

EE103
Applied Numerical Computing
Midterm Exam
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Problem 1:

The following data comprise the output from applying Newton's method for finding an \bar{x} such that $f(\bar{x}) = 0$.

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1. To what value is the sequence of iterations converging? ✓
2. What is your estimate of the rate of convergence, α ? State why.
3. What is your estimate of the asymptotic error coefficient, λ ? State why.
4. What can you say about the function's derivative, $f'(\bar{x})$, at your limiting value of the x sequence? Why? What about $g_N^{(1)}(\bar{x})$?

1st term
2nd term
3rd term

- 1.626923076923077e+001
- 9.081360946745560e+000
- 5.437414656349567e+000
- 3.465672157837611e+000
- 2.375162859924642e+000
- 1.767842843999006e+000
- 1.428888726391136e+000
- 1.239587641978233e+000
- 1.133843976215715e+000
- 1.074771786275115e+000
- 1.041771307641842e+000
- 1.023335591519508e+000
- 1.013036460375617e+000
- 1.007282837243768e+000
- 1.004068567565098e+000
- 1.002272911177978e+000
- 1.001269765133417e+000
- 1.000709356138076e+000
- 1.000396282838074e+000
- 1.000221383983777e+000
- 1.000123676484484e+000
- 1.000069092047913e+000
- 1.000038598373044e+000
- 1.000021563037233e+000
- 1.000012046222108e+000
- 1.000006729639499e+000
- 1.000003759522892e+000
- 1.000002100262932e+000
- 1.000001173314941e+000
- 1.000000655474098e+000

① It appears that the iterations values are approaching 1. That's the trend in this problem. ✓

② say $\bar{x} = 1$

$$\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \bar{x}}{|\lambda_k - \bar{x}|^\alpha} = \lambda$$

$$\frac{11.62 - 10^1 - 1}{19.08 - 1} = \frac{15.27}{2.08} = \lambda = \frac{19.08 - 1}{15.44 - 1} = \frac{8.08}{4.44}$$

$$15.27 - 4.44^\alpha = 8.08 \cdot 8.08^\alpha$$

If $\alpha = 1$ $\approx 62 = 64$
 If $\alpha = 2$ $15.27 = 8.08^2 = 65.3$
 $\approx 40 = 522$ ✓

$\alpha = 1$ produces the best estimate that satisfies both sides of eq. since the equation for λ produces a consistent λ for the 2nd & third term when $\alpha = 1$.

③ based off of $\alpha = 1$, we can use the

equation: $\frac{\lambda_{k+1} - \bar{x}}{|\lambda_k - \bar{x}|^\alpha} = \lambda$

let $\bar{x} = 1, \alpha = 1$

$$\frac{16.27 - 1}{19.08 - 1} = \lambda = \frac{15.27}{8.08} \approx 1.9$$

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8.08 | 15.27
 8.08 | 7.19

 8.08 | 5.21
 8.08 | 0.05

 0.19

1.2 | 15.27
 1.2 | 19.08

 1.2 | 14.08

④ Since it converges linearly,

$$f(\bar{x}) = 0$$

$$g_N'(\bar{x}) \neq 0$$



Problem 2:

Assume $f(x)$ has a fourth continuous derivative. Show that

$$f \quad \frac{f(\bar{x}+h) - 2f(\bar{x}) + f(\bar{x}-h)}{h^2}$$

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is an $O(h^2)$ approximation for $f''(\bar{x})$, the second derivative of f evaluated at \bar{x} .

[hint: Use Taylor's Theorem twice.]



$$-(f(\bar{x}) - f(\bar{x}+h) + f(\bar{x}) - f(\bar{x}-h))$$

$$f(x) = f(\bar{x}) + f'(\bar{x})(x-\bar{x}) + \frac{1}{2}f''(\bar{x})(x-\bar{x})^2 + \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi)(x-\bar{x})^3$$

$$f(\bar{x}+h) = f(\bar{x}) + f'(\bar{x})(x-\bar{x}) + \frac{1}{2}f''(\bar{x})(x-\bar{x})^2 + \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi_1)(x-\bar{x})^3$$

$$f(\bar{x}-h) = f(\bar{x}) - f'(\bar{x})(x-\bar{x}) + \frac{1}{2}f''(\bar{x})(x-\bar{x})^2 - \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi_2)(x-\bar{x})^3$$

$$f(\bar{x}+h) + f(\bar{x}-h) = 2f(\bar{x}) + f''(\bar{x})(x-\bar{x})^2 + \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi_1)(x-\bar{x})^3 - \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi_2)(x-\bar{x})^3$$

$$\frac{f(\bar{x}+h) + f(\bar{x}-h) - 2f(\bar{x})}{(x-\bar{x})^2} = f''(\bar{x}) + \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi_1)(x-\bar{x}) - \frac{1}{6}f'''(\xi_2)(x-\bar{x})$$

$$\text{let } (x-\bar{x}) = h \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(\bar{x}+h) + f(\bar{x}-h) - 2f(\bar{x})}{h^2} = f''(\bar{x}) + O(h) = f''(\bar{x})$$

these two don't cancel!

