
Introduction to Numerical Analysis: Exercise Booklet

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Chapter 1

Introduction: square root methods

Exercise 1: Calculation of $\sqrt{7}$

- a) Define the function $f(x)$ so that the solution of $f(x) = 0$ is $x = \sqrt{7}$. Is there a root of this equation in the interval $[1, 2]$? What about $[2, 3]$?
- b) Use 3 iterations of the bisection method, starting with the interval $[2, 3]$, to estimate the value of $x = \sqrt{7}$.
- c) How many iterations of the bisection method are required to achieve an accuracy better than 10^{-5} ?
- d) Use 3 iterations of Heron's method, starting at $x_0 = 3$, to estimate the value of $x = \sqrt{7}$.

Exercise 2: Calculation of $\sqrt{5}$

- a) Give the terms of the Taylor expansion of $(1+x)^p$ for $x = 4$ and $p = 1/2$ up to the third derivative. Will this series converge on $\sqrt{5}$?
- b) Use 3 iterations of Heron's method, starting at $x_0 = 2$, to estimate the value of $\sqrt{5}$.

Exercise 3: Algorithm analysis

- a) For Theon of Smyrna's method, by considering $p_{k+1}^2 - 2q_{k+1}^2$ and $p_0 = q_0 = 1$, prove this method converges to $x_0 = 2$.
- b) Prove that Heron's method converges for any square root.

Chapter 2

Rootfinding

Exercise 4: Finding the intersection of $2 \sin x = x$

- Sketch a graph of $y = 2 \sin x$ and $y = x$ in the domain $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$.
- Write a function $f(x)$ that has roots corresponding to the solutions of $2 \sin x = x$.
- Use the Intermediate Value Theorem and the graph to find *the number* of roots of $f(x)$, and give intervals surrounding them.
- Use the bisection algorithm to solve $2 \sin x = x$ for as many iterations as needed until the solution stops changing its first 4 decimal places. Do this for each solution of $2 \sin x = x$ that you found in part c.
- Define a function $g(x)$ so that we have an iterative scheme: $x_{k+1} = g(x_k)$ with fixed points at the roots of $f(x)$.
- Make a rough iteration figure exploring initial guesses x_0 and their subsequent iterates using the iteration scheme of part e. Are there any unstable fixed-points? What value does x_k converge to for initial x_0 where $\sin(x_0) > 0$? What about initial x_0 where $\sin(x_0) < 0$?

Exercise 5: Finding the intersection of $\sin x = \cos x$

- Sketch a graph of $y = \sin x$ and $y = \cos x$ in the domain $[0, 2\pi]$.
- Write a function $f(x)$ that has roots corresponding to the solutions of $\sin x = \cos x$.
- Use the Intermediate Value Theorem and the graph to find *the number* of roots of $f(x)$, and give intervals surrounding them.
- Use the bisection algorithm to solve $\sin x = \cos x$ for as many iterations as needed until the solution stops changing its first 4 decimal places. Do this for each solution of $\sin x = \cos x$ that you found in part c.

Exercise 6: Fixed-point analysis $g(x) = x(x^2 - 1)$

- How many fixed points, ξ_k , of $g(x)$ are there?
- Sketch a graph of $y = g(x)$ and $y = x$. Make rough iteration figures at different initial guesses x_0 on each side of the fixed points. Which fixed point(s) do you expect to be stable?

- c) Use the stability criterion on $|g(\xi_k)|$ to make a stability analysis of the fixed points.

Exercise 7: Fixed-point analysis $f(x) = 2e^{-x} + x - 2$

- Find 2 functions $g(x)$ for which the $x = g(x)$ has the same solutions as zeros of $f(x)$.
- Sketch separate graphs of the previous functions, as well as $y = 2e^x$ and $y = 2 - x$ to get an intuition on the location of the roots or fixed points.
- Can you use Brouwer's theorem to guarantee the existence of any fixed points for either of the functions defined in part a)?
- Make a stability analysis of the fixed points for both functions.
- For any stable fixed points, use the iterative scheme $x_{k+1} = g(x_k)$ for 5 iterations.

