

$$f(x) = (432x^4 + 72x^2 + 16x + 5)e - 8e^{6x}$$

1. IVT:  $f$  is a continuous function on the interval  $[0,1]$ .  $f(0) = 5.591409142295227$ ,  
 $f(1) = -1.800332388000882 * 10^3$ , therefore  $f(0)f(1) < 0$  and thus satisfies the  
IVT.

For 10 correct decimal places we do:

$tol = 0.5 * 10^{-10}$ , but for rounding sake this sometimes yields a 4 in the 11<sup>th</sup> decimal  
place depending on the starting interval, so I am going to use  $tol = 0.5 * 10^{-11}$

$xc = \text{bisect}(f, 0, 1, (0.5 * 10^{-11}))$ , the approximate root to 10 correct places and  
rounded is 0.4738158381.

Now we do the same thing for the interval  $[0,1.2]$ :

$xc = \text{bisect}(f, 0, 1.2, (0.5 * 10^{-11}))$ , the approximate root to 10 correct places and  
rounded is 0.4738158381.

Once more for the interval  $[0,1.4]$ :

$xc = \text{bisect}(f, 0, 1.4, (0.5 * 10^{-11}))$ , the approximate root to 10 correct places and  
rounded is 0.4738158381.

When using  $tol = 0.5 * 10^{-10}$  for some the new intervals I was getting 0.47381583804  
instead of the expected 0.47381583806 or 0.47381583807. So up to the 10<sup>th</sup> decimal  
place was correct across the different starting intervals but the rounding wasn't so I

wanted to make sure all the rounding was the same so I used  $tol = 0.5 * 10^{-11}$  to fix the rounding issue.

2. The backward error is  $|f(r)| = |f(0.4738158381)| =$

$$2.932125653387629 * 10^{-9}$$

Since the backward error is so small, the estimated root is close to 0 which gives confidence that the root is accurate up to 10 decimal places rounded.

3.  $f_{new}(x) = (432x^4 + 72x^2 + 16x + 3)e - 8e^{6x}$

For 10 correct decimal places we do:

$$tol = 0.5 * 10^{-10}$$

$xc = \text{bisect}(f, 0, 1, (0.5 * 10^{-10}))$ , the approximate root to 10 correct places and rounded is 0.1669921875.

Now we do the same thing for the interval  $[0, 1.2]$ :

$xc = \text{bisect}(f, 0, 1.2, (0.5 * 10^{-10}))$ , the approximate root to 10 correct places and rounded is 0.1669921875.

Once more for the interval  $[0, 1.4]$ :

$xc = \text{bisect}(f, 0, 1.4, (0.5 * 10^{-10}))$ , the approximate root to 10 correct places and rounded is 0.1667968750.

For both intervals  $[0, 1]$  and  $[0, 1.2]$  the roots are the same but for  $[0, 1.4]$  the root is different. They are only the same up to 3 decimal places.

The backward error for  $[0,1]$  and  $[0,1.2]$  is  $|f(r)| = |f(0.1669921875)| = 0$

The backward error for  $[0,1.4]$  is  $|f(r)| = |f(0.1667968750)| = 0$

The backward error for both of the points is 0 which means that accuracy of these roots must be contingent only upon the first 3 decimal places and that must be the 3 decimal places are the rounded exact root where the exact root is  $1/6$  (0.166666...).

4. The main difference between  $f$  and  $f_{new}$  is that all the intervals for  $f$  get the same rounded 10 decimal place estimated root and  $f_{new}$  intervals differ. Although  $f_{new}$  has different estimated roots, their backwards errors are all 0. I believe that the estimated rounded root of  $f$  is correct to 10 decimal places. With  $f_{new}$  since the estimated roots are different after 3 decimal places depending on the interval one can't really tell which is truly the correct 10 decimal place estimated root, but with the backwards error being 0 for each estimated root it seems that only the correct 3 decimal places are all we need.

#### **bisect.m**

```
function xc=bisect(f,a,b,tol)
if sign(f(a))*sign(f(b)) >= 0
    error('f(a)f(b)<0 not satisfied!')
end
fa=f(a);
fb=f(b);
while (b-a)/2>tol
    c=(a+b)/2;
    fc=f(c);
    if fc == 0
        break
    end
    if sign(fc)*sign(fa)<0
        b=c;fb=fc;
    else
        a=c;fa=fc;
    end
end
xc=(a+b)/2;
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**MatLab Session**

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f=@(x)(432*x.^4+72*x.^2+16*x+5)*exp(1)-8*exp(6*x);  
xc=bisect (f,0,1,0.5*10.^(-11))
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xc =

0.473815838067821

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xc=bisect (f,0,1.2,0.5*10.^(-11))
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xc =

0.473815838071459

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xc=bisect (f,0,1.4,0.5*10.^(-11))
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xc =

0.473815838069640

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abs(f(0.4738158381))
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ans =

2.932125653387629e-09

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f=@(x)(432*x.^4+72*x.^2+16*x+3)*exp(1)-8*exp(6*x);  
xc=bisect (f,0,1,0.5*10.^(-11))
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xc =

0.166992187500000

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xc=bisect (f,0,1.2,0.5*10.^(-11))
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xc =

0.166992187500000

```
xc=bisect (f,0,1.4,0.5*10.^(-11))
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xc =

0.166796875000000

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abs(f(0.1669921875))
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ans =

0

abs(f(0.1667968750))

ans =

0

diary end