\therefore since the expression converges to a constant value which is $f''(\bar{x})$ at \bar{x} , we can say that

$$\frac{f(\bar{x}+h) + f(\bar{x}-h) - 2f(\bar{x})}{h^2} \text{ is } O(h^2) \text{ for } f''(\bar{x}).$$

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Suppose we're using Newton's method for finding a solution of the equation $f(x) = 0$. Suppose the method works and we have $x_k \rightarrow \bar{x}$ and we also know that \bar{x} is a root of multiplicity 4. We're interested in studying the rate of convergence. To make matters specific, let's consider $f(x) = x^4$ (of course, we don't need an algorithm for this problem; our point is to understand rates), where we begin Newton's method with the positive value $x_0 = 1$.

- (a) What is the rate of convergence of Newton's method, $x \leftarrow x - f(x)/f'(x)$, in this case? What is the value of the asymptotic error coefficient, λ ?
- (b) In place of Newton's method, suppose we use $x \leftarrow x - 2f(x)/f'(x)$. What is the rate of convergence of this method? What is the value of the asymptotic error coefficient, λ ? How many iterations will it take to be within 10^{-3} of the root (An expression for the answer is sufficient).
- (c) In place of the method of (b), suppose we use $x \leftarrow x - 4f(x)/f'(x)$. How many iterations will it take to converge?
- (d) Now suppose that $f(x) = P_n(x)$, an n^{th} degree polynomial with n distinct roots. As above, Newton's method produces a sequence $x_k \rightarrow \bar{x}$. Show whether or not the convergence rate is at least quadratic.

Hint: Consider the facts

$$P_n(x) = (x - \bar{x})P_{n-1}(x), \quad P_n^{(1)}(x) = ?$$

$$g_N^{(1)}(x) = \frac{P_n(x)P_n^{(2)}(x)}{(P_n^{(1)}(x))^2}$$

(a) $f(x) = x^4$ $x_0 = 1$ $f'(x) = 4x^3 \Rightarrow f'(\bar{x}) = f'(0) = 0$

$g_N(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} = x - \frac{x^4}{4x^3} = x - \frac{x}{4} = \frac{3x}{4}$

$g_N'(x) = \frac{3}{4}$ $g_N'(\bar{x}) = \frac{3}{4}$

$\alpha = 1$ $\lambda = |g_N'(\bar{x})| = \frac{3}{4} \leq 1$
 $g_N''(\bar{x}) = 0$

since $g_N'(\bar{x}) \neq 0$ $f'(\bar{x}) = 0$

$g_N''(\bar{x})$ - exists & cont.

we can say that $\alpha = 1$, $\lambda = \frac{3}{4}$, linear convergence
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(b) $g_N(x) = x - \frac{2f(x)}{f'(x)} = x - \frac{2x^4}{4x^3} = x - \frac{x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}x$ $f'(\bar{x}) = f'(0) = 0$

$g_N'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow g_N'(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha = 1, \lambda = |g_N'(\bar{x})| = \frac{1}{2}$

since $g_N'(\bar{x}) \neq 0$, $f'(\bar{x}) = 0$

$g_N''(\bar{x})$ - exists & cont.

we can say that POC: $\alpha = 1$, $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, it converges linearly.

$\frac{|x_k - \bar{x}|}{|x_{k-1} - \bar{x}|} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{x_{k+1} - \bar{x}}{x_k - \bar{x}}$

let $x_{k+1} = 1$ $x_k - \bar{x} = 2(x_{k+1} - \bar{x})$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2^n} = |0 - 1 \cdot 10^{-3}|$ where $n = \#$ of iterations

$\frac{1}{2^n} = 0.001$

$1000 = 2^n$ ✓

$n = \log_2(1000)$ iterations.

