

CP.1.1.6, Sauer3

Use the Bisection Method to calculate the solution of $\cos x = \sin x$ in the interval $[0,1]$ within six correct decimal places. Please derive the number of steps needed for convergence in advance.

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- See https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1t_uyY621T6yoBfA0CjZpq-02sTzV5XF0
- Our `bisect` Python code is at: <http://math.ucdenver.edu/~langou/4650/4650.git/bucket/bisect.py.html>

Let

$$\begin{aligned} f : [0, 1] &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto \cos(x) - \sin(x). \end{aligned}$$

We note that f is continuous on $[0, 1]$, And we note that

$$f(0) = \cos(0) - \sin(0) = 1 \text{ so that } f(0) > 0,$$

and

$$f(1) = \cos(1) - \sin(1) \approx -0.30 \text{ so that } f(1) < 0.$$

So that Bisection Method will converge to a root x_* such that $f(x_*) = 0$.

We derive the number of steps needed for convergence.

```
from math import log2
from math import ceil
a = 0
b = 1
tol = 1e-6
k = ceil( log2( b - a ) - log2(tol) - 1 )
numevals = k + 2
print( k )
print( numevals )
```

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We use Bisection Method to get a root in the interval $[0,1]$ within six correct decimal places.

```
from math import sin
from math import cos
import scipy.optimize
import numpy as np
```

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f = lambda x : cos(x) - sin(x)

x_fsolve = scipy.optimize.fsolve( f, 0. )[0]
print( x_fsolve )

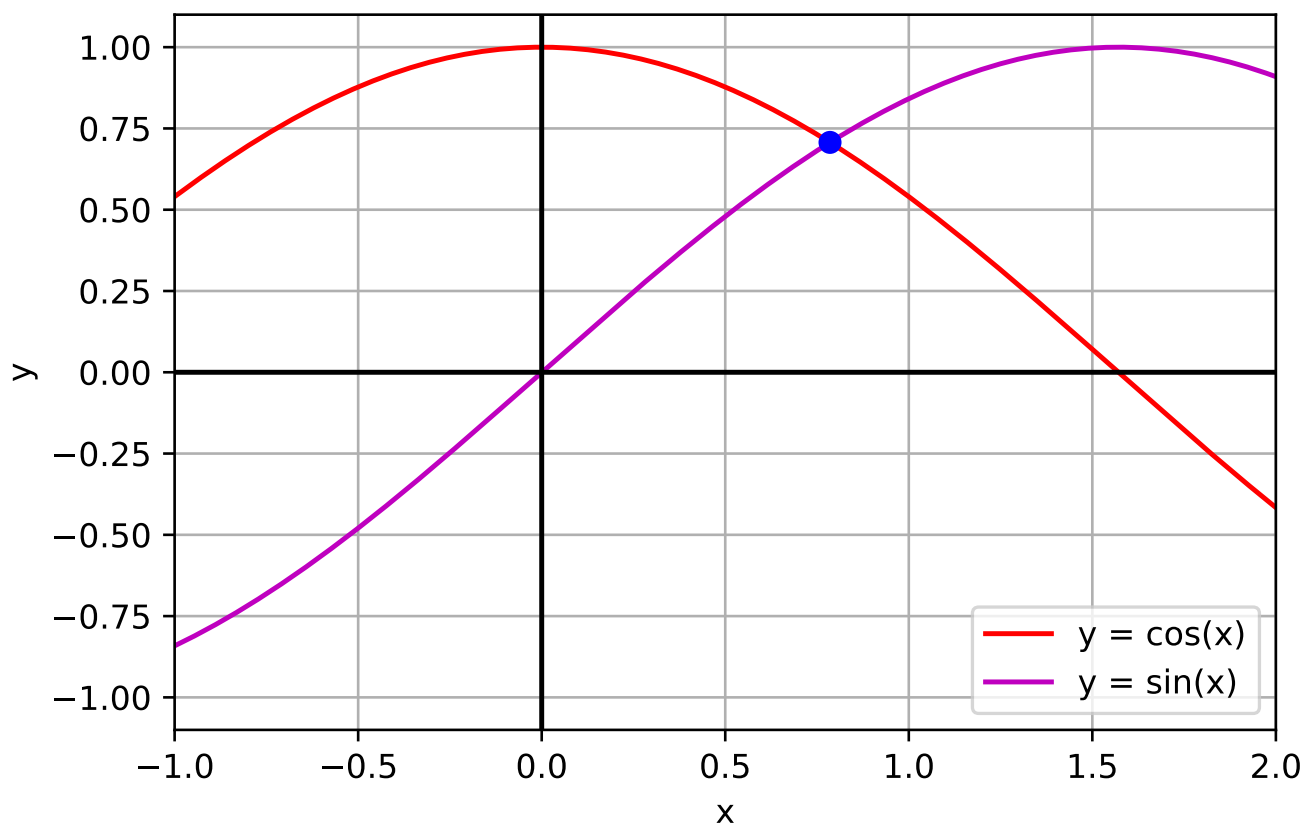
x_bisec, err_bound, numeval = bisect( f, 0., 1., 1e-6, False )
print( x_bisec, err_bound[-1], numeval )
```

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We can plot cos and sin and see that indeed they intersect in $[0, 1]$



We can plot the true forward error and the associated forward error bound.

