

Lecture 7: Numerical Linear Algebra (UMA021): Roots of Non-Linear Equations

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Newton's method:

Importance:

well known and most power full method

Conditions for the convergence:

Suppose $f \in C^2[a, b]$. Let $p_0 \in [a, b]$ be an approximation to p such that $f'(p_0) \neq 0$ and $|p - p_0|$ is small.

IVT

$$f \in C[a, b]$$

$$f \in C^1[a, b] \Rightarrow f, f' \in C[a, b]$$

$$f \in C^2[a, b] \Rightarrow f, f', f'' \in C[a, b]$$

$p = 1.2$ $[1, 2]$

$p_0 = 1.5$

Newton's method:

Derivation:

Let $f(x)=0$ be the equation & p be the exact root of $f(x)=0$ i.e. $f(p)=0$

let p_0 be an initial guess to the root p

let $f \in C^2[a,b]$ and $|p-p_0|$ is small.

consider the Taylor's polynomial for $f(x)$ about p_0

$$f(p) \approx f(p_0) + (p-p_0) f'(p_0) + \frac{(p-p_0)^2}{2!} f''(p_0).$$

$$0 \approx f(p_0) + (p-p_0) f'(p_0).$$

$$-f(p_0) \approx (p-p_0) f'(p_0)$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |p-p_0| \text{ is small} \\ \text{then } |p-p_0|^2 \text{ is very small} \end{array} \right.$

$$\frac{-f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)} \approx p - p_0$$

$$p \approx p_0 - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} p_1 = p_0 - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)} \\ \text{(say)} \end{array}$$

$$\text{11}^{\text{th}} \quad p_2 = p_1 - \frac{f(p_1)}{f'(p_1)}$$

$$\text{11}^{\text{th}} \quad p_3 = p_2 - \frac{f(p_2)}{f'(p_2)}$$

$$p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{f(p_n)}{f'(p_n) \neq 0}$$

→ Newton's method

Newton's method:

Graphical representation:

Eqⁿ of tangent ①

$$y - f(p_0) = f'(p_0) (x - p_0)$$

At x-axis $y = 0$

$$-f(p_0) = f'(p_0) (x - p_0)$$

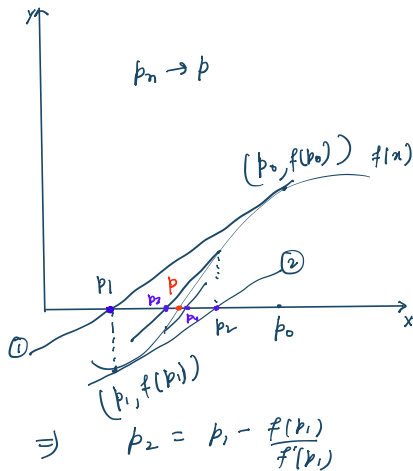
$$\frac{-f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)} = x - p_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = p_0 - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)}$$

(= p_1)
(say)

Eqⁿ of tangent ②

$$y - f(p_1) = f'(p_1) (x - p_1) \Rightarrow p_2 = p_1 - \frac{f(p_1)}{f'(p_1)}$$



Newton's method:

Example:

Find the root of an equation $f(x) = \cos(x) - x = 0$ with an accuracy of 10^{-2}

$$f(x) = \cos x - x = 0 \quad \text{①}$$

By IVT, first we find the interval at which root lie so that we can take an initial guess close to the exact root.

$$f(0) = \cos 0 - 0 = 1 > 0$$

$$f(1) = \cos 1 - 1 < 0$$

\Rightarrow Root lies in $[0, 1]$

Apply Newton's method on ①

$$p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{f(p_n)}{f'(p_n)}$$

$$= p_n - \frac{\cos(p_n) - p_n}{-\sin p_n - 1}$$

$$= p_n + \frac{\cos p_n - p_n}{\sin p_n + 1}$$

let us take an initial guess $p_0 = 0.5$

$$p_1 = 0.5 + \frac{\cos(0.5) - 0.5}{\sin(0.5) + 1} = 0.7552$$

$$p_2 = 0.7552 + \frac{\cos(0.7552) - 0.7552}{\sin(0.7552) + 1}$$

$$= 0.7391$$

$$|p_2 - p_3| < 10^{-2}$$

$$p_3 = 0.7391 + \frac{\cos(0.7391) - 0.7391}{\sin(0.7391) + 1}$$

$$= 0.7390$$

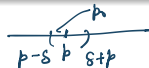
Ans.

