

Lecture 3: Numerical Linear Algebra (UMA021): Roots of Non-Linear Equations

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Bisection method

$$f(x) = 0$$

$$[1, 2]$$

$$x_1 = 1.5, x_2 =$$

$$- \dots \langle x_n \rangle \rightarrow x$$

Maximum error bound

Suppose that $f \in C[a, b]$ and $f(a) * f(b) < 0$. The Bisection method generates a sequence $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ approximating a zero p of f with

$$|p_n - p| \leq \frac{b-a}{2^n} \text{ when } n \geq 1. \quad \text{to root of } f(x) = 0$$

Proof:

set of continuous function on $[a, b]$

$p_n \rightarrow$ nth approximate root

$p \rightarrow$ exact root.

$$f(x) = 0$$

$$[a, b]$$

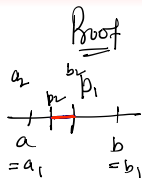
$$p_1 = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$[a, p_1], [p_1, b]$$

$$p_2 = \frac{p_1+b}{2}$$

$$p_1, p_2, p_3 \dots p_n$$

Bisection method



Proof $f(x) = 0$ be an equation. By IVT
 suppose that it has a root in $[a, b]$
 $= [a_1, b_1]$ (say)

Use bisection method $p_1 = \frac{a+b}{2}$
 length of interval $[a_1, b_1] = |b_1 - a_1|$

Now Root of $f(x) = 0$ lies in either $[a, p_1]$ or $[p_1, b]$

Again Using IVT on these interval, we get

Root lies in $[a_2, b_2]$ (say)

length of interval of $[a_2, b_2]$ is $|b_2 - a_2| = \frac{|b_1 - a_1|}{2}$
 Again using bisection method we get $p_2 = \frac{a_2 + b_2}{2}$

Now Root of $f(x) = 0$ lies in either $[a_2, p_2]$ or $[p_2, b_2]$

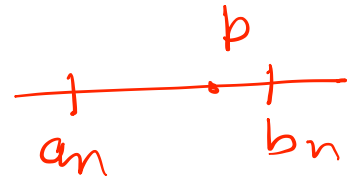
By Using IVT, we get root lies in $[a_3, b_3]$ (say)

length of interval of $[a_3, b_3]$ is $|b_3 - a_3| = \frac{|b_1 - a_1|}{2^2}$

Continue this process with n iterations, then

we get root lies in $[a_n, b_n]$

and $p_n = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$



$p \rightarrow$ exact root

$p \in (a_n, b_n)$

Now

$$|p_n - p| = \left| \frac{a_n + b_n}{2} - p \right|$$

$$< \left| \frac{a_n + b_n}{2} - a_n \right|$$

$|p_n - p|$

$$< \left| \frac{a_n + b_n - 2a_n}{2} \right|$$

$$a_n < p < b_n$$

$$a_n < p$$

$$-a_n > -p$$

$$-p < -a_n$$

$$|p_n - p| < \frac{|b_n - a_n|}{2} = \frac{|b_1 - a_1|}{2 \times 2^{n-1}} = \frac{|b - a|}{2^n}$$

Bisection method

Example

Determine the number of iterations necessary to solve $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0$ with accuracy 10^{-3} using $a_1 = 1$ and $b_1 = 2$.

Solution:

$$a_1 = 1, \quad b_1 = 2$$

$$|p_n - b| \leq \frac{|b - a|}{2^n} \leq 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{|2 - 1|}{2^n} \leq 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \leq 10^{-3}$$

$$2^{-n} \leq 10^{-3}$$

$$2^n \geq 10^3$$

$$n \log 2 \geq 3 \log 10 \quad \Rightarrow \quad n \geq 3 \frac{\log 10}{\log 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \geq 9.96$$

$$n = 10$$

$$f(n) = 0$$

Exercise:

- 1 Find a bound for the number of iterations needed to achieve an approximation of $(25)^{1/3}$ by the bisection method with an accuracy 10^{-2} . Hence find the approximation with given accuracy.

make a non-linear eqn ✓

$$x = (25)^{1/3}$$

not linear eqn ✗

$$x - (25)^{1/3} = 0$$

$$x^3 = 25$$

$$x^3 - 25 = 0$$

$$x^3 - 25 = 0$$

$$[2, 3]$$

$$f(0) = -ve$$

$$f(3) = +ve$$

$$f(1) = -ve$$

$$f(2) = -ve$$