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# Non-Linear Equations Analysis

Methods for root finding

**Course:** Numerical Analysis

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## Project Description:

The objective of the project is to compare and analyze the behavior of different numerical methods for calculating the roots of non-linear equations. The studied methods are Bisection, False-position, Fixed point, Newton-Raphson, and Secant.

The project was implemented using MATLAB. The user is expected to enter an equation (either by typing or reading from file), needed parameters and select a method of the mentioned five to process the computation. Also, single-step mode is available to display each iteration step-by-step and provide a graphical representation for the relation between the change of the approximate root values and the iteration count.

### 1<sup>st</sup>: Bisection:

#### A) Pseudo-code:

1. read function  $f(x)$  from user
2. receive input parameters:
  - a.  $x_a$  &  $x_b$
  - b. Maximum number of iterations
  - c. precision (tolerable error)
3. If  $f(x_a) \cdot f(x_b) > 0$   
    "Guesses don't bracket (wrong)"  
    return  
    End If
4.  $arr \leftarrow []$  //to return all iterations results
5.  $x_{old} \leftarrow x_a$
6. for  $i = 1$  to  $max\_iterations$ 
  - $x_r \leftarrow (x_a + x_b) / 2$
  - $ea \leftarrow \text{abs}((x_r - x_{old}) / x_{old})$
  - $arr.append([i-1 \ x_r \ ea])$
  - If  $f(x_a) \cdot f(x_r) < 0$   
     $x_b = x_r$
  - Else If  $f(x_a) \cdot f(x_r) > 0$   
     $x_a = x_r$
  - Else  
     $ea \leftarrow 0$
  - End If
  - If  $ea < \text{tolerance}$   
    Break
  - End If
  - $x_{old} \leftarrow x_r$
7. print last  $x_r$  value as the result

## B) MATLAB code:

```
function root = bisection(obj, xl, xu, es, imax, equ)
    syms x

    equFH = matlabFunction(equ);
    fxl = equFH(xl);
    fxu = equFH(xu);
    if (fxl * fxu > 0) %guesses do not bracket
        root = -1;
        return
    end
    arr = [];
    xo = xl;
    for i = 1:1:imax
        xr = (xu+xl)/2;
        ea = abs((xr-xo)/xo);
        test = equFH(xl)*equFH(xr);
        arr = [arr ; i-1 xr ea];
        if(test < 0)
            xu=xr;
        else
            xl= xr;
        end
        if (test == 0)
            ea=0;
        end
        if(ea < es )
            break ;
        end
        xo = xr;
    end
    root = arr;
end
```

## C) Used Data Structures:

There are no special used data structures, except for MATLAB matrices which were used to store the details of all iterations to display them all for the user.

## D) Problematic Functions & Cases:

- Passed values for  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  may be invalid if they don't bracket. Therefore, user will have to try again.
  - Generally, for bracketing methods, some equations' roots cannot be found as it never satisfies bracketing condition for any initial values of  $x_a$  &  $x_b$ . Example:  $f(x) = x^2$  or  $f(x) = e^x$ . Also, in case of intervals that contain discontinuities or only return function values of same sign, bracketing methods won't work.
  - Bisection is relatively slow in comparison to other methods.
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## 2<sup>nd</sup>: False Position:

### A) Pseudo-code:

1. read function  $f(x)$  from user
2. receive input parameters:
  - a.  $x_a$  &  $x_b$
  - b. Maximum number of iterations
  - c. precision (tolerable error)
3. If  $f(x_a)*f(x_b) > 0$   
    "Guesses don't bracket (wrong)"  
    return  
End If
4.  $arr \leftarrow []$  //to store all iterations results
5.  $x_{old} \leftarrow x_a$
6. for  $i = 1$  to  $max\_iterations$ 
  - $x_r \leftarrow (x_a*f(x_b) - x_b*f(x_a))/(f(x_b)-f(x_a))$
  - $ea \leftarrow \text{abs}((x_r-x_{old})/x_{old})$
  - $arr.append([i-1 \ x_r \ ea])$
  - If  $f(x_a)*f(x_r) < 0$   
     $x_b = x_r$
  - Else If  $f(x_a)*f(x_r) > 0$   
     $x_a = x_r$
  - Else  
     $ea \leftarrow 0$
  - End If
  - If  $ea < \text{tolerance}$   
    Break
  - End If
  - $x_{old} \leftarrow x_r$
7. print last  $x_r$  value as the result

## B) MATLAB code:

```
function root = false_position(obj,xl, xu, es, maxit,equ)
    syms x
    equFH = matlabFunction(equ);
    gFH = matlabFunction(equ);
    fxl = gFH(xl);
    fxu = gFH(xu);
    if (fxl * fxu > 0 ) %guesses do not bracket
        root = -1;
        return
    end
    arr = [];
    xo = xl;
    for i =1:1:maxit
        fxl = equFH(xl);
        fxu = equFH(xu);
        xr = (xl*fxu - xu*fxl)/(fxu-fxl);
        fxr = gFH(xr);
        ea = abs((xr-xo)/xo);
        test= fxl*fxr;
        arr = [arr ; i-1 xr ea];
        if(test < 0)
            xu=xr;
        else
            xl= xr;
        end
        if (test == 0)
            ea=0;
        end
        if(ea < es )
            break ;
        end
        xo = xr;
    end
    root = arr;
end
```

## C) Used Data Structures:

There are no special used data structures, except for MATLAB matrices which were used to store the details of all iterations to display them all for the user.

