

# Computational Methods in Physics (PHY 365)

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# Lab 4

## Bisection method

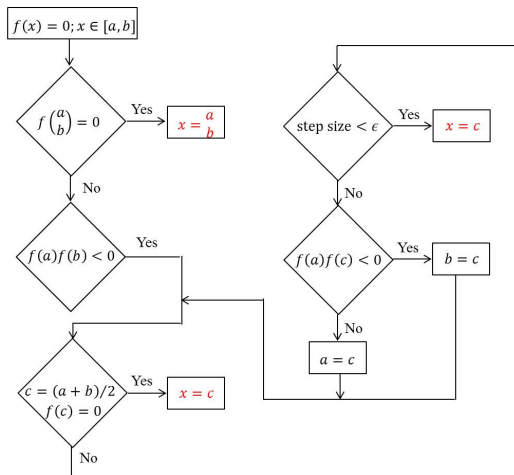


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- `@` creates a “function handle”.
- A function handle is a data type that stores an association to a function.
- Function handle can be used to construct anonymous functions or specify **call back** functions.



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**if**  $f\_a * f\_b > 0$

$\text{error}(\text{'Function has same sign at both endpoints.'})$

**end**

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```

```
fprintf(formatspec, my_root)
```

## Bisection method

- The function file (save with same name as the function)

```
function [my_root , iterations] = bisection_fun (f , a , b ,  
min_step)
```

```
f_a = evalin ('base' , 'f_a');
```

```
iterations = 0;
```

```
step_size = abs(a - b) / 2;
```

```
x = (a + b) / 2;
```

```
while step_size > min_step
```

```
    f_x = f(x);
```

```
    if f_x == 0
```

```
        iterations = iterations + 1;
```

```
        break
```

```
    end
```

## Bisection method

```
if f_a * f_x < 0
```

```
    b = x;
```

```
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```
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## Bisection method

```
% This code uses the bisection method to calculate roots of an equation

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

clear variables

close all

clc

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

format long

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

% The function

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% This is the function file for bisect_code  
  
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function [my_root,iterations] = bisect_fun(f,a,b,min_step)  
  
f_a = evalin('base','f_a');  
  
iterations = 0;  
  
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x = (a + b) / 2;
```

# Bisection method

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while step_size > min_step

    f_x = f(x);

    if f_x == 0

        iterations = iterations + 1;

        break

    end

    if f_a * f_x < 0

        b = x;
```

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    else

        a = x;

    end

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    iterations = iterations + 1;

end

my_root = x;
```

## Bisection method

- Repeat the exercise for different functions, intervals and minimum step sizes.

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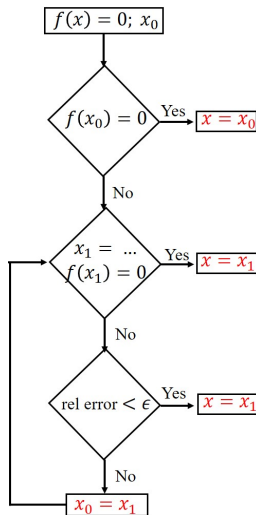


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- Displaying the result

```
fprintf ('\n')  
disp ( ['Iterations = ' , num2str(iterations) ] )  
fprintf ('\n Root = %3.7f \n', x_root)
```

## Newton-Raphson method

- The function file

```
function [x_root , iterations] = new_raph_fun (f , f_der ,  
x_0 , min_err)
```

```
x_old = x_0;
```

```
rel_err = 1;
```

```
iterations = 0;
```

```
while rel_err > min_err
```

```
    f_x_old = double (subs (f , x_old));
```

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    f_der_x_old = double (subs (f_der , x_old));
```

```
    x_new = x_old - f_x_old / f_der_x_old;
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## Newton-Raphson method

```
rel_err = abs (x_new - x_old);
```

```
x_old = x_new;
```

```
iterations = iterations + 1;
```

```
end
```

```
x_root = x_new;
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# Newton-Raphson method

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x_0 = 1.5;

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- Root from one point

```
fun = @(x) exp(-3 * x) - 5 * x ^ 3 + 20; % function  
x0 = 3; % initial point  
x = fzero(fun ,x0);
```

## MATLAB fzero function

- Root within an interval

```
fun = @(x) x ^ 5 - 3 * x ^ 2 + 1;
```

```
x_int = [1,2]; % interval
```

```
x = fzero (fun, x_int)
```

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- **Example**

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[x, fval] = fsolve(fun, x0);
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## References

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