

# Assignment 5

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## 1 5A Root Finding

In this question, we will find the first positive root of the function  $f(x) = 3x\cos(x) - \sin(x)$  using two different methods. When plotting the function, we find a rough value of it as 1.3.

a)

Firstly, we use the bisection method to find the exact root to an accuracy of  $10^{-12}$ .

In order to do this, we write the m-file:

```
1 % This implements the bisection algorithm to find a root
2
3 format long;
4 f = @(x) 3*x*cos(x)-sin(x); % This is our given function
5
6 % This is our starting points because we saw on the plot
   that the root was
7 % between 1 and 2
8 a=1; % with f(a)>0
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9  b=2; % with f(b)<0root=1;
10 root=1; % this will give the closest value to the root
    each iteration
11 counter=0; % this counts the number of iterations
12 while abs(a-b)>= 10^(-12) % While we are above the
    desired accuracy, we continue the algorithm
13     x=(a+b) / 2;
14     if f(x)>0
15         a=x;
16         root=x
17     end
18     if f(x)<0
19         b=x;
20         root=x
21     end
22     if f(x)==0
23         root=x;
24         break;
25     end
26     counter=counter+1; % we increment the counter once we
        've done one more iteration
27 end
28 approxroot=root % this gives the final value of the root
    found
29 counter % this gives the final number of iterations

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which gives us the iterations:

root =	root =	root =	root =
1.5000000000000000	1.3281250000000000	1.3237304687500000	1.324203491210938
root =	root =	root =	root =
1.2500000000000000	1.3203125000000000	1.3239746093750000	1.324195861816406
root =	root =	root =	root =
1.3750000000000000	1.3242187500000000	1.3240966796875000	1.324192047119141
root =	root =	root =	root =
1.3125000000000000	1.3222656250000000	1.3241577148437500	1.324193954467773
root =	root =	root =	root =
1.3437500000000000	1.3232421875000000	1.3241882324218750	1.324194908142090

root =	root =	root =	root =	
1.324194431304932	1.324194446206093	1.324194449465722	1.324194449567585	
root =	root =	root =	root =	
1.324194669723511	1.324194453656673	1.324194449698552	1.324194449574861	approxroot =
root =	root =	root =	root =	1.324194449575771
1.324194550514221	1.324194449931383	1.324194449582137	1.324194449578499	counter =
root =	root =	root =	root =	40
1.324194490909576	1.324194448068738	1.324194449523930	1.324194449576680	
root =	root =	root =	root =	
1.324194461107254	1.324194449000061	1.324194449553033	1.324194449575771	

thus the final approximation of the root within an accuracy of  $10^{-12}$  is 1.324194449575771 which we get after 40 iterations.

b)

Now, we will find the root using the Newton-Raphson method.

In order to do this, we write the m-file:

```
1 % This implements the Newton-Raphson algorithm to find a
   root
2
3
4 format long;
5 f = @(x) 3*x*cos(x)-sin(x); % This is the given function
6 df= @(x) 2*cos(x)-3*x*sin(x); % and its derivative
7 root=1; % This variable tracks of the current
   approximation of the root Xn
8 root2=0; % This variable tracks the last approximation of
   the root X(n-1)
9 counter=0; % This counts the numebr of iterations needed
10
11 while abs(root-root2)>= 10^(-12) % While we are not
   within the desired accuracy, we continue
12     root2=root;
13     root=root-(f(root)/df(root))
14     counter= counter +1;
15 end
16 approxroot=root % This gives back the final value of the
   root found
17 counter % This gives the final number of iterations.
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which gives the successive iterations:

root =	root =
1.539847228854303	1.324194449575602
root =	root =
1.351814223269054	1.324194449575503
root =	approxroot =
1.324820175290078	1.324194449575503
root =	counter =
1.324194787748889	6

thus the final approximation of the root within an accuracy of  $10^{-12}$  is 1.324194449575503 which we get after 6 iterations. We see that this method converges to the desired root much quicker than the bisection one.

c)

For the bisection method, we know that the interval  $[a_n, b_n]$ , in which the root is clamped in between, gets halved at each iteration. To estimate the root to within  $10^{-M}$ , we need  $b_n - a_n \leq 10^{-M}$ .