## D) Problematic Functions & Cases:

- Passed values for  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  may be invalid if they don't bracket. Therefore, user will have to try again.
  - Generally, for bracketing methods, some equations' roots cannot be found as for any initial values of  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  it won't achieve bracketing conditions such as ;  $f(x) = x^2$  or  $f(x) = e^x$ . Also, in case of intervals that contain discontinuities or return function values of same sign, bracketing methods won't work.
  - False Position is relatively slow in comparison to other methods.
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## 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fixed Point:

### A) Pseudo-code:

1. read function  $g(x)$  from user
2. receive input parameters:
  - a.  $x_a$
  - b. Maximum number of iterations
  - c. precision (tolerable error)
3. If  $g(x_a) > 1$   
    "Method diverges (wrong)"  
    return  
End If
4.  $arr \leftarrow []$  //to store all iterations results
5.  $x_{old} \leftarrow x_a$
6. for  $i = 1$  to  $max\_iterations$ 
  - $x_r \leftarrow g(x_{old})$
  - $ea \leftarrow \text{abs}((x_r - x_{old})/x_{old})$
  - $arr.append([i-1 \ x_r \ ea])$
  - If  $ea < tolerance$   
        BreakEnd If  
 $x_{old} \leftarrow x_r$
7. print last  $x_r$  value as the result

## B) MATLAB code:

```
function root = fixed_point(obj,xi, es, maxit,equ)
    syms x
    equFH = matlabFunction(equ);
    df = diff(equ,x);
    dfFH = matlabFunction(df);
    fdash = dfFH(xi);
    if (abs(fdash) > 1) %diverges
        root = -1;
        return
    end

    arr = [];
    xo = xi;
    for i =1:1:maxit
        xr = equFH(xo);
        ea = abs((xr-xo)/xo);
        arr = [arr ; i xr ea];
        if(ea < es )
            break ;
        end
        xo = xr;
    end
    root = arr;
end
```

## C) Used Data Structures:

There are no special used data structures, except for MATLAB matrices which were used to store the details of all iterations to display them all for the user.

## D) Problematic Functions & Cases:

- Passed function may diverge. Therefore, user will have to try again.
- In case of functions that are insolvable by MATLAB, theoretical bound may not be calculated (as MATLAB won't be able to estimate exact values). This is a very rare case, resulted usually due to invalid equations.

## 4<sup>th</sup>: Newton-Raphson:

### A) Pseudo-code:

1. read function  $f(x)$  from user
2. receive input parameters:
  - a.  $x_a$
  - b. Maximum number of iterations
  - c. precision (tolerable error)
3. get  $f'(x)$
4.  $arr \leftarrow []$  //to store all iterations results
5.  $x_{old} \leftarrow x_a$
6. for  $i = 1$  to  $max\_iterations$ 
  - $xr \leftarrow x_{old} - (f(x_{old})/f'(x_{old}))$
  - $ea \leftarrow \text{abs}((xr-x_{old})/x_{old})$
  - $arr.append([i-1 \ xr \ ea])$
  - If  $ea < \text{tolerance}$ 
    - Break
  - End If
  - $x_{old} \leftarrow xr$
7. print last  $xr$  value as the result

### B) MATLAB code:

```
function root = newton(obj,xi, es, maxit,equ)
    syms x
    equFH = matlabFunction(equ);
    df = diff(equ,x);
    dfFH = matlabFunction(df);
    arr = [];
    xo = xi;
    for i =1:1:maxit
        f = equFH(xo);
        fdash = dfFH(xo);
        xr = xo - (f/fdash);
        ea = abs((xr-xo)/xo);
        arr = [arr ; i xr ea];
        if(ea < es )
            break ;
        end
        xo = xr;
    end
    root = arr;
end
```



### C) Used Data Structures:

There are no special used data structures, except for MATLAB matrices which were used to store the details of all iterations to display them all for the user.

### D) Problematic Functions & Cases:

- The general Newton-Raphson problem may arise, such as: division by zero, root jumping and inflection point problems.
- It requires derivative calculation. Therefore, more time and complexity and function should be differentiable of constant value  $\neq 0$  for  $x_a$ .

