# Introduction to Programming (in C++)

## Numerical algorithms

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 Given two polynomials on one variable and real coefficients, compute their product

(we will decide later how we represent polynomials)

• Example: given  $x^2 + 3x - 1$  and 2x - 5, obtain

$$2x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x^2 - 15x - 2x + 5 = 2x^3 + x^2 - 17x + 5$$

#### Key point:

```
Given p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + ... + a_1 x + a_0
and q(x) = b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + ... + b_1 x + b_0,
```

what is the coefficient  $c_i$  of  $x^i$  in (p\*q)(x)?

- We obtain  $x^{i+j}$  whenever we multiply  $a_i x^i \cdot b_i x^j$
- Idea: for every i and j, add a<sub>i</sub>·b<sub>j</sub> to the (i+j)-th coefficient of the product polynomial.

 Suppose we represent a polynomial of degree n by a vector of size n+1.

That is, 
$$v[0..n]$$
 represents the polynomial  $v[n] x^n + v[n-1] x^{n-1} + ... + v[1] x + v[0]$ 

 We want to make sure that v[v.size() - 1] ≠ 0 so that degree(v) = v.size() - 1

The only exception is the constant-0 polynomial.
 We'll represent it by a vector of size 0.

```
Polynomial product(const Polynomial& p, const Polynomial& q) {
    // Special case for a polynomial of size 0
    if (p.size() == 0 or q.size() == 0) return Polynomial(0);
    else {
        int deg = p.size() - 1 + q.size() - 1; // degree of p*q
        Polynomial r(deg + 1, 0);
        for (int i = 0; i < p.size(); ++i) {</pre>
            for (int j = 0; j < q.size(); ++j) {</pre>
                r[i + j] = r[i + j] + p[i]*q[j];
        return r;
// Invariant (of the outer loop): r = product p[0..i-1]*q
// (we have used the coefficients p[0] ... p[i-1])
```

# Sum of polynomials

Note that over the real numbers,

$$degree(p*q) = degree(p) + degree(q)$$
  
(except if p = 0 or q = 0).

So we know the size of the result vector from the start.

This is not true for the polynomial sum, e.g.

$$degree((x + 5) + (-x - 1)) = 0$$

# Sum of polynomials

```
// Pre: none
// Post: returns p+q
Polynomial sum(const Polynomial& p, const Polynomial& q);
    int maxdeg = max(p.size(), q.size()) - 1;
    int deg = -1;
    Polynomial r(maxdeg + 1, 0);
    // Inv r[0..i-1] = (p+q)[0..i-1] and
    // deg = largest j s.t. r[j] != 0 (or -1 if none exists)
    for (int i = 0; i <= maxdeg; ++i) {</pre>
        if (i >= p.size()) r[i] = q[i];
        else if (i >= q.size()) r[i] = p[i];
        else r[i] = p[i] + q[i];
        if (r[i] != 0) deg = i;
    Polynomial rr(deg + 1);
    for (int i = 0; i <= deg; ++i) rr[i] = r[i];</pre>
    return rr;
```

- In some cases, problems must deal with sparse vectors or matrices (most of the elements are zero).
- Sparse vectors and matrices can be represented more efficiently by only storing the non-zero elements. For example, a vector can be represented as a vector of pairs (index, value), sorted in ascending order of the indices.

#### Example:

$$[(2,1),(4,-3),(8,2),(11,4)]$$

 Design a function that calculates the sum of two sparse vectors, where each non-zero value is represented by a pair (index, value):

```
struct Pair {
    int index;
    int value;
}

typedef vector<Pair> SparseVector;
```