Thus if we start with an interval of width  $b_1 - a_1$ , then  $a_n - b_n = \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2^n}$  and thus  $b_n - a_n \leq 10^{-M} \iff \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2^n} \leq 10^{-M} \iff (b_1 - a_1)10^M \leq 2^n \iff n \geq \frac{M \log(10) + \log(b_1 - a_1)}{\log(2)}$ .

That is, if  $b_n - a_n \approx 10^{-M}$  then

$$n \approx \frac{M \log(10) + \log(b_1 - a_1)}{\log(2)}$$

So  $n$  approximately scales linearly to  $M$ . (where  $n$  is the number of iterations)

d)

The error term can be written, using Newtons scheme (as  $x_n - r = e_n$ ):

$$e_{n+1} = x_{n+1} - r = x_n - r - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = \frac{(x_n - r)f'(x_n) - f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = \frac{e_n f'(x_n) - f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

as required.

Then using Taylors with the values  $b=r$  and  $a=x_n$ , we get :

$$f(r) = f(x_n) + (r - x_n)f'(x_n) + \frac{1}{2}(r - x_n)^2 f''(\xi)$$

which becomes

$$f(r) = f(x_n) - e_n f'(x_n) + \frac{1}{2} e_n^2 f''(\xi)$$

as  $x_n - r = e_n$ .

which becomes

$$e_n f'(x_n) - f(x_n) = \frac{1}{2} e_n^2 f''(\xi) - f(r)$$

which becomes

$$e_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2f'(x_n)} e_n^2 f''(\xi)$$

with  $\xi \in [r, x_n]$

as  $f(r)=0$  and  $e_n f'(x_n) - f(x_n) = e_{n+1} f'(x_n)$ .

which becomes

$$e_{n+1} = C_n e_n^2$$

with  $C_n = \frac{1}{2f'(x_n)} f''(\xi)$  and  $\xi \in [r, x_n]$

Then, as the errors converge to 0, we have  $e_n \rightarrow 0$  ie  $x_n \rightarrow r$  and  $r \leq \xi \leq x_n$  so as  $e_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow r$  and thus, by the sandwich rule,  $\xi \rightarrow r$ , so

$$C_n = \frac{f''(\xi)}{2f'(x_n)} \rightarrow \frac{f''(r)}{2f'(r)} = C$$

because  $f'$  and  $f''$  are continuous.

Now, we want to investigate the solution to  $e_{n+1} = Ce_n^2$ .

If  $e_{n+1} = Ce_n^2$ , then  $Ce_{n+1} = C^2 e_n^2 = (Ce_n)^2$ , but then,  $Ce_n = C^2 e_{n-1}^2 = (Ce_{n-1})^2$ , etc...

And thus by induction, we deduce that :

$$Ce_n = (Ce_0)^{2^n}$$

Then,

$$Ce_n \leq 10^{-M} \iff (Ce_0)^{2^n} \leq 10^{-M}$$

And taking logarithms on both sides, we get:

$$2^n \log(Ce_0) \leq -M \log(10)$$

Multiplying both sides by (-1):

$$-2^n \log(Ce_0) \geq M \log(10) > 1$$

And taking logarithms again:

$$n \log(2) + \log(-\log(Ce_0)) \geq \log(M) + \log(\log(10))$$

which is :

$$n \geq \frac{\log(M) + \log(\log(10)) - \log(-\log(Ce_0))}{\log(2)}$$

Thus if  $Ce_n \approx 10^{-M}$ ,

$$n \approx \frac{\log(M) + \log(\log(10)) - \log(-\log(Ce_0))}{\log(2)}$$

ie

$$n \approx \frac{\log(M)}{\log(2)}$$

ie

$$n \approx \log(M)$$

so n approximately scales with log(M). (where n is the number of iterations)  
Indeed, we see that if we want  $e_n \approx 10^{-M}$ , that is  $Ce_n \approx 10^{-M}$ , then we just need to take logarithms twice on both sides to get  $n \approx \log(M)$ .



