

Solutions.

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1. Consider the following equation:

$$x - \cos(x) = 0. \quad (1)$$

- a) [2 marks] Show this equation has a unique solution in the interval $[0, 1]$.
 b) [2 marks] Show that the solution of this equation is a fixed point of the function $g(x) = 1 - \frac{\sin^2 x}{x+1}$.
 c) [5 marks] Use the *first 8 iterations* of the fixed-point algorithm with the function $g(x)$ given in **b)** to estimate the root of equation (1) starting from $x_0 = 1$. Create a table with three columns as below:

k	x_k	$ E_k $
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Round your answers to 5-decimal digits.

a) $f(x) = x - \cos x$

$$f(0) = 0 - \cos(0) = -1$$

$$f(1) = 1 - \cos(1) = 0.45970$$

$f(x)$ is a continuous function and $f(0)f(1) < 0$. So, by IVT, it has at least one solution on $[0, 1]$.

To show that the solution is unique, we consider the derivative of $f(x)$.

$$f'(x) = 1 + \sin x \geq 0, \text{ for all } x.$$

So, $f(x)$ is an increasing function on $[0, 1]$. This shows that the root is unique.

b) We need to show that $x = g(x)$ will lead to $f(x) = 0$.

$$x = g(x) \Rightarrow x = 1 - \frac{\sin^2 x}{x+1} \Rightarrow x = \frac{x+1 - \sin^2 x}{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x+1) = x+1 - \sin^2 x \Rightarrow x^2 + x = 1 - \sin^2 x + x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \cos^2 x \Rightarrow x^2 - \cos^2 x = 0 \Rightarrow (x - \cos x)(x + \cos x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x - \cos x = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{f(x) = 0} \checkmark \\ x + \cos x = 0 \end{cases}$$

K	x_k	$ \varepsilon_a $
0	1	—
1	0.35404 0.64596	0.35404
2	0.77985	0.20726
3	0.72220	0.07392
4	0.74627	0.03334
5	0.73606	0.01369
6	0.74037	0.00585
7	0.73854	0.00246
8	0.73931	0.00104

2. [5 marks] The fourth-degree polynomial

$$f(x) = 230x^4 + 18x^3 + 9x^2 - 221x - 9$$

has a zero in $[-1, 0]$. Use the modified secant method with $\delta = 10^{-2}$ and the midpoint of the interval as the initial approximation to estimate the root. Stop the iterative scheme if either $|\epsilon_a| < 10^{-4}$ or the number of iterations exceeds 6.

Provide a table as below:

k	x_k	$ \epsilon_a $
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Round your answers to 5-decimal digits.

k	x_k	$ \epsilon_a $
0	-0.5	—
1	-0.15218	0.69564
2	-0.04190	0.72470
3	-0.04066	0.02951
4	-0.04066	0.00000208

STOP
 $|\epsilon_a| < 10^{-4}$

3. a) [4 marks] Apply 5 iterations of the bisection method on the interval $[2.5, 3.5]$ to find an approximation to $\sqrt[3]{25}$.

b) [2 marks] Find a bound for the number of iterations needed by the bisection method to achieve an approximation to $\sqrt[3]{25}$ in the above interval with accuracy 10^{-3} .

Round your answers to 4-decimal digits.

a) $f(x) = x^3 - 25$
 $[a_0, b_0] = [a, b] = [2.5, 3.5]$
 $f(a_0) = -9.375$
 $f(b_0) = 17.875$

k	a_k	b_k	x_k	Sign $f(x_k)$
0	2.5	3.5	3.0000	+
1	2.5	3.0	2.75	-
2	2.75	3.0	2.875	-
3	2.875	3.0	2.9375	+
4	2.875	2.9375	2.9063	-
5	2.9063	2.9375	2.9219	-

b) Upper bound for the error = $\frac{b-a}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^n}$

We want to have $\frac{1}{2^n} \leq 10^{-3}$

$\rightarrow 2^n \geq \frac{1}{10^{-3}} = 1000 \rightarrow n \geq \log_2 1000 \approx 9.97$

So, $n \geq 10$