

# Math 151A - Spring 2020 - Week 4

## Today:

- Order of convergence
- Comparing iterative methods

## Homework Announcements:

- Make sure to “submit” your homework on CCLE, not just upload a draft
- Cite any important theorems you use and why you can use them
- For programming questions, make sure to write a short summary of your result (e.g. “My code estimated  $p = 1.365230$  with a tolerance  $10^{-6}$  and initial guess  $p_0 = 1.5$ ”)
- Export images as .png or .jpg, don’t use the Matlab default .fig
- If you submitted a code but it has errors, make sure to fix before the exam

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If  $p_n$  is a sequence converging to  $p$  with  $p_n \neq p$  for all  $n$ , and if there exist  $\lambda, \alpha > 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^{\alpha}} = \lambda,$$

then  $p_n$  converges to  $p$  with **order**  $\alpha$ .

$\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$  linear convergence

$\alpha = 2 \Rightarrow$  quadratic convergence

## Order of Convergence for Fixed-Point Iteration:

- Satisfy the hypothesis of the fixed-point theorem
- If  $p = g(p)$  and  $g'(p) \neq 0$ , then the fixed-point iteration converges **linearly**
- If  $p = g(p)$ ,  $g'(p) = 0$ , and  $g''$  is bounded in an open interval around  $p$ , then there is an interval where the fixed-point iteration converges **at least quadratically**

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**Example 1.** Last week we showed the fixed-point iteration  $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$  with  $g(x) = \arctan x + \frac{1}{2}$  converges on the interval  $[1, 2]$  with some  $x_0 \in [1, 2]$ . What is the order of convergence?

Scratch work

$$g(x) = \arctan x + \frac{1}{2} \quad g(x^*) = x^* \rightarrow \arctan x^* + \frac{1}{2} = x^*$$
$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad g'(x^*) \neq 0 \rightarrow \text{expect linear convergence}$$

Claim  $x_n$  converge linearly

Options for proving:

- contraction theorem in textbook
- directly (Mean Value Theorem)

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$g \in C[1, 2]$ ,  $g$  is diff. on  $(1, 2)$

$$x^* = g(x^*)$$

$$|x_{n+1} - x^*| = |g(x_n) - g(x^*)|$$

$= |g'(\xi_n)| |x_n - x^*|$  by MVT where  $\xi_n$  is between  $x_n$  and  $x^*$

$$\frac{|x_{n+1} - x^*|}{|x_n - x^*|} = |g'(\xi_n)|$$

Since  $\xi_n$  is between  $x_n$  and  $x^*$ ,  
 $\xi_n \rightarrow x^*$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - x^*|}{|x_n - x^*|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |g'(\xi_n)| = |g'(x^*)| = \frac{1}{1+x^*} > 0$$

Therefore  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  (linearly).

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**Example 2.** Show that the function  $g(x) = \frac{2x^3 + 1}{3x^2}$  has the fixed point  $x^* = 1$ . Given that the fixed-point iteration  $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$  on the interval  $[0.9, 1.1]$  converges to  $x^* = 1$  with some  $x_0 \in [0.9, 1.1]$ , what is the order of convergence?

Fixed point:  $g(x^*) = x^*$  i.e.  $g(1) = 1$

$$g(1) = \frac{2(1)^3 + 1}{3(1)^2} = \frac{3}{3} = 1 \checkmark \quad x^* = 1 \text{ is a fixed point of } g.$$

Scratch work:  $g(x) = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{3x^2}$

$$g'(x) = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3}x^{-3} \quad g'(1) = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = 0$$
$$g''(x) = 2x^{-4} \quad g''(1) = 2 \quad \text{quadratic convergence}$$

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Claim  $x_n$  converges quadratically.

Prof.  $g(x_n) < g(x^*) + \frac{g'(x^*)}{2!}(x_n - x^*) + \frac{g''(\xi_n)}{2!}(x_n - x^*)^2$

by Taylor's Theorem where  $\xi_n$  is between  $x_n$  and  $x^*$  ( $g \in C^2[0.9, 1.1]$ )

$$|x_{n+1} - x^*| = |g(x_n) - g(x^*)| = \frac{|g''(\xi_n)|}{2!} |x_n - x^*|^2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - x^*|}{|x_n - x^*|^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|g''(\xi_n)|}{2!} = \frac{|g''(x^*)|}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 > 0$$

because  $\xi_n$  also converges to  $x^*$ .

Therefore  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  quadratically.

