

Exercise 9 – Root finding

Exercise 9.1

Consider the function $f(x) = e^{-x} - x$

- Draw the function in ROOT or another equivalent program.
- Write a program which evaluates the root with precision 10^{-8} using
 - Bisection method
 - Newton-Raphson method
- Compare the precisions after N steps

Some tips

Create a function which evaluates the value for you and another function which gives the derivative (once you have calculated it analytically)

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double myfun(double x)
double myfun_der(double x)
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Exercise 9.2

We consider the motion of a damped oscillator. We assume that the amplitude of such an oscillator is described by the following function:

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{-\chi t} (\cos \check{S}_1 t + \sin \check{S}_2 t)$$

Let assume the following values for the coefficients:

$$A_0 = 2.0, \chi = 0.3, \check{S}_1 = 3/2, \check{S}_2 = 17/4$$

-Find all the roots with precision 10^{-8} in the interval $[0,5]$ of $A(t)$ using both the bisection and the Newton-Raphson method.