

Practical Programming Exam

Exercise 20 and question 11.3

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1 Question 3 from lecture 11

Suppose you run the command `make main` and it fails with diagnostics

```
cc      main.c      -o main
main.c:1:19: fatal error: gsl_sf.h: No such file or directory
compilation terminated.
```

Explain the error and how to correct it.

The error occurs because the header in `main.c` is wrong. The headerfile is `#include<gsl_sf.h>` when it should be `#include<gsl/gsl_sf.h>`. The reason for having `gsl/...` is because the `gsl` library files are installed in their own directory called `gsl`.

2 Exercise 20 - Numeric Arctan

This exercise requires to calculate \arctan as $\arctan(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx$. My \arctan is calculated as seen in the file `numArctan.c`. Here the integrand is defined in the function `arctanInteg` and is used in the `gsl_function` to be used in the `gsl_integration_qag` routine. To simplify the calculation I have reduced the argument in the following ways:

1. if $x = 0$ return $\arctan(x) = 0$
2. if $x < 0$ return $-\arctan(-x)$
3. if $x > 1$ return $\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan(\frac{1}{x})$

My solution together with `math.h`'s `atan` function is plotted as seen in Figure 1.

3 Exercise 32 - Minimization

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x) \tag{1}$$

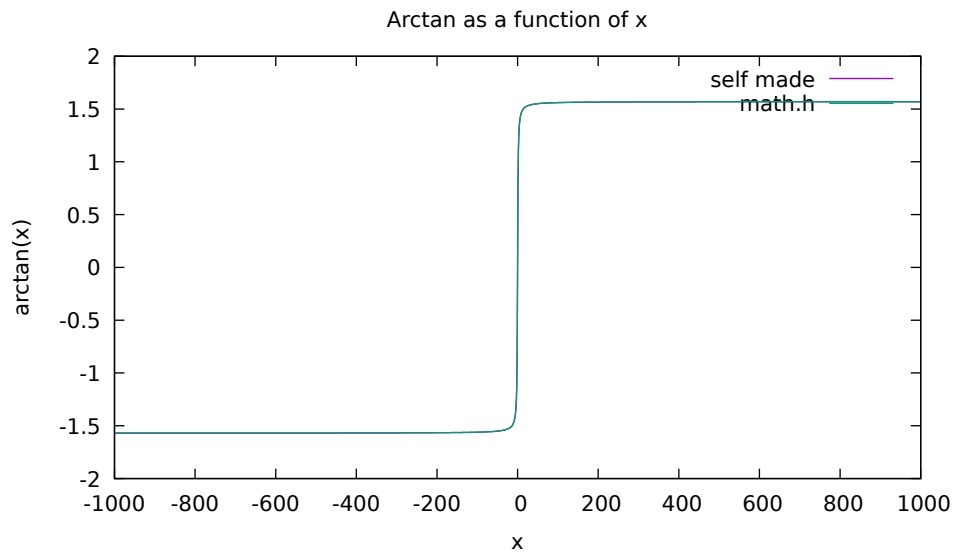


Figure 1: Self made arctan function plotted with math.h atan function. It can be seen that the two lines lie on top of each other.

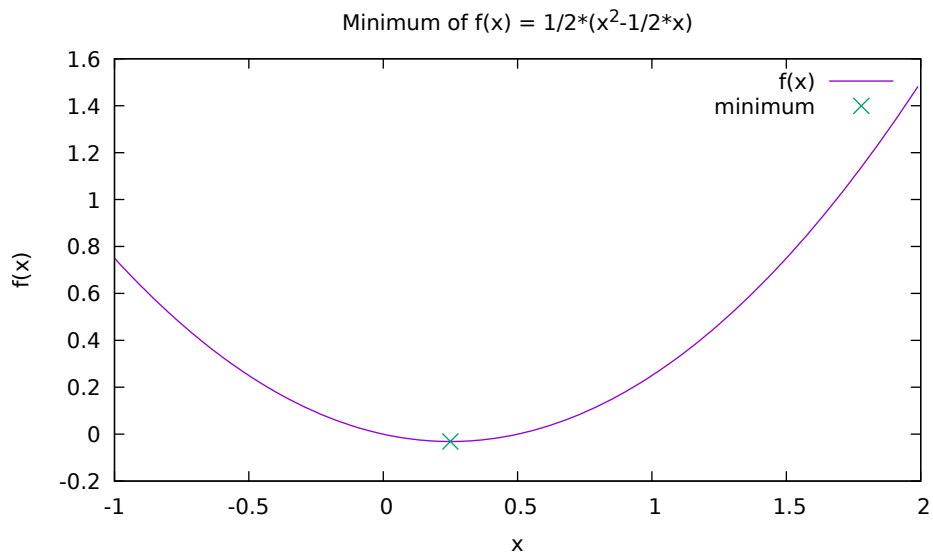


Figure 2: Plot of function (1) with a minima seen at $x = 0.25$.