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## 5<sup>th</sup>: Secant:

### A) Pseudo-code:

1. read function  $f(x)$  from user
2. receive input parameters:
  - a.  $x_i$  and  $x_j$
  - b. Maximum number of iterations
  - c. precision (tolerable error)
3.  $arr \leftarrow []$  //to store all iterations results
4. for  $i = 1$  to  $max\_iterations$ 
  - $x_r \leftarrow x_i - (f(x_i)*(x_j-x_i)/(f(x_j)-f(x_i)))$
  - $ea \leftarrow \text{abs}((x_r-x_{old})/x_{old})$
  - $arr.append([i-1 \ x_r \ ea])$
  - If  $ea < tolerance$ 
    - Break
  - End If
  - $x_j \leftarrow x_i$
  - $x_i \leftarrow x_r$
5. print last  $x_r$  value as the result

## B) MATLAB code:

```
function root = secant(obj,xj,xi, es, maxit,equ)
    syms x
    equFH = matlabFunction(equ);
    arr = [];
    for i =1:1:maxit
        fxi = equFH(xi);
        fxj = equFH(xj);
        xr = xi - fxi*(xj-xi)/(fxj-fxi);
        ea = abs((xr-xi)/xi);
        arr = [arr ; i xr ea];
        if(ea < es )
            break ;
        end
        xj = xi;
        xi = xr;
    end
    root = arr;
end
```

## C) Used Data Structures:

There are no special used data structures, except for MATLAB matrices which were used to store the details of all iterations to display them all for the user.

## D) Problematic Functions & Cases:

- No common problems

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## Behavior Analysis for the Five Methods

### Example 1:

$f(x) = x^2 - 3$  *\*\*Function diverges in case of fixed point*

$x_a = 0, x_b = 2, \max_{iterations} = 50, precision = 0.00001$

	Bisection	False position	Fixed point	Newton-Raphson	Secant
Execution time	0.091806	0.072283	-	0.0875589	0.0241187
Iterations	17	6	-	4	5

### Example 2:

$$f(x) = \cos(x) - 3 * x + 1, \quad g(x) = (\cos(x) + 1)/3$$

$$x_a = 0, \quad x_b = 1, \quad \max_{iterations} = 50, \quad precision = 0.00001$$

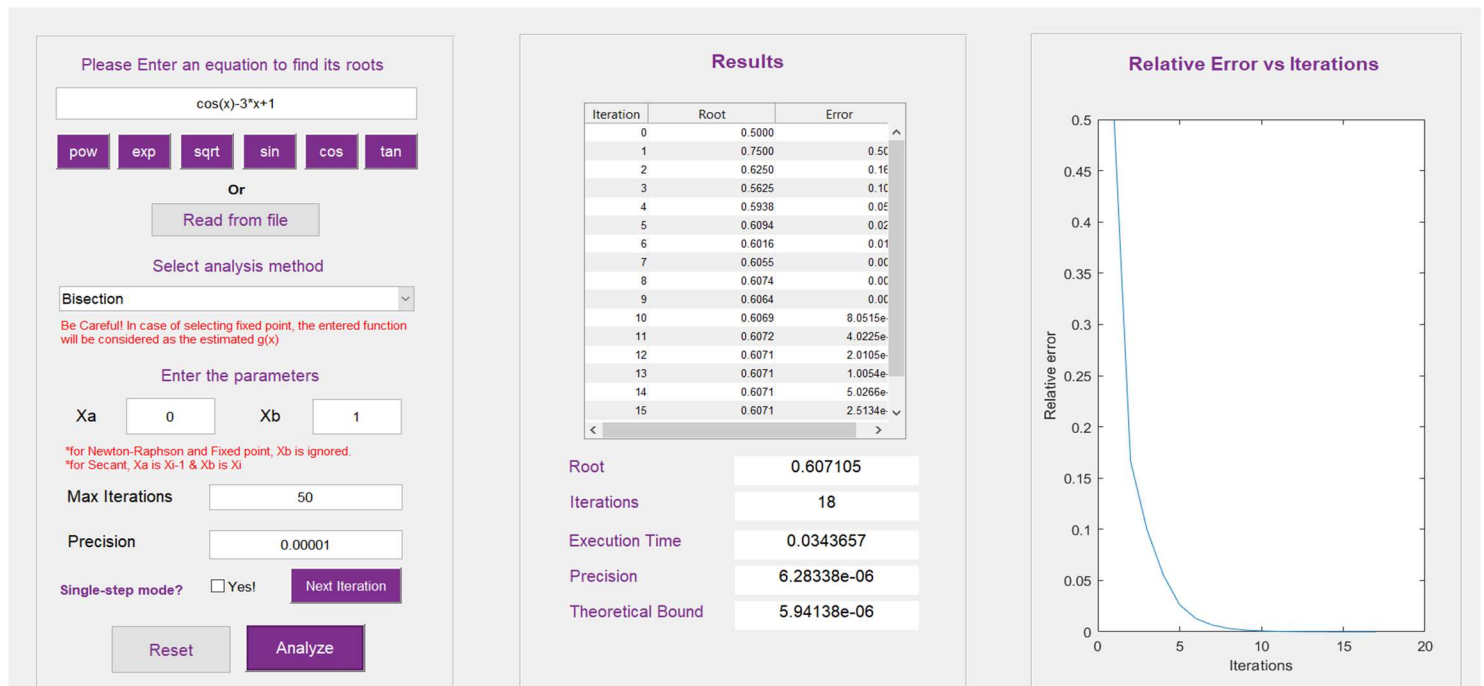
	Bisection	False position	Fixed point	Newton-Raphson	Secant
Execution time	0.0343657	0.0680798	0.0559184	0.0544175	0.0431804
Iterations	18	5	7	4	4

