

MATH 371-03 (181)

MATLAB # 1

Due Oct. 4, 2018

We would like to compare the performance of two root finding methods: Bisection method and fixed-point iteration.

Write a MATLAB code to test these two methods on the following function:

$$f(x) = x - 3^{-x} \quad \text{on the interval } [0, 1]$$

using  $\text{TOL} = 10^{-5}$  and the same stopping procedure for both methods.

Arrange your output in a table. What is your observation?

MATLAB hints:

You may use the following to define your function:

$$f = @(x) (x)^2 - 2 * (x)$$

this define, for example, the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$  then you may use  $f(2)$  to evaluate your function at  $x = 2$ . Try to define other functions.