(c) $g_N(x) = x - \frac{4f(x)}{f'(x)} = x - \frac{4x^4}{4x^3} = 0 \Rightarrow g_N'(\bar{x}) = 0$ 2.5/5

$g_N'(x) = 0$

$g_N''(x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow g_N'(\bar{x}) = 0$

$g_N''(\bar{x}) = 0$

The sequence will not converge according to the

method used, since $g_N(\bar{x}) = 0$

$g_N'(\bar{x}) = 0$

$g_N''(\bar{x}) = 0$

No # of iterations will make the expression converge.

(d) $P_n(x) = (x-\bar{x})P_{n-1}(x)$
 $P_n'(x) = P_{n-1}(x) + (x-\bar{x})P_{n-1}'(x)$
 $P_n'(\bar{x}) = P_{n-1}(\bar{x}) + (\bar{x}-\bar{x})P_{n-1}'(\bar{x}) = P_{n-1}(\bar{x}) \neq 0$

$$P_n'(\bar{x}) = P_{n-1}(\bar{x}) + (\bar{x}-\bar{x})P_{n-1}'(\bar{x})$$

$$P_n'(\bar{x}) = P_{n-1}(\bar{x})$$

$$g_n'(x) = \frac{P_n(x)P_n''(x)}{P_n'(x)^2} = \frac{(x-\bar{x})P_{n-1}(x)[P_{n-1}'(x) + P_{n-1}(x) + (x-\bar{x})P_{n-1}''(x)]}{P_{n-1}(x)^2 + 2P_{n-1}(x)(x-\bar{x}) + (x-\bar{x})^2P_{n-1}''(x)}$$

$\bar{x} \neq 0$

$$g_n'(\bar{x}) = \frac{(\bar{x}-\bar{x})P_{n-1}(\bar{x})[P_{n-1}'(\bar{x}) + P_{n-1}(\bar{x}) + (\bar{x}-\bar{x})P_{n-1}''(\bar{x})]}{P_{n-1}(\bar{x})^2 + 2P_{n-1}(\bar{x})(\bar{x}-\bar{x}) + (\bar{x}-\bar{x})^2P_{n-1}''(\bar{x})}$$

$$= \frac{0}{P_{n-1}(\bar{x})^2} = 0$$

$$g_n''(x) = \frac{P_n''(x)}{P_n'(x)} = \frac{P_{n-1}'(x) + P_{n-1}(x) + (x-\bar{x})P_{n-1}''(x)}{P_{n-1}(x) + (x-\bar{x})P_{n-1}'(x)}$$

$$g_n''(\bar{x}) = \frac{P_{n-1}'(\bar{x}) + P_{n-1}(\bar{x}) + (\bar{x}-\bar{x})P_{n-1}''(\bar{x})}{P_{n-1}(\bar{x}) + (\bar{x}-\bar{x})P_{n-1}'(\bar{x})}$$

$$g_n''(\bar{x}) = \frac{P_{n-1}'(\bar{x}) + P_{n-1}(\bar{x})}{P_{n-1}(\bar{x})} \neq 0$$

We can see that $g_n''(\bar{x})$ exists & is continuous.

\therefore since $P_n'(\bar{x}) \neq 0$

$$g_n'(\bar{x}) = 0$$

$$g_n''(\bar{x}) \neq 0$$

$$g_n'''(\bar{x}) = \text{cont.} \neq \text{exists}$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 2$, quadratic convergence at least

