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# **Numerical Simulation & Modeling**

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# Tentative Syllabus

- ✓ Interpolation and extrapolation
  - ✓ Linear: linear regression  $y = ax + b$ ; correlation, standard deviation, etc.
  - ✓ Non-linear: k nearest neighbors (KNN)
  - ✓ Validation of two models: k-fold cross validation method.
- ✓ Multiple Linear Regression
- ✓ Solving a linear equation
  - ✓ Direct methods: Gauss and LU
  - ✓ Iterative methods: Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel
- ✓ Derivation
  - ✓ Finite difference method (FDM): Euler and Runge-kutta
- Integration: surface estimation
  - ◉ Monte Carlo method.
  - ◉ Finite Element Method (FEM).
- Non-linear problems
  - ◉ Bisection method
- Introduction to the notion of parallel computing and underlying algorithms



# Outline

- Introduction
- Intermediate Value Theorem
- Bisection Method
- Error Analysis



# Introduction

- Linear equations are of the form: *find  $x$  such that  $ax+b=0$*  and are easy to solve.
- Some non-linear problems are also easy to solve, e.g., *find  $x$  such that  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .*
- Cubic and quartic equations also have solutions for which we can obtain a formula.
- But **most equations do not have simple formulae for their solutions**, so **numerical methods are needed**.



# Introduction (cont'd)

- Our generic problem is:

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*Let  $f$  be a continuous function on the interval  $[a, b]$ .*

*Find  $\tau \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(\tau) = 0$ .*

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$f$  is some specified function, and  $\tau$  is the solution to  $f(x)=0$ .

- This leads to two natural questions:
  - 1. How do we know there is a solution?**
  - 2. How do we find it?**



