, \forall n$$

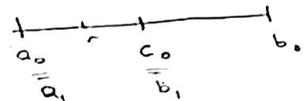


observe the successive interval widths :

$$b_{n+1} - a_{n+1} = \frac{b_n - a_n}{2}$$

Note:

$$b_1 - a_1 = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2}$$



$$b_2 - a_2 = \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2} = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^2}$$

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$$b_n - a_n = \frac{b_{n-1} - a_{n-1}}{2} = \dots = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^n}$$

$$\Rightarrow |r - c_n| \leq \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^{n+1}} \quad \forall n$$

Now, we want to show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = r$ .

$$0 \leq |r - c_n| \leq \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{b - a}{2^{n+1}}$$

the as  $n$  increases  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b - a}{2^{n+1}} = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |r - c_n| = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = r$$

Note: If we want # of Iteration with accuracy  $10^{-\epsilon} = \epsilon$

we assume  $\frac{b-a}{2^{n+1}} < \epsilon$

we solve for  $n$

$$n+1 \geq \frac{\ln(b-a) - \ln \epsilon}{\ln 2}$$

# of Iteration =  $n+1$

( $c_0 \rightarrow c_n$ )

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## False position method:

This method was developed because the bisection method is very slow. [Faster than Bisection]

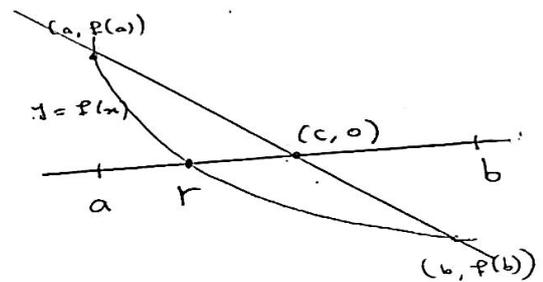
Assume  $f(a) \cdot f(b) < 0$ .

In bisection method we choose  $c$  to be midpoint where in false position method we will choose find the point  $(c, 0)$ , where  $c$  is a point on the secant line  $L$  joining  $(a, f(a))$ ,  $(b, f(b))$ .

To determine  $c$ , we compute the slope:

$$m = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\& \quad m = \frac{0 - f(b)}{c - b} \quad \dots (2)$$



$$(1) = (2) \Rightarrow c = b - \frac{f(b)(b-a)}{f(b) - f(a)}$$

Now, we continue, the three possibilities

- 1) If  $f(a) \cdot f(c) < 0$ , then the zero lies in  $[a, c]$
- 2) If  $f(c) \cdot f(b) < 0$ , then the zero lies in  $[c, b]$
- 3) If  $f(c) = 0$ , then  $c$  is a zero.

$$\text{In General:} \quad C_n = b_n - \frac{f(b_n)(b_n - a_n)}{f(b_n) - f(a_n)}$$

- Notes:
- 1) False position is faster than Bisection method
  - 2) We can't know the error before solving.
  - 3) Always there exist one end point fixed and another one is changeable.

Example:  $e^x - \cos x - 1 = 0$  ,  $[0, 1]$

	$a_n$	$c_n$	$b_n$	$f(c_n)$
$c_0$	$0^-$	0.459	$1^+$	-0.31372
$c_1$	$0.459^-$	0.5726	$1^+$	--

$$c_0 = 1 - \frac{f(1)(1-0)}{f(1)-f(0)} = 0.459$$

$$c_1 = 1 - \frac{f(1)(1-0.459)}{f(1)-f(0.459)} = 0.5726.$$

to reach 0.5 I bisection we needed 4 iterations

Example: Find an approximation to  $\sqrt[3]{25}$  correct to within  $10^{-2}$  using the bisection method? false position method?

$$x = \sqrt[3]{25} \Rightarrow x^3 - 25 = 0 \quad \text{on } [2, 3]$$

$$c_0 = 2.5$$

Example: Solve  $x \sin x = 1$  in  $[0, 2]$ .

$$f(x) = x \sin x - 1$$

$$f(0) = -1, \quad f(2) = 0.81859485$$

$$c_0 = b_0 - \frac{f(b_0)(b_0 - a_0)}{f(b_0) - f(a_0)} = 2 - \frac{0.81859485(2 - 0)}{0.81859485 - (-1)}$$

$$= 1.09975017.$$

Now  $f(c_0) = -0.02001912$ .

We choose  $[a_1, b_1] = [1.09975017, 2]$

$$c_1 = b_1 - \frac{f(b_1)(b_1 - a_1)}{f(b_1) - f(a_1)} = 1.12124074$$

$$f(c_1) = 0.00983461$$

then  $[a_2, b_2] = [1.09975017, 1.12124074]$

$a_n$	$c_n$	$b_n$	$f(c_n)$
0 <sup>-</sup>	1.09975017	2 <sup>+</sup>	-0.02001912
1.09975017 <sup>-</sup>	1.12124074	2 <sup>+</sup>	0.00983461 <sup>+</sup>
1.09975017 <sup>-</sup>	1.11416120	1.12124074 <sup>+</sup>	0.00000563 <sup>+</sup>
1.09975017 <sup>-</sup>	1.11415714	1.11416120	0.00000000 <sup>+</sup>

we fixed 5 digits.