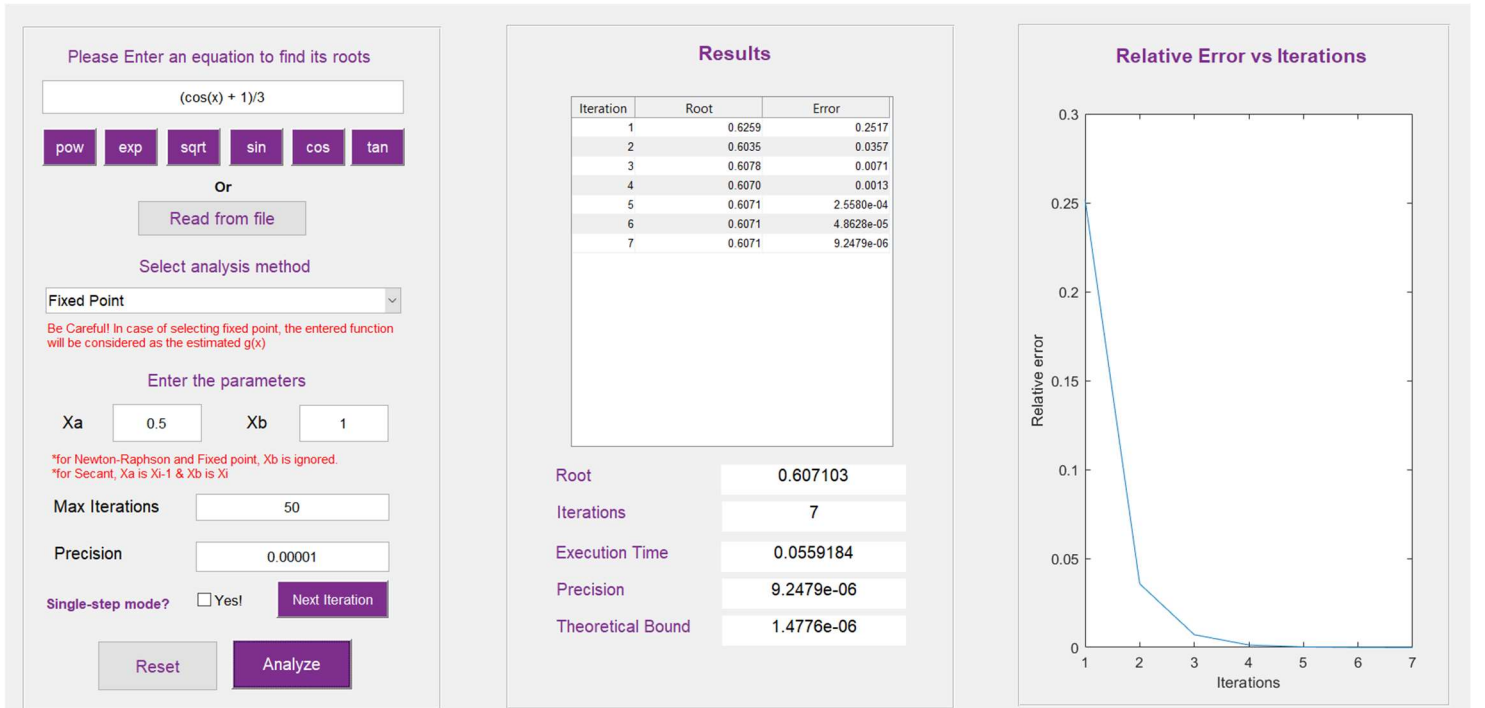
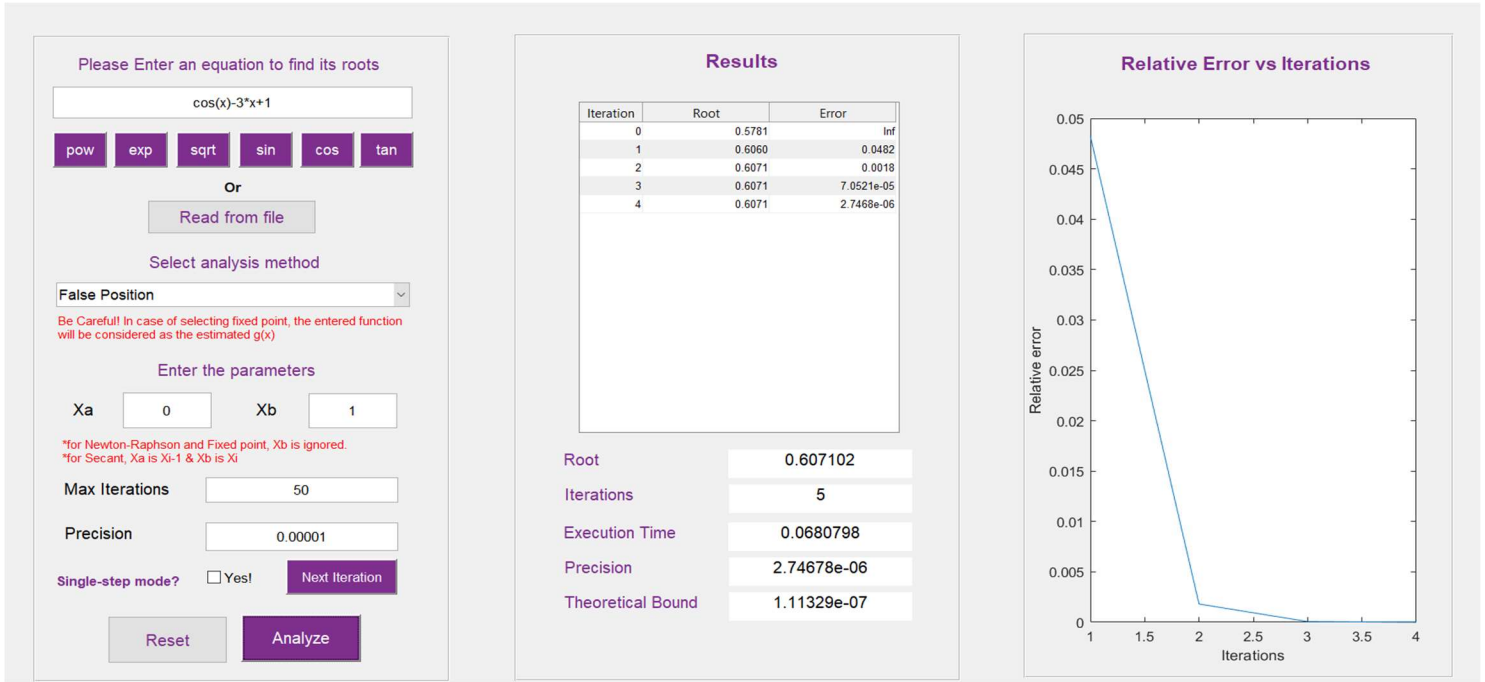
### Sample Runs

