
Computing Assignment: Root Finding 2D contour

BMethod function file, Kai Sackville-Hii (feb 4, 2019)

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function xB = BMethod(ff, a, b, tol)
% BMethod Implementation of the bisection method.
%Pre:
%   f = function to be approximated.
%   a, b = Initial guess/bounds.
%   tol = The tolerance condition.
%Post:
%   p = The approximated value.

%%BEGIN:   this part does sqrt-specific bracketting

% bracketting list
xlist = [a:0.1:b];
flist = ff(xlist);
sign_check = sign(flist);

% check for any exact zeros!!
indX = find(sign_check==0);
if (isempty(indX)~=1)
    x_sqrt = xlist(indX);
    disp(['square root = ' num2str(x_sqrt) ' & err = '
        num2str(flist(indX))])
    return
end

% find sign-change interval
indX = find(diff(sign_check),1);
if (isempty(indX)==1)
    disp('no sign change')
    return
end

%%END:   this part does sqrt-specific bracketting

% 0) set sign-change interval
xL = xlist(indX );
% xL = a;
fL = ff(xL);
xR = xlist(indX+1);
% xR = b;
fR = ff(xR);
Nevals = 2;

% 1) compute first midpoint
% figure(101); clf; hold on; grid on
check = (xR-xL)/2;
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% plot(Nevals,log10(abs(check)),'rx')

% fprintf('\t %d \t %16.15f \t %+6.5e \t %+16.15f \t %+6.5e \t %+6.5e
\n', ...
%   [Nevals, xL, fL, xR, fR, check])

xB = xL + check;
Nevals_arr = [];

% root-finding loop
while (abs(check)>tol)
% 2) function evaluation
fB = ff(xB);
    Nevals_arr(Nevals) = Nevals + 1;
    Nevals = Nevals + 1;

% 3) decision
if (fB==0)
    xL = xB; fL = fB;
    xR = xB; fR = fB;
else
    if (fL*fB>0)
        xL = xB; fL = fB;
    else
        xR = xB; fR = fB;
    end
end

% fprintf('\t %d \t %16.15f \t %+6.5e \t %+16.15f \t %+6.5e \t %+6.5e
\n', ...
%   [Nevals, xL, fL, xR, fR, check])

% 4) prepare next iteration
check = (xR-xL)/2;
% plot(Nevals,log10(abs(check)),'kx')

xB = xL + check;
% disp(xB)
end

% disp(max(Nevals_arr));
end

Not enough input arguments.

Error in BMethod (line 16)
xlist = [a:0.1:b];

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