

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

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

I 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

$$c_2 = \frac{a_2 + b_2}{2}, \dots,$$

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

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

2) If this method satisfies Bolzano's thm

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 $r = r$

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

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

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

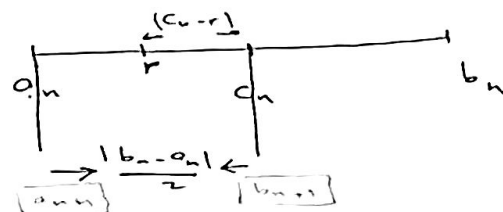
Since we started from $c_0 = 0.5$ (17)

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

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

this implies that

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

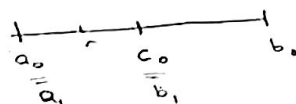


observe the successive interval widths :

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

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 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = r$.

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

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

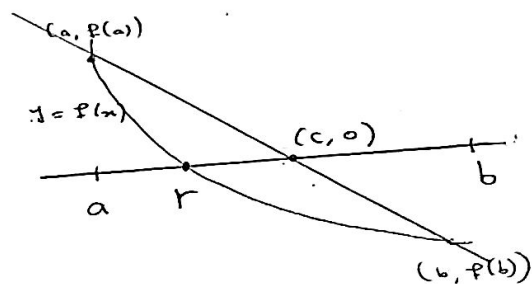
In bisection method we choose c to be midpoint where in false position method we will choose find the point $(c, 0)$, where c is a point on the secant line L joining $(a, f(a))$, $(b, f(b))$.

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.

In General:

$$c_n = b_n - \frac{f(b_n)(b_n - a_n)}{f(b_n) - f(a_n)}$$

- 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?

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

$$c_0 = 2.5$$

With accuracy 10^{-2}

$$\text{Let } x = 25^{(1/3)}$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 25 = 0 \rightarrow [2, 3]$$

$$f(2) = -17, f(3) = 2$$

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^-	1.09975017	2^+	-0.02001912
1.09975017	1.12124074	2^+	$^+0.00983461$
1.09975017	1.11416120	1.12124074	$^+0.00000563$
1.09975017	1.11415714	1.11416120	0.00000000

we fixed 5 digits.