#### Example 1:

$$f(x) = \cos(x) - 3 * x + 1, \quad g(x) = (\cos(x) + 1)/3$$

$$x_a = 0, \quad x_b = 1, \quad \max_{iterations} = 50, \quad precision = 0.00001$$





Please Enter an equation to find its roots

cos(x)-3\*x+1

pow

exp

sqrt

sin

cos

tan

Or

Read from file

Select analysis method

Newton Raphson

Be Carefull In case of selecting fixed point, the entered function will be considered as the estimated g(x)

Enter the parameters

Xa

0

Xb

1

\*for Newton-Raphson and Fixed point, Xb is ignored.

\*for Secant, Xa is Xi-1 & Xb is Xi

Max Iterations

50

Precision

0.00001

Single-step mode?

☐ Yes!

Next Iteration

Reset

Analyze

Results

Iteration	Root	Error
1	0.6667	Inf
2	0.6075	0.0888
3	0.6071	6.4394e-04
4	0.6071	2.8985e-08

Root

0.607102

Iterations

4

Execution Time

0.0544175

Precision

2.89852e-08

Theoretical Bound

2.624e-17

Relative Error vs Iterations

Iterations	Relative error
2	0.0888
3	0.00064394
4	2.8985e-08

Please Enter an equation to find its roots

cos(x)-3\*x+1

pow

exp

sqrt

sin

cos

tan

Or

Read from file

Select analysis method

Secant

Be Carefull In case of selecting fixed point, the entered function will be considered as the estimated g(x)

Enter the parameters

Xa

0

Xb

1

\*for Newton-Raphson and Fixed point, Xb is ignored.

