• The programme Euclid.m implements Euclid's algorithm for the Bernstein basis polynomials f = f(y) and g = g(y).

The algorithm is described in the paper:

Algorithm 812:BPOLY: An object-oriented library of numerical algorithms for polynomials in Bernstein form, Y. Tsai and R. Farouki, ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, volume 27, number 2, June 2001, pp. 267-296.

To run the programme Euclid.m, type

where

n is an integer that defines the polynomials f(y) and g(y) in the programme ex.m ec is the ratio

measured in the componentwise sense.

tolerance is the stopping criterion for the termination of Euclid's algorithm

Examples: Four examples of executing the programme Euclid.m are

Note: The database ex.m is exactly the same as the database ex.m for the Sylvester and Bézout matrices. The method requires that a linear algebraic equation of the form Ax = b, where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is non-singular, is solved at each stage of Euclid's algorithm. This equation is solved by applying the QR decomposition to the augmented matrix  $[A \ b]$ ,

$$[A \ b] = QR, \qquad Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}, \quad R^{m \times (m+1)}.$$

Since Ax = b can be written as

$$[A \ b] \left[ \begin{array}{c} x \\ -1 \end{array} \right] = 0,$$

it follows that

$$QR \left[ egin{array}{c} x \\ -1 \end{array} 
ight] = Q \left[ R_1 \ r \right] \left[ egin{array}{c} x \\ -1 \end{array} 
ight] = 0,$$

where  $R_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is upper triangular and r is the (m+1)th column of R. Since Q is non-singular, the equation Ax = b is transformed to the equation  $R_1x = r$ .