## 2 5B Lattice Point Counting

a)

To count the number of lattice points  $N(R)$  contained in the given ball, we write the m-file

```
1 %This file counts how many points (x,y) are in the ball
   described in the
2 %question.
3
4 function counter=counting(R)
5     % Here we create a square of points which is bigger
   than the ball
6     % described
7     x= linspace(-R,R,2*R+1);
8     y= linspace(-R,R,2*R+1);
9     u=0; % Counts the lattice points inside the ball
10    for i=1:2*R+1
11        for j= 1:2*R+1
12            if (sqrt(x(i)^2+y(j)^2)<=R) % checks the
   points are inside the ball
13                u=u+1;
14            end
15        end
16    end
17    counter=u;
18
19 end
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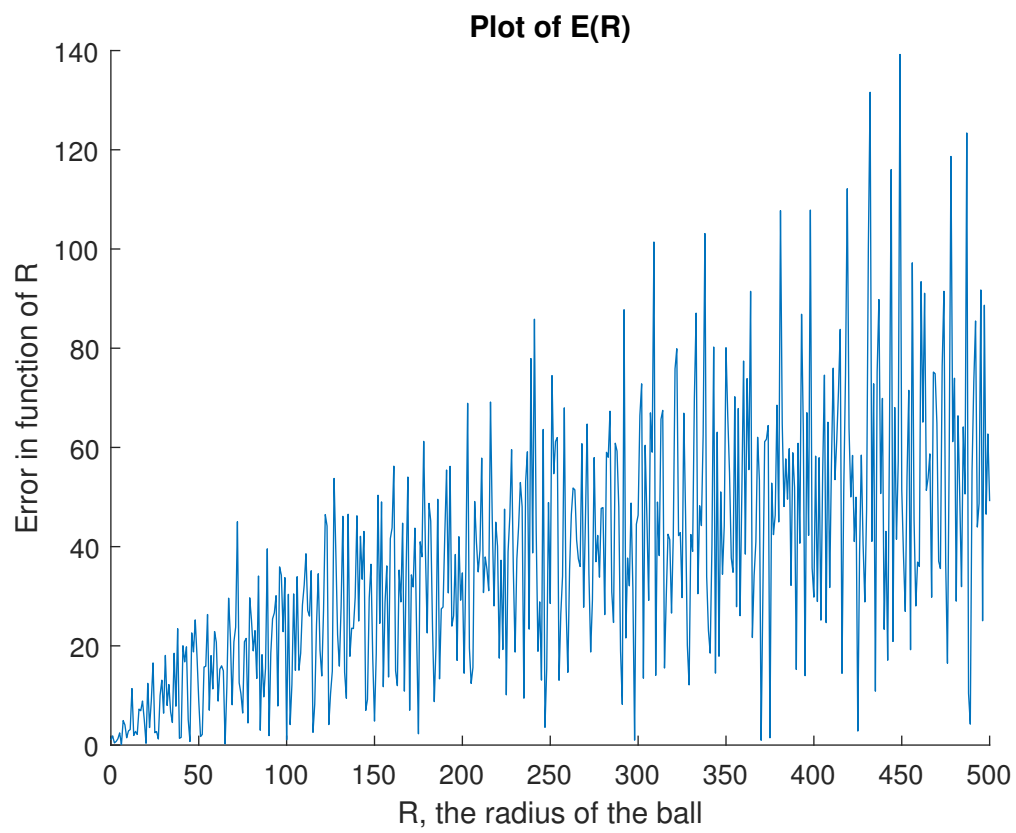