\*for Secant, Xa is Xi-1 & Xb is Xi

Max Iterations

50

Precision

0.00001

Single-step mode?

☐ Yes!

Next Iteration

Reset

Analyze

Results

Iteration	Root	Error
1	0.5781	0.4219
2	0.6060	0.0482
3	0.6071	0.0019
4	0.6071	6.3499e-06

Root

0.607102

Iterations

4

Execution Time

0.0431804

Precision

6.34993e-06

Theoretical Bound

8.35041e-10

Relative Error vs Iterations

Iterations	Relative error
1	0.4219
2	0.0482
3	0.0019
4	6.3499e-06

## Special Cases & Errors handling:

### Example 1: Error in Bracketing – arises in bisection and false position

Please Enter an equation to find its roots

pow exp sqrt sin cos tan

Or

Read from file

Select analysis method

Bisection

Be Carefull In case of selecting fixed point, the entered function will be considered as the estimated g(x)

Enter the parameters

Xa 2.5 Xb 3

\*for Newton-Raphson and Fixed point, Xb is ignored.  
\*for Secant, Xa is Xi-1 & Xb is Xi

Max Iterations 50

Precision 0.00001

### Results

Iteration	Root	Error
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Error

Input Values Do not Bracket

OK

Root

Iterations

Execution Time

### Example 2: Divergent function in Fixed Point method

Please Enter an equation to find its roots

pow exp sqrt sin cos tan

Or

Read from file

Select analysis method

Fixed Point

Be Carefull In case of selecting fixed point, the entered function will be considered as the estimated g(x)

Enter the parameters

Xa 2 Xb

\*for Newton-Raphson and Fixed point, Xb is ignored.  
\*for Secant, Xa is Xi-1 & Xb is Xi

Max Iterations 50

### Results

Iteration	Root	Error
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Error

Method Diverges

OK

Root

Iterations

### Example 3: Empty equation field

The screenshot shows the application interface with the following elements:

- Input Section:**
  - Text prompt: "Please Enter an equation to find its roots"
  - Equation field: Empty
  - Function buttons: pow, exp, sqrt, sin, cos, tan
  - Buttons: "Or", "Read from file"
  - Method selection: "Select analysis method" dropdown menu set to "Fixed Point"
  - Warning text: "Be Carefull! In case of selecting fixed point, the entered function will be considered as the estimated g(x)"
  - Parameter section: "Enter the parameters" with input fields for Xa (0.5) and Xb (1)
  - Footnote: "\*for Newton-Raphson and Fixed point, Xb is ignored. \*for Secant, Xa is Xi-1 & Xb is Xi"
  - Max Iterations: 50
- Results Section:**
  - Table with headers: Iteration, Root, Error
  - Root: [Empty field]
  - Iterations: [Empty field]
  - Relative error: [Empty field]
- Error Dialog:** A modal window titled "Error" with a red exclamation mark icon and the text "Enter the equation". It has an "OK" button.