#### Strategy:

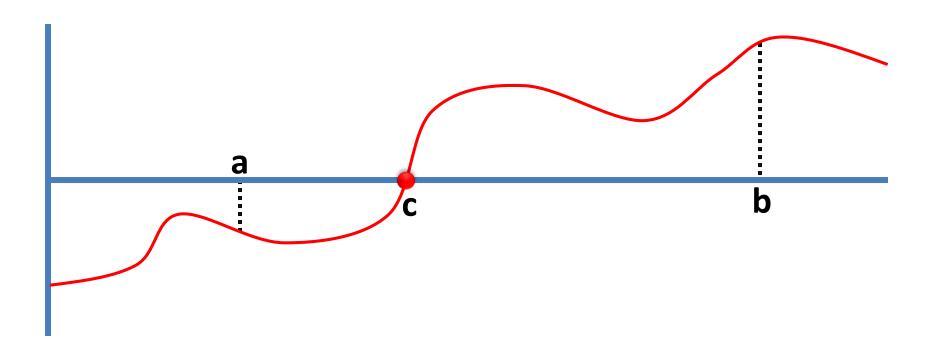
- Calculate the sum on a sufficiently large vector.
- Copy the result on another vector of appropriate size.

```
SparseVector sparse sum(const SparseVector& v1, const SparseVector& v2) {
    int n1 = v1.size();
    int n2 = v2.size();
    SparseVector vsum(n1 + n2);
    int p1, p2, psum;
    p1 = p2 = psum = 0;
   while (p1 < n1 and p2 < n2) {
        if (v1[p1].index < v2[p2].index) { // Element only in v1</pre>
            vsum[psum] = v1[p1]; ++p1; ++psum;
        else if (v1[p1].index > v2[p2].index) { // Element only in v2
            vsum[psum] = v2[p2]; ++p2; ++psum;
        else if (v1[p1].value + v2[p2].value != 0) { // Element in both
            vsum[psum].index = v1[p1].index;
            vsum[psum].value = v1[p1].value + v2[p2].value;
            ++p1; ++p2; ++psum;
        else { // but do not store zeros
            ++p1; ++p2;
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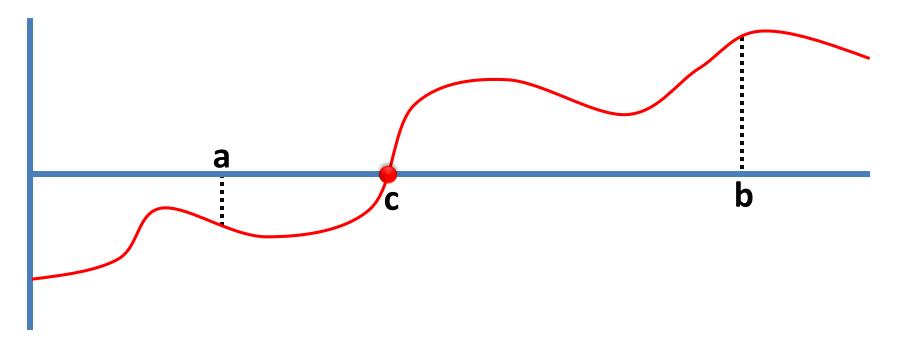
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// Copy the remaining elements of v1
while (p1 < n1) {</pre>
    vsum[psum] = v1[p1];
    ++p1; ++psum;
}
// Copy the remaining elements of v2
while (p2 < n2) {</pre>
    vsum[psum] = v2[p2];
    ++p2; ++psum;
}
// Create and return the result
SparseVector result(psum);
for (int i = 0; i < psum; ++i) result[i] = vsum[i];</pre>
return result;
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#### Bolzano's theorem:

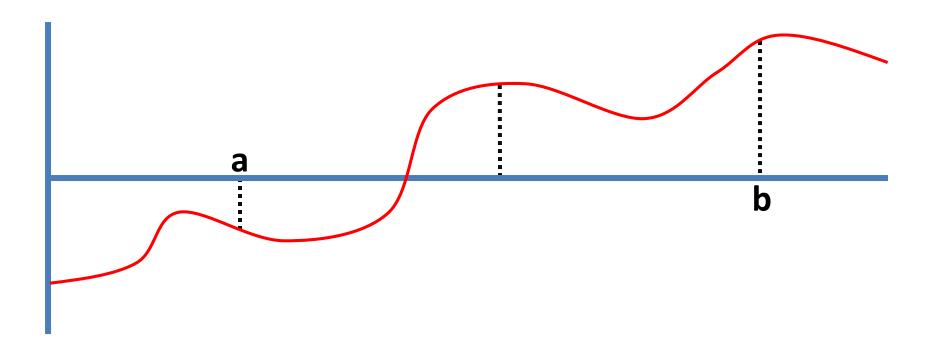
Let f be a real-valued continuous function. Let a and b be two values such that a < b and  $f(a) \cdot f(b) < 0$ . Then, there is a value  $c \in [a,b]$  such that f(c)=0.



• Design a function that finds a root of a continuous function f in the interval [a, b] assuming the conditions of Bolzano's theorem are fulfilled. Given a precision  $(\varepsilon)$ , the function must return a value c such that the root of f is in the interval  $[c, c+\varepsilon]$ .



• Strategy: narrow the interval [a, b] by half, checking whether the value of f in the middle of the interval is positive or negative. Iterate until the width of the interval is smaller  $\varepsilon$ .

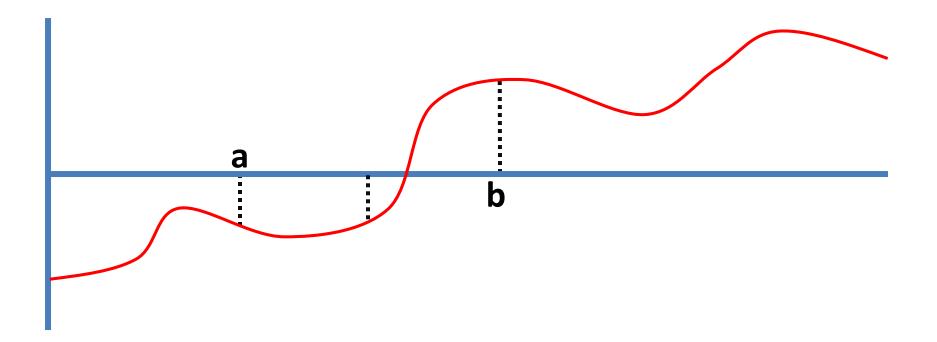


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// Pre: f is continuous, a < b and f(a)*f(b) < 0.

// Post: returns c \in [a,b] such that a root exists in the interval [c,c+\varepsilon].

// Inv: a root of f exists in the interval [a,b]
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double root(double a, double b, double epsilon) {
    while (b - a > epsilon) {
        double c = (a + b)/2;
        if (f(a)*f(c) <= 0) b = c;
        else a = c;
    }
    return a;
}</pre>
```

