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Here is the code and the results for my project 1, which was computer
problems 1 and 4 in Section 3.1.
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type bisec.m
function y = bisec(f,a,b,T,S)
% y = bisect(f,a,b,D,E)
%This is a bisection algorithm by Alexander Winkles used to find roots of
% polynomials over a domain.
% f: the function being evaluated
% a : the lower domain value
% b : the upper domain value
% T : the tolerance of the final result
% S : the number of iterations
if sign(feval(f,a))==sign(feval(f,b))
   disp('Error: f(a) and f(b) have the same signs.');
else
   i = 0;
   while i <= S
       e = b - a;
       e = e/2;
       c = a + e;
       if feval(f,c) == 0 \mid \mid abs(feval(f,c)) < T
           fprintf('\nThe solution is %d.\n The computation was a success after %d iterations!',y,i)
           break;
       end;
       i = i+1;
       if sign(feval(f,a))==sign(feval(f,c))
           a = c;
       else
           b = c;
       end;
   end;
   if i == S+1
       fprintf('Method failed after %d iterations.',S)
   end;
end;
Problems:
1a.
f = 0(x) 1/x - tan(x);
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bisec(f,0,pi/2,1e-5,200)
The solution is 8.603355e-01.
   The computation was a success after 16 iterations!
ans =
               0.8603
1b.
f = 0(x) 1/x - 2^x
f =
               0(x)1/x-2^x
bisec(f,0,1,1e-5,100)
The solution is 6.411858e-01.
   The computation was a success after 17 iterations!
ans =
               0.6412
1c.
f = 0(x) 2^{-(-x)} + \exp(x) + 2 \cos(x) - 6;
bisec(f,1,3,1e-5,100)
The solution is 1.829384e+00.
   The computation was a success after 17 iterations!
ans =
               1.8294
1d.
f = 0(x) (x.^3+4*x.^2+3*x+5)/(2*x.^3-9*x.^2+18*x-2);
bisec(f,0,4,1e-5,100)
Method failed after 100 iterations.
4.
 f = @(x) x.^8 - 36 * x.^7 + 546 * x.^6 - 4536 * x.^5 + 22449 * x.^4 - 67284 * x.^3 + 118124 * x.^2 - 109584 * x + 40320 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 100 * 1
f =
               @(x)x.^8-36*x.^7+546*x.^6-4536*x.^5+22449*x.^4-67284*x.^3+118124*x.^2-109584*x+40320
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bisec(f,5.5,6.5,1e-5,100)
The solution is 6.
  The computation was a success after 0 iterations!
ans =
    6
f=@(x) x.^8-36.001*x.^7+546*x.^6-4536*x.^5+22449*x.^4-67284*x.^3+118124*x.^2-109584*x+40320
f =
    @(x)x.^8-36.001*x.^7+546*x.^6-4536*x.^5+22449*x.^4-67284*x.^3+118124*x.^2-109584*x+40320
bisec(f,5.5,6.5,1e-5,100)
Error: f(a) and f(b) have the same signs.
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