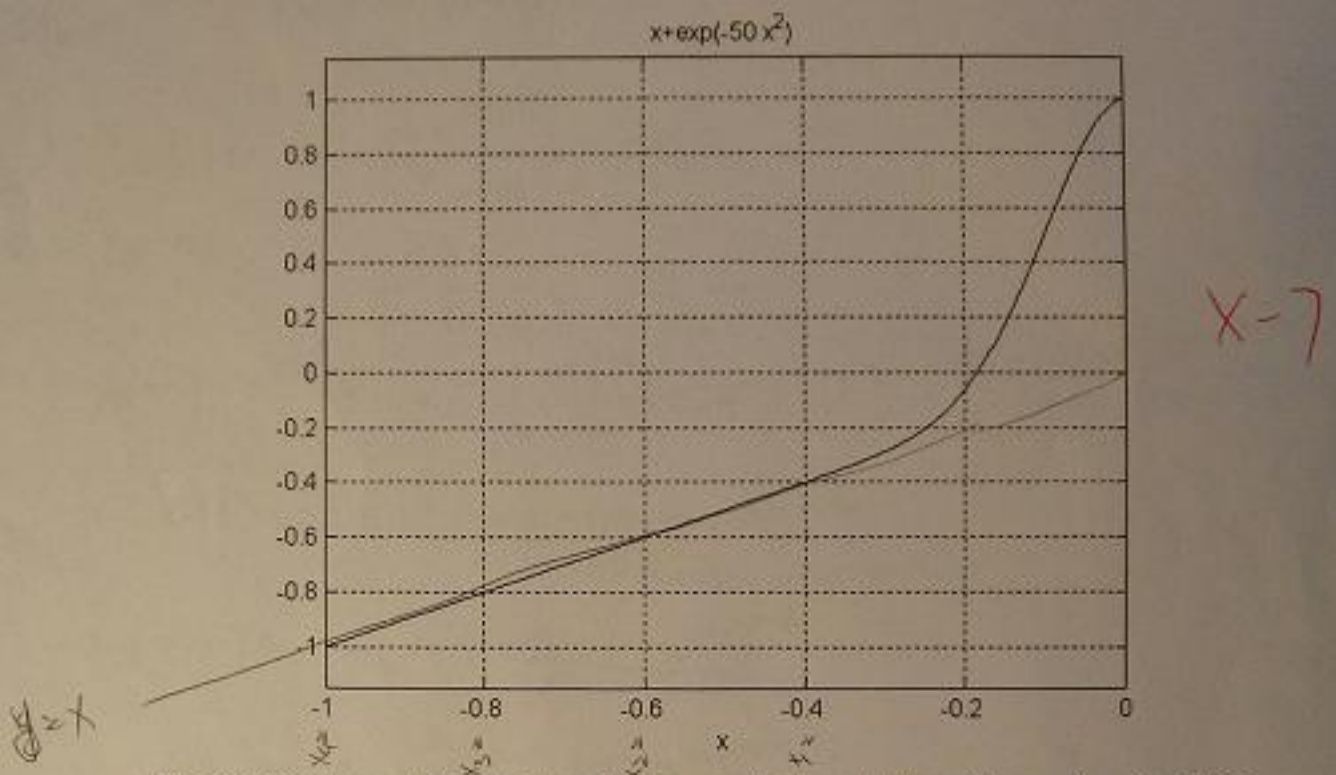
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Problem 4:

(a) Let $f(x) = x + e^{-50x^2}$. There is a unique solution, \bar{x} , for $f(x) = 0$ in the interval $[-1, 0]$.

(i) The plot of $f(x)$ is given below. By inspecting the graph, what can you say about the rate of convergence if Newton's method converges to the solution? Why?

(ii) Starting with $x_0 = 0$, mark the approximate locations, with x_1 and x_2 , where those values would be if we had implemented Newton's method.



(iii) Now, implement Newton's method numerically, starting with $x_0 = 0$ as the initial point. Also, assume we are implementing Newton's method on a machine that uses the IEEE double-precision standard.

Compute the first 5 numbers generated from the Newton iterations, starting with $x_0 = 0$.

(Hint: use $e^{-50} \approx 1.9287 \times 10^{-22}$, and recall that $\epsilon_M \approx 1.1102 \times 10^{-16}$ for an IEEE double-precision machine).

(iv) What do you observe from part (iii)? Explain.

(i) The rate of convergence should be $\alpha=1$ or linear convergence because from $[-1, -0.4]$ the slope of the line is 1, $g_N'(x)=1$ which means $g_N'(x) \neq 0$, so the convergence has to be linear with ROC $\alpha=1$.

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in the interval
[-1, -0.4]

(ii) marked on x axis of graph

$$g_N(x) = x - \frac{x + e^{-50x^2}}{1 + 100x e^{-50x^2}} = \checkmark$$

$$g_N(x_0) = g_N(0) = 0 - \frac{0 + 1}{1 + 0} = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$g_N(x_1) = g_N(0.2) = -0.2 - \frac{-0.2 + (e^{-50})^{0.04}}{1 + 20(e^{-50})^{0.04}} = -0.2 - \frac{-0.2 + (1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})^{0.04}}{1 + 20 \cdot (1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})^{0.04}}$$

$$g_N(-0.4) = -0.4 - \frac{-0.4 + (1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})^{0.16}}{1 + 40(1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})^{0.16}}$$

$$g_N(-0.6) = -0.6 - \frac{-0.6 + (1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})^{0.36}}{1 + 60(1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})^{0.36}}$$

$$g_N(-0.8) = -0.8 - \frac{-0.8 + (1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})^{0.64}}{1 + 80(1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})^{0.64}}$$

$$g_N(-1) = -1 - \frac{-1 + (1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})}{1 + 100(1.9287 \cdot 10^{-22})}$$

(iii) The iterations seem to converge to the value 0 because if we take in account of precision of IEEE machine $e^{-50} = 0$ so $g_N(x) = 0$.

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