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Note: it turns out the last example was Newton's method with  $f(x) = x^3 - 1$ .

$$x_{n+1} = g(x_n) = \frac{2x_n^3 + 1}{3x_n^2}$$

Newton's method:  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$

$$= x_n - \frac{x_n^3 - 1}{3x_n^2}$$
$$= \frac{3x_n^3 - x_n^3 + 1}{3x_n^2}$$
$$= \frac{2x_n^3 + 1}{3x_n^2}$$

## Order of Convergence for Newton's Method:

- $f \in C^2[a, b]$ ,  $p \in [a, b]$
- If  $f(p) = 0$  and  $f'(p) \neq 0$ , then Newton's method converges **quadratically** provided we start close enough to  $p$
- If  $f(p) = 0$ ,  $f'(p) = 0$ , (i.e.  $p$  is not a simple zero), then Newton's method converges **linearly** provided we start close enough to  $p$

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**Example 3.** Consider Newton's method of finding the root of  $f(x) = 0$  where  $f(x) = x^2(x - 1)$  with some initial guess  $x_0$ . What are the possible roots this method could converge to? What is the order of convergence we would expect for each of these roots?

Roots:  $x^2(x - 1) = 0$

$$\boxed{x=0 \quad x=1}$$

mult. 2      mult. 1  
not simple      simple zero

- expect linear convergence near  $x=0$
- expect quadratic convergence near  $x=1$

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x \quad f'(0) = 3(0)^2 - 2(0) = 0 \quad \text{not simple}$$
$$f'(1) = 3(1)^2 - 2(1) = 1 \quad \text{simple}$$

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For the last example, we run `example3.m` and `newton.m` with a tolerance of  $10^{-16}$ .

- If we start with  $x_0 = 0.1$ , our method converges to  $x = 0$  but it takes 24 iterations!
- If we start with  $x_0 = 1.4$ , our method converges to  $x = 1$  in only 6 iterations.

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**Example 4.** Consider Newton's method of finding the root of  $f(x) = 0$  where  $f(x) = x^2 + 2xe^{-x} + e^{-2x}$  with some initial guess  $x_0 \in [0, 1]$ . Does this method converge linearly or quadratically?

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

$$f(x^*) = 0$$

$$(x^* + e^{-x^*})^2 = 0$$

$$\underbrace{x^* + e^{-x^*}}_{} = 0$$

$$f'(x) \approx 2(x + e^{-x})(1 - e^{-x})$$

$$f'(x^*) = 2(\underbrace{x^* + e^{-x^*}}_{})(1 - e^{-x^*}) = 0$$

linear convergence

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$$g(x^*) = x^*$$

**Example 5.** Compare the Bisection, Fixed-Point, Newton's, Secant, and False Position methods for finding the root of  $x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0$  on  $[1, 2]$  with a tolerance  $10^{-6}$ .

- See `example5.m`, `bisection.m`, `fixedpoint.m`, `newton.m`, `secant.m`, `falseposition.m`

- Bisection, Newton, Secant, and False Position methods all use

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 10$$

- Newton's method also requires  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 8x$

- Fixed-Point method uses  $g(x) = \sqrt{\frac{10}{4+x}}$

- Initial guess for Fixed-Point and Newton methods:  $p_0 = 1.5$

- Initial guesses for Secant and False Position methods:

$$p_0 = 1.25, p_1 = 1.5 \quad (f(p_0) < 0, f(p_1) > 0)$$

Fixed point:  $x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0$

$$x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 10 = x \rightarrow g_1(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 10$$

$$g_1'(x) = 3x^2 + 8x + 1 \quad \text{diverges}$$

$|g_1'(x)| \geq 1$   
on  $[1, 2]$

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## Summary:

	Bisection	Fixed-Point	Newton's	Secant	False Position
Solves for	$f(x^*) = 0$	$g(x^*) = x^*$	$f(x^*) = 0$	$f(x^*) = 0$	$f(x^*) = 0$
Order of conv.	$\alpha \geq 1$	$\alpha = 1 \text{ if } g'(x^*) \neq 0$ $\alpha \geq 2 \text{ if } g'(x^*) = 0$	$\alpha = 1 \text{ if } f'(x^*) = 0$ $\alpha \geq 2 \text{ if } f'(x^*) \neq 0$	$\alpha = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$	$\alpha = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• always converges</li> <li>• error analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• error analysis</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no derivatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• always converges</li> </ul>
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• slow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• might not converge</li> <li>• need a contraction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• need <math>f'</math></li> <li>• <math>f'</math> close to 0</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 initial guesses</li> </ul>	