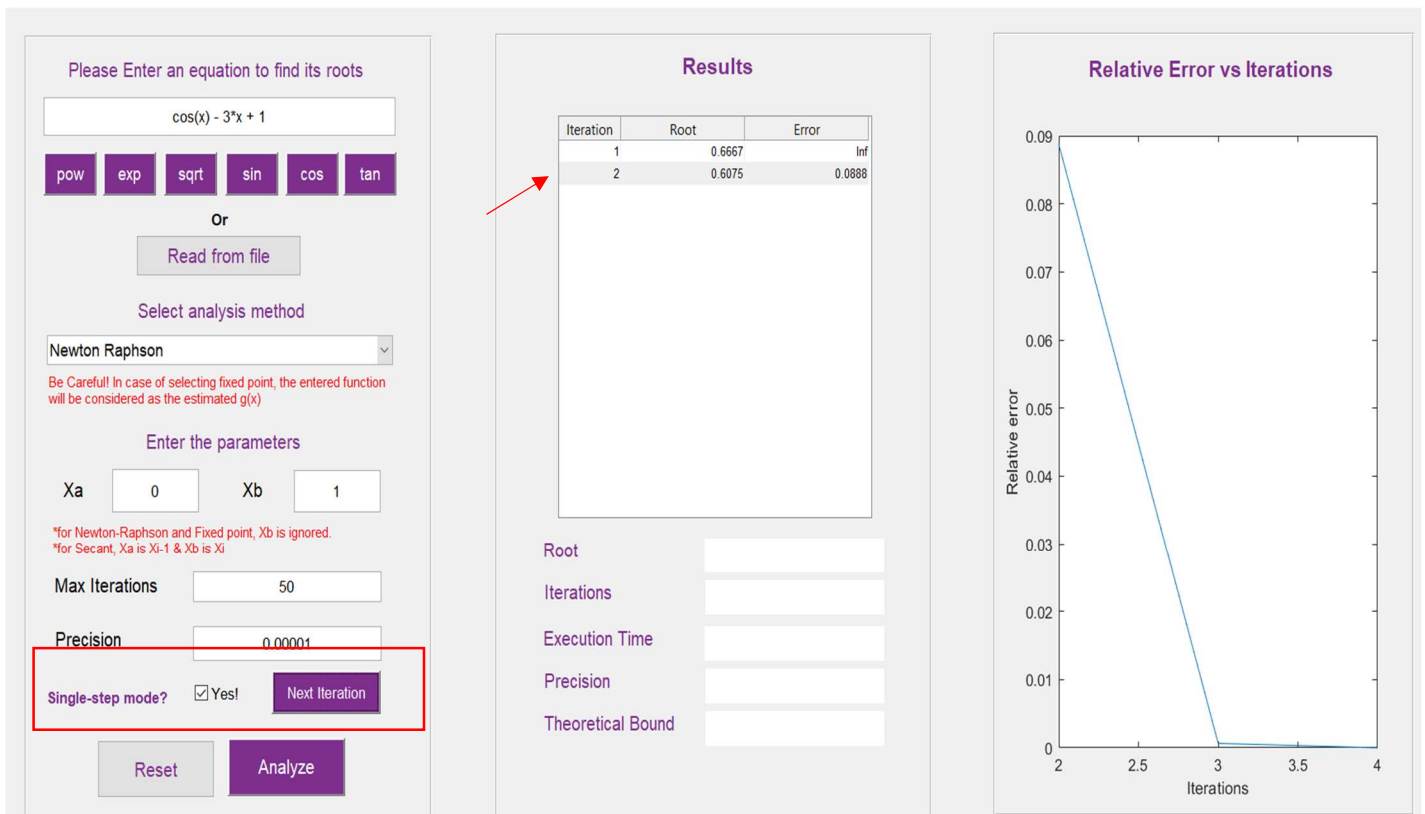
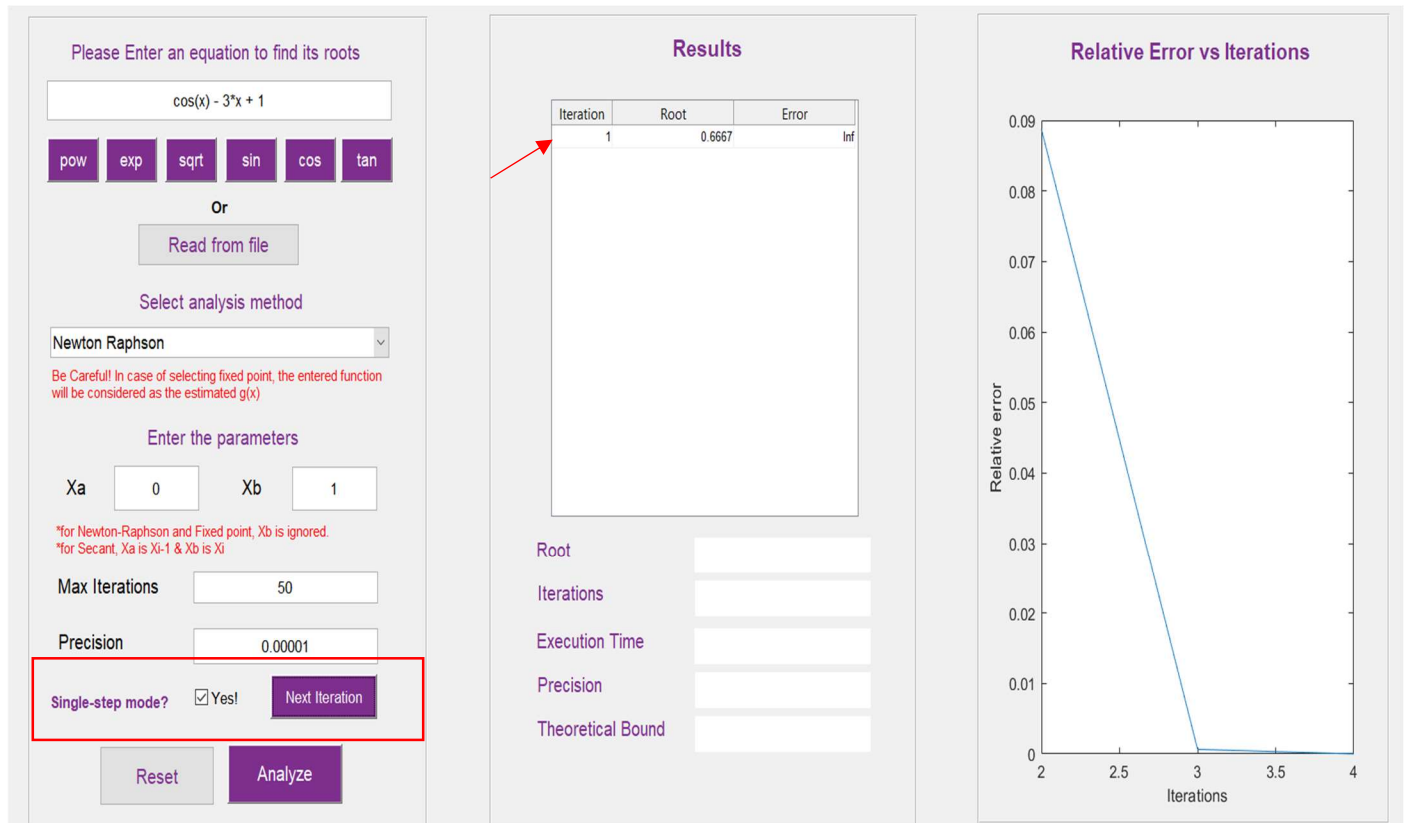
### Example 4: missing Parameters