Newton's method:

Convergence result for Newton's method:

Let $f \in C^2[a, b]$. If $p \in (a, b)$ is such that $f(p) = 0$ and $f'(p) \neq 0$, then there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that Newton's method generates a sequence $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converging to p for any initial approximation $p_0 \in [p - \delta, p + \delta]$.

\downarrow
 nbd of p
 i.e. $|p - p_0|$ is small
 $p_n \rightarrow p$



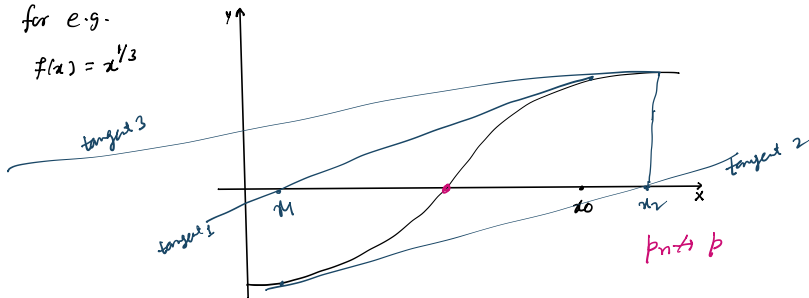
Newton's method:

Case of failure:

- (i) When the initial guess is on the inflection of the function
i.e. $f''(p_0) = 0$.

for e.g.

$$f(x) = x^{1/3}$$



Newton's method:

Case of failure:

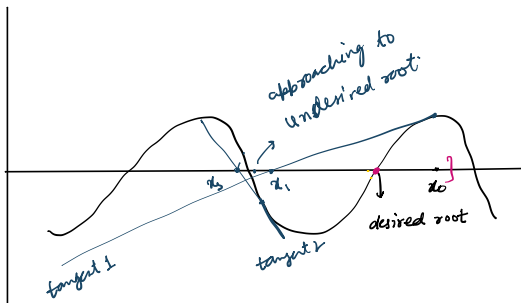
(ii) When there is another slope near to the initial guess.

for e.g.

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

or

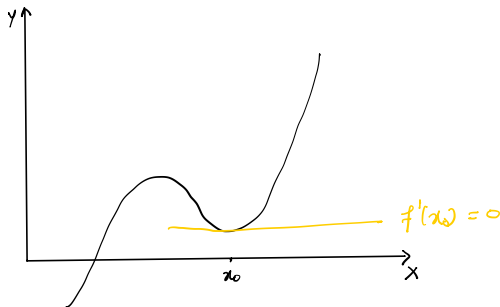
$$f(x) = \cos x$$



Newton's method:

Case of failure:

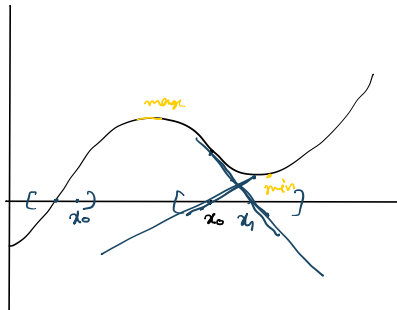
- (iii) When the initial guess or any iterative value of function never hits the x -axis i.e. $f'(x) = 0$.



Newton's method:

Case of failure:

- (iv) When the initial guess is between local maximum or local minimum.



*pn is oscillating
not going to p*

Newton's method:

Exercise:

- 1 Find the root of an equation $x - e^{-x} = 0$ by using Newton's method with the accuracy of 10^{-2} .
- 2 The function $f(x) = \sin x$ has a zero on the interval $(3, 4)$ namely, $x = \pi$. Perform three iterations of Newton's method to approximate this zero, using $x_0 = 4$.