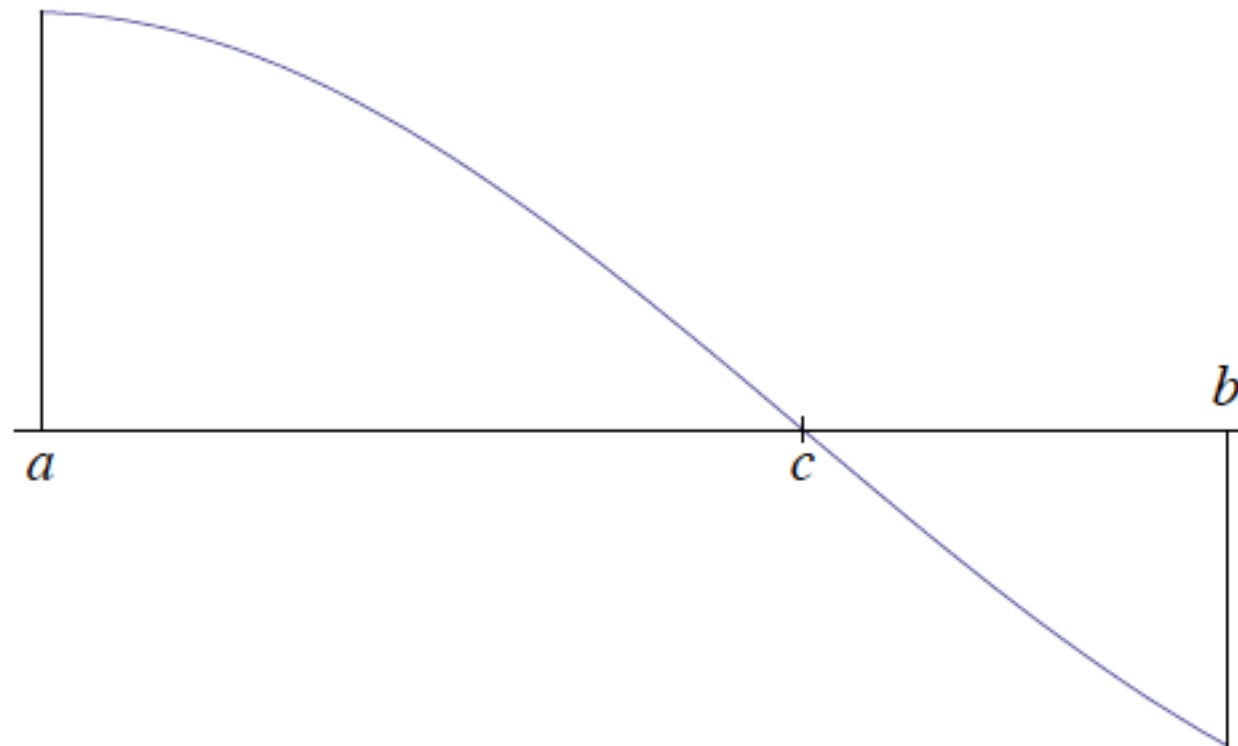
# Intermediate Value Theorem

- Sufficient conditions for the existence of a solution:

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*Let  $f$  be a real-valued function that is **defined and continuous** on a bounded closed interval  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $f(a) \cdot f(b) \leq 0$ ,  
Then there exists  $\tau \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(\tau) = 0$ .*

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# Bisection Method

- The most elementary algorithm
- Also known as “Interval Bisection”
- Suppose that we know that  $f$  changes sign on the interval  $[a, b] = [x_0, x_1]$  and, thus,  $f(x) = 0$  has a solution,  $\tau$ , in  $[a, b]$ .
- Proceed as follows
  - ◉ Set  $x_2$  to be the **midpoint of the interval**  $[x_0, x_1]$ .
  - ◉ Choose one of the sub-intervals  $[x_0, x_2]$  and  $[x_2, x_1]$  **where  $f$  changes sign**
  - ◉ **Repeat Steps 1–2** on that sub-interval, **until  $f$  sufficiently small** at the end points of the interval.