and then to plot the error  $E(R)=|N(R)-\pi R|$  for  $R \in [0, 500]$ , we write the m.file

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1 % This file plots the error between the number of lattice
    points N(R) and
2 % the quantity PI*R
3
4 R=linspace(0,500,501); % We want it for all the points in
    [0,500].
5 Error=zeros(1,501); % This will contain all the errors ,
    which are functions of R
6 for k= 1:501
7     Error(k)= abs(counting(k-1)-pi*(k-1)*(k-1)) %This
        calculates the error
8 end
9
10 hold on
11 plot(R,Error)% this plots the error in function of R
12
13 plot(R,2*sqrt(2*pi)*R) % This plots the linear upper
    bound of the error
14
15 plot(R,3.1*R.^(63/100)) % This plots the more accurate
    upper bound of the error.
16 hold on
17 xlabel('R, the radius of the ball')
18 ylabel('Error in function of R')
19 title(Error E(R) and linear upper bound of E(R))

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which gives the plot

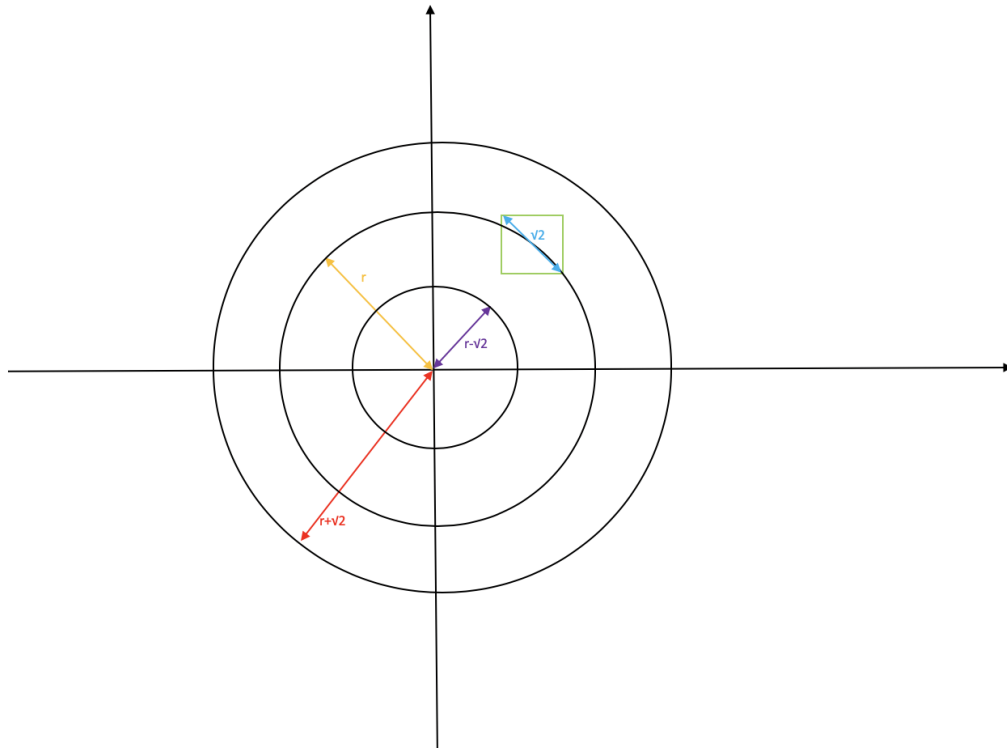


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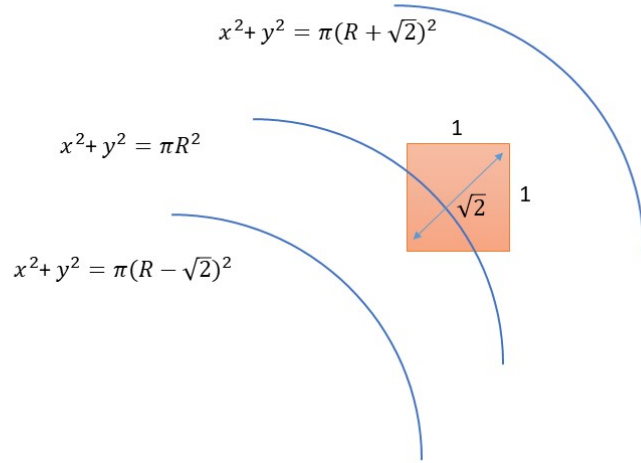
Let  $R \geq 1$ .

We can represent our problem as, where the lattice point is in the middle of a square of width 1:

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or zooming in,



We do not know whether the lattice point is in the circle with radius  $R$  but we know for sure it will be in the circle of radius  $R + \sqrt{2}$  and, we know for sure it will not be in the circle of radius  $R - \sqrt{2}$ .

Thus we deduce,

$$\pi(R - \sqrt{2})^2 \leq N(R) \leq \pi(R + \sqrt{2})^2$$

ie

$$2\pi - 2\sqrt{2}\pi R \leq N(R) - \pi R^2 \leq 2\pi + 2\sqrt{2}\pi R$$

ie