Exercise 8: The intersection of $e^x = \cos x + 1$

- Sketch a graph of $y = e^x$ and $y = \cos x + 1$ in the domain $[-4\pi, 4\pi]$.
- Write a function $f(x)$ that has roots corresponding to the solutions of $e^x = \cos x + 1$.
- From the graph, how many positive roots and how many negative roots of $f(x)$ will there be?
- Use the Intermediate Value Theorem and the graph to prove there is a root of $f(x)$, for $x > 0$.
- Use Newton's method to propose an iterative scheme to find the roots of $f(x)$. Use this iterative scheme starting with $x_0 = 0$ to make a table of estimates x_k for $k = 0, 1, \dots, 4$.
- Show that the function $g(x) = \log(\cos x + 1)$ gives an iterative scheme $x_{k+1} = g(x_k)$ with fixed points equal to the roots of $f(x)$. Determine a second function $h(x)$ which also satisfies these properties.
- Sketch a graph of $y = g(x)$ and $y = x$ in the domain $[-\pi, \pi]$.
- Make a rough iteration figure exploring initial guesses x_0 and their subsequent iterates using the iteration scheme with $g(x)$ of part f. Which fixed point(s) do you expect to be stable?
- Use the stability criterion on $|g(\xi_k)|$ to make a stability analysis of the fixed points $\xi_k \in [-\pi, \pi]$.

Exercise 9: Fixed-point analysis $\log(x + 2) = x^2$

- Sketch a graph of $y = \log(x + 2)$ and $y = x^2$.
- Write a function $f(x)$ that has roots corresponding to the solutions of $\log(x+2) = x^2$.
- From the graph, how many roots of $f(x)$ will there be?
- Use the Intermediate Value Theorem and the graph to locate the roots of $f(x)$.

- e) Use the Secant method to propose an iterative scheme to find the roots of $f(x)$. Use this iterative scheme twice, starting with $x_0 = 1$ and $x_1 = 2$ and then again with $x'_0 = -1$ and $x_1 = -1.5$ to make a table of estimates of x_k and x'_k until $k = 4$.
- f) Show that the functions $g_1(x) = \exp(x^2) - 2$ and $g_2(x) = (\log(x + 2))^{1/2}$ give iterative schemes $x_{k+1} = g_i(x_k)$ with fixed points equal to the roots of $f(x)$.
- g) Sketch a graph of $y = g_1(x)$ and $y = x$. Sketch another graph of $y = g_2(x)$ and $y = x$. Can you use Brouwer's theorem to guarantee the existence of any fixed points for either $g_1(x)$ or $g_2(x)$?
- h) Make a rough iteration figure exploring initial guesses x_0 and their subsequent iterates using the iteration scheme with $g(x)$ of part f. Which fixed point(s) do you expect to be stable?
- i) Use the stability criterion on $|g_1(\xi_k)|$ and $|g_2(\xi_k)|$ to make a stability analysis of the fixed points ξ_k . For a stable fixed point of your choice, use the iterative scheme $x_{k+1} = g_i(x_k)$ to estimate the location of an intersection of $y = \log(x+2)$ and $y = x^2$.

Chapter 3

Polynomial interpolation

Exercise 10: Given data $\{(1, 2), (2, 5), (3, 3), (4, 2)\}$

- a) Make a piece-wise linear interpolation of the given data.
- b) Find the unique polynomial of order less than 4 passing through each data point using the Lagrangian interpolation method.
- c) Find the unique polynomial of order less than 4 passing through each data point using the Newtonian interpolation method.

Exercise 11: Given data $\{(1, 2), (1.5, 1.5), (3, 2.5), (6, 3)\}$

- a) Make a piece-wise linear interpolation of the given data.
- b) Find the unique polynomial of order less than 4 passing through each data point using the Lagrangian interpolation method.
- c) Find the unique polynomial of order less than 4 passing through each data point using the Newtonian interpolation method.

Exercise 12: Estimate $f(x) = \log(x + 2)$

- a) Make a piece-wise linear interpolation of $f(x)$ at positions $x \in [0, 2, 4, 6]$.
- b) Give the Lagrangian polynomial of order less than 4 passing through $f(x)$ at positions $x \in [0, 2, 4, 6]$.
- c) Use Newtonian interpolation to give the polynomial of order less than 4 passing through $f(x)$ at positions $x \in [0, 1, 5, 6]$.
- d) Find the area under $f(x)$ between 0 and 6 by using the polynomials found in parts b and c. Compare to the analytic solution by directly integrating $f(x)$.
- e) Using your table of divided differences from part c, add 1 data point at $x = 3$ to increase the polynomial order by 1.

Exercise 13: Estimate $f(x) = e^x$

- a) Make a piece-wise linear interpolation of $f(x)$ at positions $x \in [-1, 1, 3, 5]$.
- b) Give the Lagrangian polynomial of order less than 4 passing through $f(x)$ at positions $x \in [-1, 0, 4, 5]$.

