

## - Approximate resolution of nonlinear equations of type $f(x) = 0$ - Part I - Tutorial

### Exercise 1: Roots separation

Separate the roots of the following equations using a graphical method (use a calculator or *plot* in Octave), algebraic method (factorize the polynomials), or analytical method (study the variations of the function). Provide the multiplicity of the roots if possible.

(1)  $(u^3 - 6u^2 + 9u)(e^u \sin(u) - 1) = 0$  in  $] -\pi, \pi[$

(2)  $\tan z = z$  in  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$

### Exercise 2: Bisection Method

(1) Calculate  $\sqrt{2}$  with a calculator equipped only with the four basic operations.

(2) The equation  $\frac{2}{\rho q \mu_0} \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right)^{2.42} - N - \sqrt{N^2 + 4n_i^2} = 0$  can be used to determine the doping density  $N$  of doped silicon.

We have:  $T_0 = 300, T = 1000K, \mu_0 = 1350cm^2V^{-1}s^{-1}, q = 1.7 \times 10^{-9}C, n_i = 6.21 \times 10^9cm^{-3}$ , and  $\rho = 6.5 \times 10^6Vs\ cm\ C^{-1}$

- Perform 3 iterations using the bisection method to obtain the doping density  $N$ .
- How many iterations are needed to obtain an approximation accurate to 1%?

### Exercise 3: Method of Successive Iterations (fixed point)

(1) The equation  $f(x) = x^{2/4} - \sin(x) = 0$  has a unique positive root  $x^*$ .

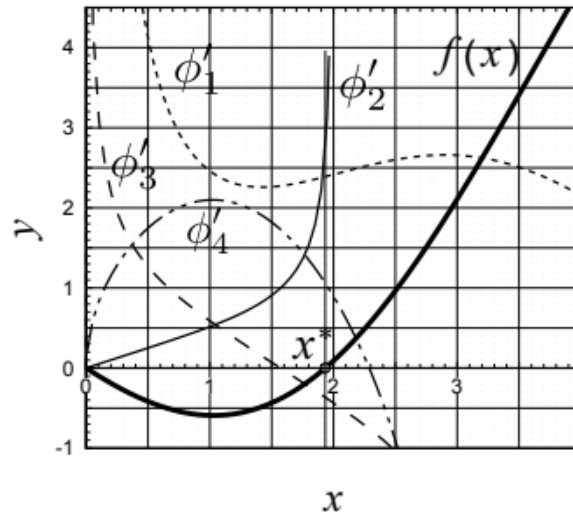
- Verify that  $f(x) = 0$  is equivalent to  $x = \phi(x)$ , then use the figure below to determine which of the four functions  $\phi_i$  can be used to determine  $x^*$  by the method of successive iterations  $x_{n+1} = \phi(x_n)$ .
- Determine  $x^*$  with 4 correct significant digits by taking  $x_0 = 1.5$ .

$$\phi_1(x) = x + \frac{x^2}{4} - \sin x$$

$$\phi_2(x) = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x^2}{4} \right)$$

$$\phi_3(x) = 2\sqrt{\sin x}$$

$$\phi_4(x) = 2\sqrt{\frac{3x^2}{4} \sin x}$$



### Exercise 4: Method of Newton-Raphson

Suppose it costs  $C(p)$  dollars to produce  $p$  grams per day of a certain chemical such that:

$$C(p) = 2p^{\frac{1}{3}} + 3p + 200$$

The firm can sell any amount of the chemical at 4\$ a gram. Find the break-even point of the firm, that is, how much it should produce per day in order to have neither profit nor a loss (use with an initial guess as  $p_0 = 250$  and stop when error reaches 0.1%).

### Exercise 5: Secant Method

The oscillating current in an electrical circuit is given by the formula  $i = 9e^{-t}\cos(2\pi t)$  where time  $t$  is expressed in seconds. Determine all the values of  $t$  for which  $i = 3$  using the secant method.

## Part II - LAB

(1) Write **Octave** programs to apply the previous methods seen in the tutorial. We will use a termination test of the form  $|x_{n+1} - x_n| < \epsilon$  and ensure to include an iteration counter that will interrupt the process as soon as  $N_{max}$  iterations are performed without reaching the precision  $\epsilon$ . For example,  $N_{max}$  can be set to 100.

(2) Solve the problem of *Exercise 4* using the four methods, compare the results, and conclude.