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#### // A recursive version

```
double root(double a, double b, double epsilon) {
   if (b - a <= epsilon) return a;
   double c = (a + b)/2;
   if (f(a)*f(c) <= 0) return root(a,c,epsilon);
   else return root(c,b,epsilon);
}</pre>
```

- A barcode is an optical machine-readable representation of data. One of the most popular encoding systems is the UPC (Universal Product Code).
- A UPC code has 12 digits. Optionally, a check digit can be added.



- The check digit is calculated as follows:
  - 1. Add the digits in odd-numbered positions (first, third, fifth, etc.) and multiply by 3.
  - 2. Add the digits in the even-numbered positions (second, fourth, sixth, etc.) to the result.
  - 3. Calculate the result modulo 10.
  - 4. If the result is not zero, subtract the result from 10.
- Example: 380006571113
  - $\rightarrow$  (3+0+0+5+1+1)\*3 = 30
  - **>** 8+0+6+7+1+3 = 25
  - $\rightarrow$  (30+25) mod 10 = 5
  - $\rightarrow$  10 5 = **5**

 Design a program that reads a sequence of 12-digit numbers that represent UPCs without check digits and writes the same UPCs with the check digit.

 Question: do we need a data structure to store the UPCs?

Answer: no, we only need a few auxiliary variables.

 The program might have a loop treating a UPC at each iteration. The invariant could be as follows:

```
// Inv: all the UPCs of the treated codes
// have been written.
```

 At each iteration, the program could read the UPC digits and, at the same time, write the UPC and calculate the check digit. The invariant could be:

```
// Inv: all the treated digits have been
// written. The partial calculation of
the check digit has been performed
// based on the treated digits.
```

```
int main() {
// Pre: the input contains a sequence of UPCs without check digits.
// Post: the UPCs at the input have been written with their check digits.
    char c;
    while (cin >> c) {
        cout << c;</pre>
        int d = 3*(int(c) - int('0')); // first digit in an odd location
        for (int i = 2; i <= 12; ++i) {
             cin >> c;
             cout << c;</pre>
             if (i\%2 == 0) d = d + int(c) - int('0');
             else d = d + 3*(int(c) - int('0'));
        d = d%10;
        if (d > 0) d = 10 - d;
        cout << d << endl;</pre>
```