Homework 2, due Feb. 8

In this homework, we find a minimum of the function

$$f(x) = e^{2\sin x} - x$$

by using the Newton's method and the globally convergent Newton's method.

1. Write a MATLAB function titled as

function [f, g, h] = myfunction(x)

which returns the function value f, its first derivative value g, and its second derivative value h, at x (given as input of the function).

Test that this function returns the correct values.

2. Draw the curve of this function y = f(x) for x on the interval $x \in [-5, 11]$. There are a number of local minimum of this function on this interval.

Apply the MATLAB built-in minimization function fminbnd to find a local minimum of this function on the interval [-5, 11], by

>> x = fminbnd('myfunction', -5, 11)

Mark the obtained point (x, f(x)) on the curve of the function to see if it is indeed a local minimum.

3. Apply the simple Newton's iteration following the Algorithm on Page 4 in the Lecture Note to solve f'(x) = 0, with initial guess $x_0 = 3$. Stop the iteration when $|f'(x_k)| < 10^{-6}$, i.e., when $|g(x_k)| < 10^{-6}$. Here to obtain the function value and its derivatives, use the function myfunction written in Part 1.

Mark the solution point (x, f(x)) obtained by this algorithm on the curve of the function to see if it is a local minimum, or something else.

Also plot the vector containing all the values $|g(x_k)|$, k = 0, 1, 2, ..., obtained in the iteration. Is the rate of convergence quadratic? Use semilogy for this plot to have better observation of the values.

4. Answer the same questions in Part 3, for the globally convergent Newton's method for minimizing f(x), described on Page 6 in the Lecture Note.