- c) Use Newtonian interpolation to give the polynomial of order less than 4 passing through $f(x)$ at positions $x \in [-1, 1, 3, 5]$.
- d) Find the area under $f(x)$ between 0 and 6 by using the polynomials found in parts b and c. Compare to the analytic solution by directly integrating $f(x)$.
- e) Using your table of divided differences from part c, add 1 data point at $x = 2$ to increase the polynomial order by 1.

Chapter 4

Least-squares

Exercise 14: Given data $\{(1, 5), (3, 6), (5, 8), (7, 9)\}$

Make a least-squares linear fit to the given data (generated by $y = 0.7x + 4$).

Exercise 15: Given data $\{(1, 7), (3, 10), (4, 12), (5, 14), (7, 18)\}$

Make a least-squares linear fit to the given data (generated by $y = 2.2x + 3$).

Exercise 16: Given data $\{(1, 5), (2, 11), (4, 33), (5, 59)\}$

Make a least-squares exponential fit to the given data (generated by $y = 3e^{0.6x}$).

Exercise 17: Given data $\{(1, 1), (3, 2), (5, 5), (7, 9), (8, 12)\}$

Make a least-squares exponential fit to the given data (generated by $y = e^{0.3x}$).

Exercise 18: Given data $\{(1, 1), (3, 3), (5, 8), (7, 15)\}$

Make a least-squares quadratic fit to the given data (generated by $y = 3x^2$).

Exercise 19: Given data $\{(1, 10), (2, 40), (3, 89), (4, 159), (6, 359)\}$

Make a least-squares quadratic fit to the given data (generated by $y=10x^2$).

Chapter 5

Integration

Exercise 20: Given the function $f(x) = 2\log(x + 1)$

- a) Use the Trapezium rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 6]$ using 2 subdivisions.
- b) Use the Trapezium rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 6]$ using 3 subdivisions.
- c) Use Simpson's rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 6]$ using 2 subdivisions.
- d) Use Simpson's rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 6]$ using 3 subdivisions.
- e) Integrate $f(x)$ analytically to compare to the previous results.

Exercise 21: Given the function $f(x) = 3e^{0.5x} - 3$

- a) Use the Trapezium rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 6]$ using 2 subdivisions.
- b) Use the Trapezium rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 6]$ using 3 subdivisions.
- c) Use Simpson's rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 6]$ using 2 subdivisions.
- d) Use Simpson's rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 6]$ using 3 subdivisions.
- e) Integrate $f(x)$ analytically to compare to the previous results.

Exercise 22: Given the function $f(x) = e^{\cos x}$

- a) Use the Trapezium rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 2\pi]$ using 2 subdivisions.
- b) Use the Trapezium rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 2\pi]$ using 3 subdivisions.
- c) Use Simpson's rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 2\pi]$ using 2 subdivisions.
- d) Use Simpson's rule to estimate the integral of $f(x)$ from $[0, 2\pi]$ using 3 subdivisions.

Note: $f(x)$ cannot be integrated analytically (into elementary functions) to compare to the previous results.

Chapter 6

Differentiation

Exercise 23: Given the data

x	2.0000	2.0025	2.0050	2.0075	2.0100
$f(x)$	1.202604	1.214698	1.226929	1.239299	1.251809

- a) Use the forward finite difference scheme with $h=0.005$ to estimate $f'(2.005)$.
- b) Use the forward finite difference scheme with $h=0.0025$ to estimate $f'(2.005)$.
- c) Use the backward finite difference scheme with $h=0.005$ to estimate $f'(2.005)$.
- d) Use the backward finite difference scheme with $h=0.0025$ to estimate $f'(2.005)$.
- e) Use the centered finite difference scheme with $h=0.005$ to estimate $f'(2.005)$.
- f) Use the centered finite difference scheme with $h=0.0025$ to estimate $f'(2.005)$.
- g) The data were generated with $f(x) = \exp(x^2 + 10)/1000000$. What is the true derivative at $x = 2.005$?

Exercise 24: Given the data

x	7.5000	7.5025	7.5050	7.5075	7.5100
$f(x)$	384.375	384.785	385.194	385.604	386.015

- a) Use the forward finite difference scheme with $h=0.005$ to estimate $f'(7.505)$.
- b) Use the forward finite difference scheme with $h=0.0025$ to estimate $f'(7.505)$.
- c) Use the backward finite difference scheme with $h=0.005$ to estimate $f'(7.505)$.
- d) Use the backward finite difference scheme with $h=0.0025$ to estimate $f'(7.505)$.
- e) Use the centered finite difference scheme with $h=0.005$ to estimate $f'(7.505)$.
- f) Use the centered finite difference scheme with $h=0.0025$ to estimate $f'(7.505)$.
- g) The data were generated with $f(x) = x^3 - 5x$. What is the true derivative at $x = 7.505$?