# Bisection Method - Algorithm

*Set  $\epsilon$  to be the stopping criterion.*

*If  $|f(a)| \leq \epsilon$ , return  $a$ . Exit.*

*If  $|f(b)| \leq \epsilon$ , return  $b$ . Exit.*

*Set  $x_0 = a$  and  $x_1 = b$ .*

*Set  $x_L = x_0$  and  $x_R = x_1$ . Set  $k = 1$*

*while(  $|f(x_k)| > \epsilon$  )*

*$x_{k+1} = (x_L + x_R)/2$ ;*

*if  $(f(x_L)f(x_{k+1}) < 0)$*

*$x_R = x_{k+1}$ ;*

*else*

*$x_L = x_{k+1}$*

*end if;*

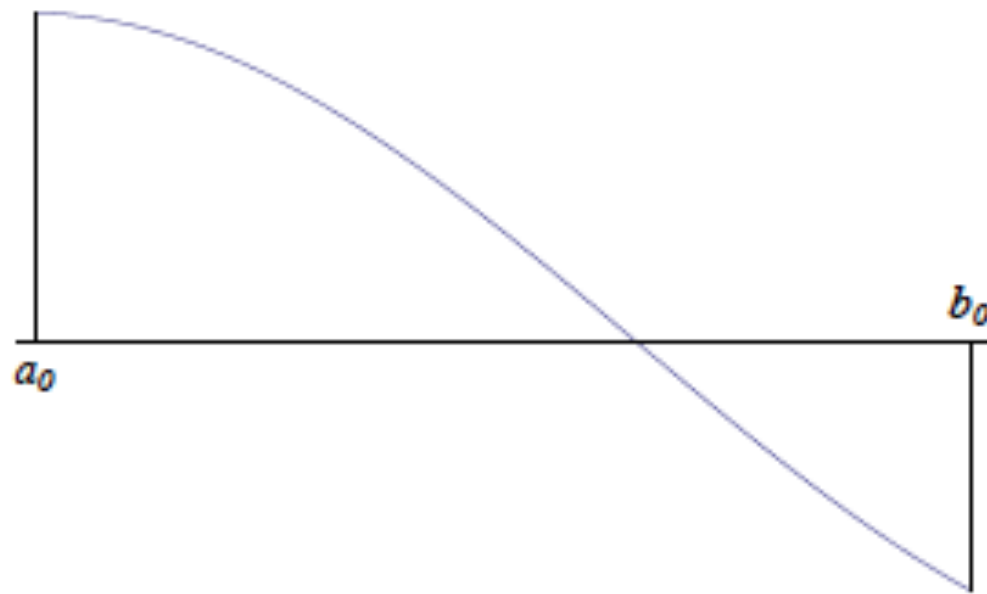
*$k = k + 1$*

*end while;*