$$-2\pi R - 2\sqrt{2}\pi R \leq N(R) - \pi R^2 \leq 2\pi R + 2\sqrt{2}\pi R$$

since  $R \geq 1$ .

ie

$$-2\pi R(\sqrt{2} + 1) \leq N(R) - \pi R^2 \leq 2\pi R(\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

ie

$$|N(R) - \pi R^2| \leq 2\pi R(\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

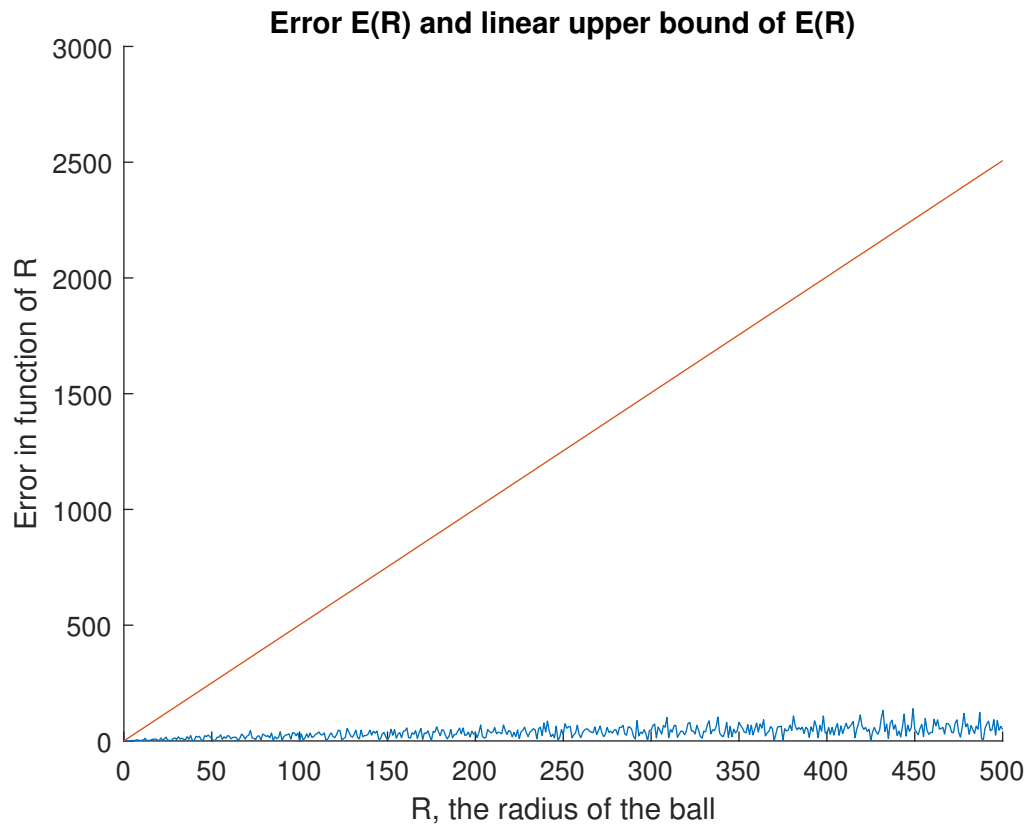
so if  $C = 2\pi(\sqrt{2} + 1)$ , we have

$$|N(R) - \pi R^2| \leq CR$$

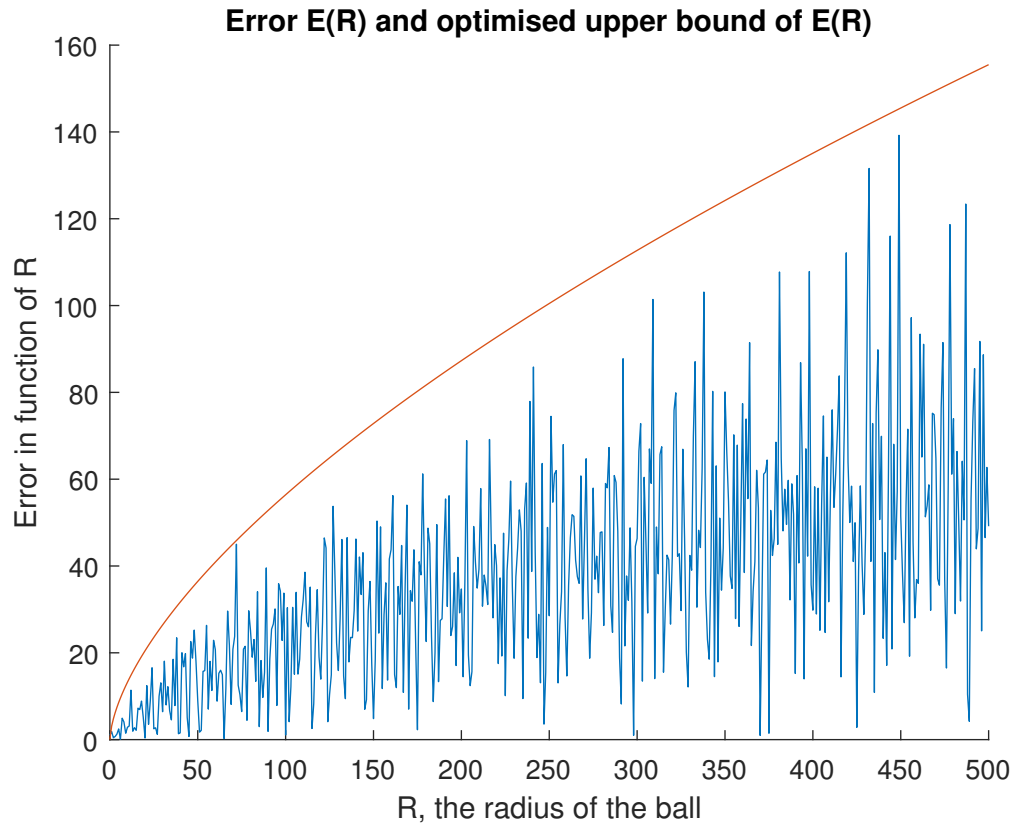
as required.

c)

With the linear plot, using  $C = 2\sqrt{2}\pi \leq 2\pi(\sqrt{2} + 1)$  (but  $CR$  is still an upper bound of  $|E(R)|$ ), we get the plot:



and using the optimised upper bound with  $\alpha = \frac{63}{100}$  and  $C = 3.1$ , we get  $|E(R)| \leq CR^\alpha$  and the plot



Thus clearly, the second upper bound is much better and tighter than the first one.