If `max iterations` or `precision` is missing, the program sets it explicitly by the defaults.  
If `xb` is missing in case of Newton-Raphson and Fixed point, no error.

The screenshot shows the application interface with the following elements:

- Input Section:**
  - Text prompt: "Please Enter an equation to find its roots"
  - Equation field:  $x^2 - 2$
  - Function buttons: pow, exp, sqrt, sin, cos, tan
  - Buttons: "Or", "Read from file"
  - Method selection: "Select analysis method" dropdown menu set to "Fixed Point"
  - Warning text: "Be Carefull! In case of selecting fixed point, the entered function will be considered as the estimated g(x)"
  - Parameter section: "Enter the parameters" with empty input fields for Xa and Xb
  - Footnote: "\*for Newton-Raphson and Fixed point, Xb is ignored. \*for Secant, Xa is Xi-1 & Xb is Xi"
  - Max Iterations: 50
  - Precision: 0.00001
- Results Section:**
  - Table with headers: Iteration, Root, Error
  - Root: [Empty field]
  - Iterations: [Empty field]
  - Execution Time: [Empty field]
- Error Dialog:** A modal window titled "Error" with a red exclamation mark icon and the text "Missing Parameters". It has an "OK" button.

## Single-step mode simulation





Please Enter an equation to find its roots

Or

Select analysis method

Be Carefull In case of selecting fixed point, the entered function will be considered as the estimated g(x)

Enter the parameters

Xa  Xb

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\*for Secant, Xa is Xi-1 & Xb is Xi

Max Iterations

Precision

Single-step mode? ☒ Yes!

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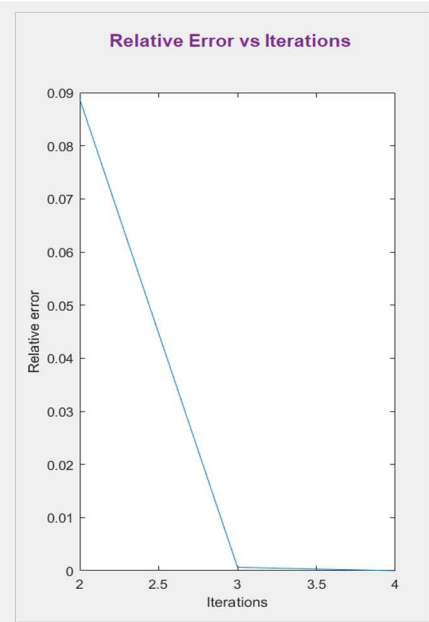
Root

Iterations

Execution Time

Precision

Theoretical Bound



Please Enter an equation to find its roots

Or

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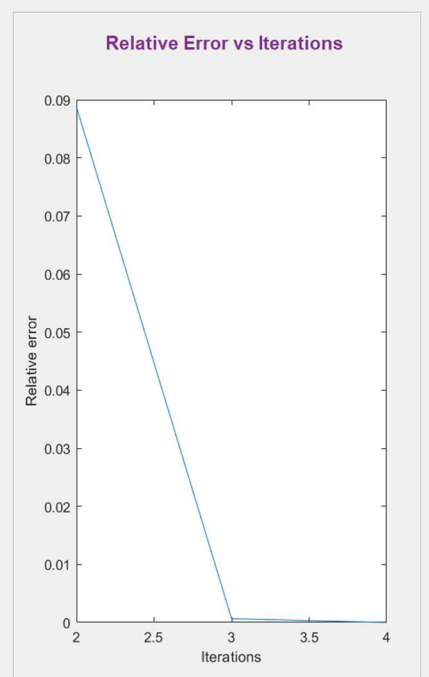
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