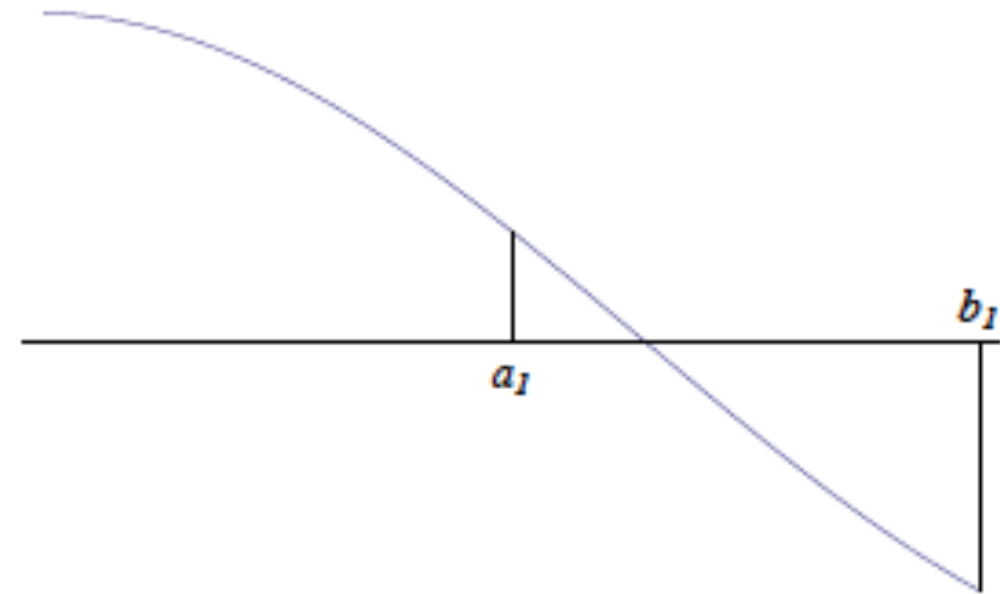




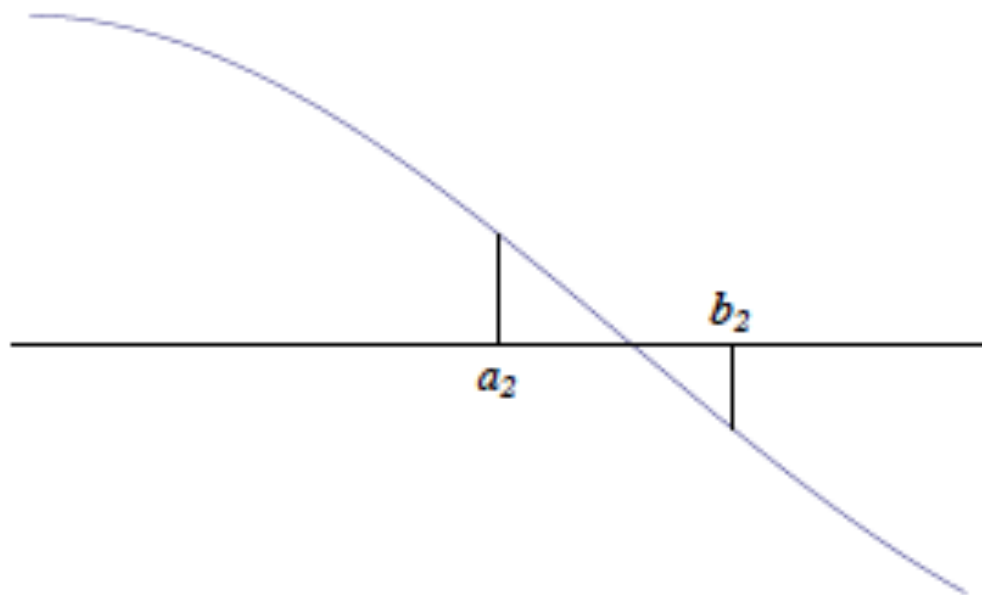
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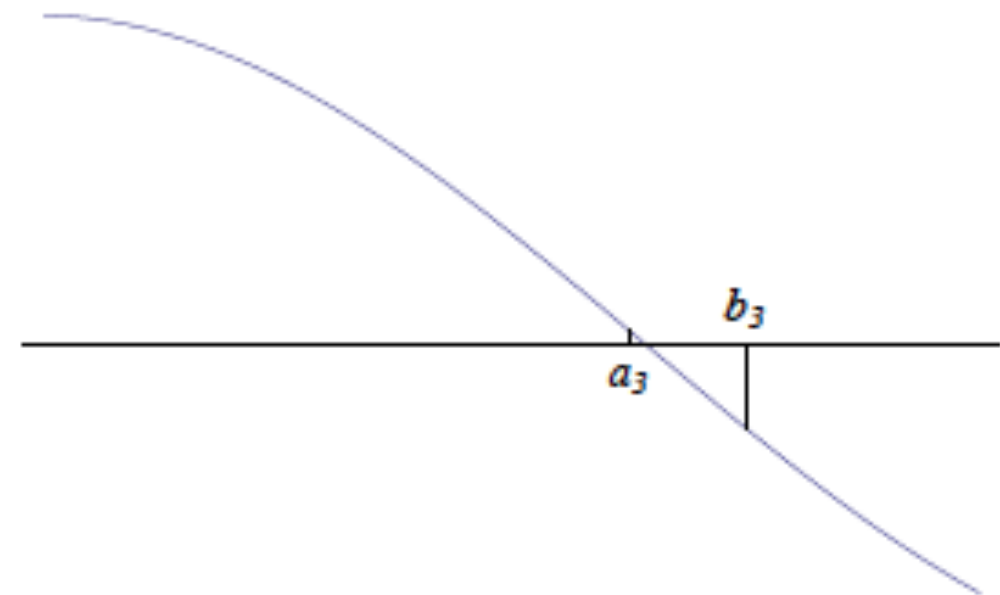
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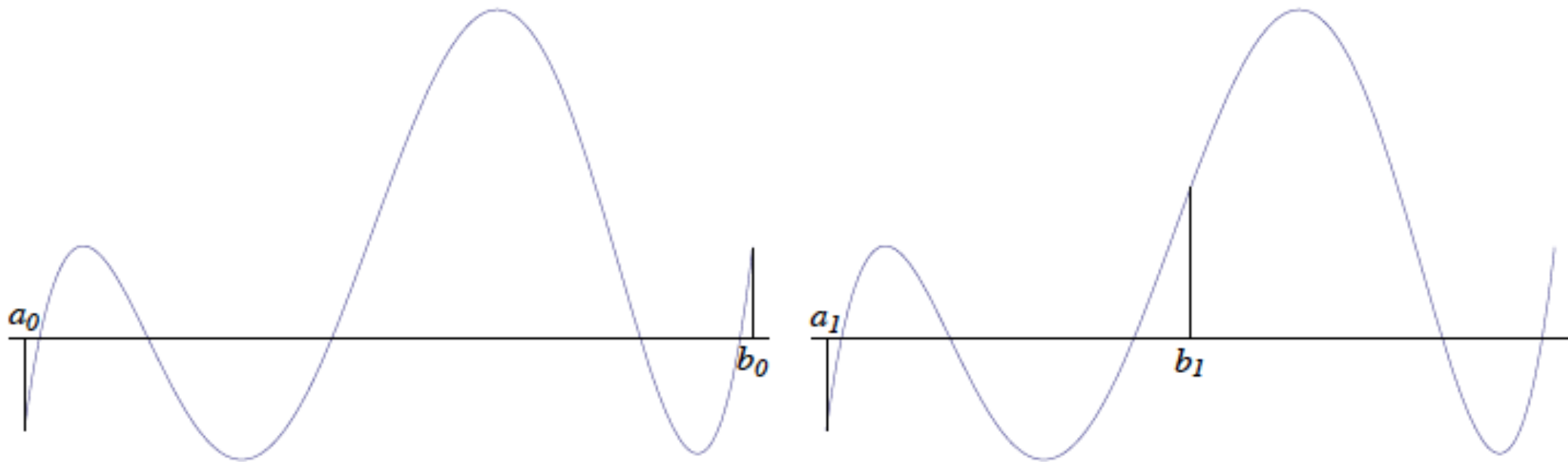
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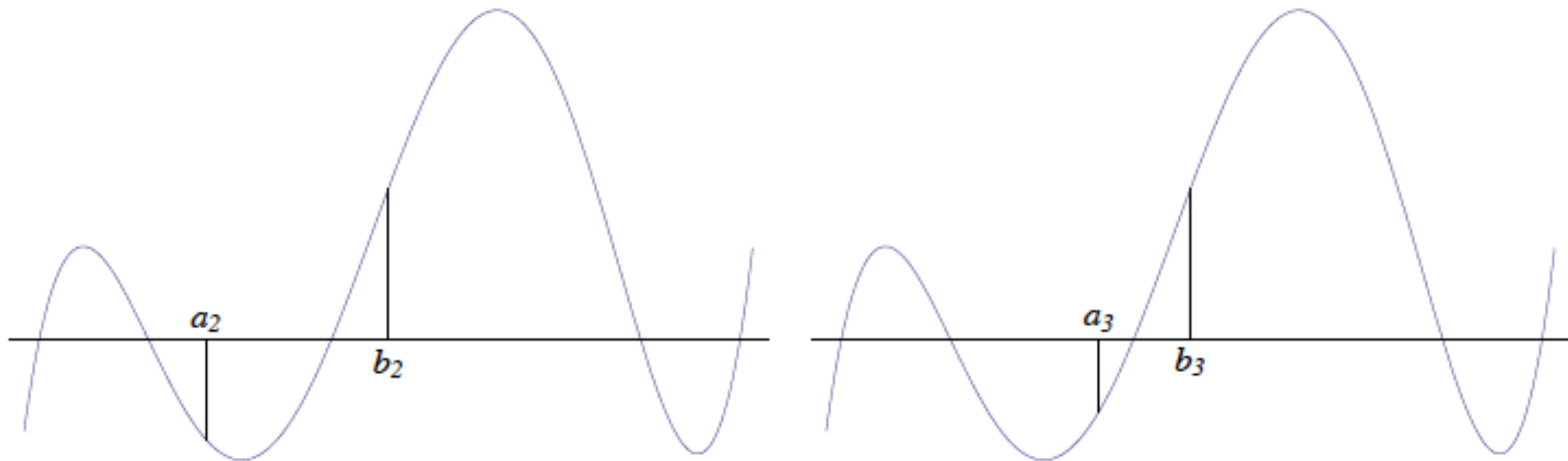


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# Error Analysis

- Suppose  $f$  is a function with a zero  $c$  in the interval  $[a, b]$ . If the midpoint  $x_2 = (a + b)/2$  of  $[a, b]$  is used as an approximation to  $c$ , the error is bounded by

$$|c - x_2| \leq \frac{a - b}{2}$$

- Repeating the algorithm for  $N$  iterations will result in the following error

$$|c - x_{N+2}| \leq \frac{a - b}{2^{N+1}}$$

- Number of steps necessary to achieve a certain error  $\epsilon$

$$|c - x_{N+2}| \leq \frac{a - b}{2^{N+1}} \leq \epsilon$$

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



# ***Lab 6***