x	1.560	1.561	1.562	1.563	1.564
$f(x)$	92.6204	102.076	113.681	128.263	147.136

Exercise 25: Given the data

- a) Use the forward finite difference scheme with $h=0.002$ to estimate $f'(1.562)$.
- b) Use the forward finite difference scheme with $h=0.001$ to estimate $f'(1.562)$.
- c) Use the backward finite difference scheme with $h=0.002$ to estimate $f'(1.562)$.
- d) Use the backward finite difference scheme with $h=0.001$ to estimate $f'(1.562)$.
- e) Use the centered finite difference scheme with $h=0.002$ to estimate $f'(1.562)$.
- f) Use the centered finite difference scheme with $h=0.001$ to estimate $f'(1.562)$.
- g) The data were generated with $f(x) = \tan x$. What is the true derivative at $x = 1.562$?

Chapter 7

Differential equations

Exercise 26: Consider $y'(x) = -2y$

- a) Write the iteration scheme given by Euler's method.
- b) Write the iteration scheme given by the implicit Trapezium method. Define a function $F(z)$ so that the root of the equation $F(z) = 0$ is equal to the next iteration of the solution in your iteration scheme.
- c) From the Trapezium method, propose an explicit iteration scheme to solve the differential equation.
- d) Write the iteration scheme given by the second order Runge-Kutta method.
- e) Write the iteration scheme given by the fourth order Runge-Kutta method.
- f) What is the analytic solution of the differential equation?

Exercise 27: Consider $y'(x) = xy$

- a) Write the iteration scheme given by Euler's method.
- b) Write the iteration scheme given by the implicit Trapezium method. Define a function $F(z)$ so that the root of the equation $F(z) = 0$ is equal to the next iteration of the solution in your iteration scheme.
- c) From the Trapezium method, propose an explicit iteration scheme to solve the differential equation.
- d) Write the iteration scheme given by the second order Runge-Kutta method.
- e) Write the iteration scheme given by the fourth order Runge-Kutta method.
- f) What is the analytic solution of the differential equation?

Exercise 28: Consider $y'(x) = -2y^2$

Keep 4 decimal places throughout your calculations in the following questions.

- a) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using Euler's method, with $y(0) = 2.0$ and $h = 0.1$.
- b) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using Euler's method, with $y(0) = 2.0$ and $h = 0.05$.

- c) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the implicit Trapezium method, with $y(0) = 2.0$ and $h = 0.1$. Use Newton's method to find the root to 4 decimal places.
- d) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the implicit Trapezium method, with $y(0) = 2.0$ and $h = 0.05$. Use Newton's method to find the root to 4 decimal places.
- e) From the Trapezium method, propose an explicit method for answering the previous 2 questions.
- f) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the second order Runge-Kutta method, with $y(0) = 2.0$ and $h = 0.1$.
- g) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the second order Runge-Kutta method, with $y(0) = 2.0$ and $h = 0.05$.
- h) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the fourth order Runge-Kutta method, with $y(0) = 2.0$ and $h = 0.1$.
- i) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the fourth order Runge-Kutta method, with $y(0) = 2.0$ and $h = 0.05$.
- j) Compare your answers to the analytic solution.

Exercise 29: Consider $y'(x) = y - 1$

Keep 4 decimal places throughout your calculations in the following questions.

- a) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using Euler's method, with $y(0) = 1.1$ and $h = 0.05$.
- b) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using Euler's method, with $y(0) = 0.9$ and $h = 0.05$.
- c) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the implicit Trapezium method, with $y(0) = 1.1$ and $h = 0.05$.
- d) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the implicit Trapezium method, with $y(0) = 0.9$ and $h = 0.05$.
- e) From the Trapezium method, propose an explicit method for answering the previous 2 questions.
- f) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the second order Runge-Kutta method, with $y(0) = 1.1$ and $h = 0.05$.
- g) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the fourth order Runge-Kutta method, with $y(0) = 1.1$ and $h = 0.05$.
- h) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the second order Runge-Kutta method, with $y(0) = 0.9$ and $h = 0.05$.
- i) Estimate $y(0.1)$ using the fourth order Runge-Kutta method, with $y(0) = 0.9$ and $h = 0.05$.
- j) Compare your answers to the analytic solution.

Chapter 8

Matrix methods

Exercise 30: 2×2 matrices

a) For the following matrices, find L and U such that $LA_i = U$

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) For the previous matrices A_i solve for x_1 and x_2 , given

$$A_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) For the previous matrices A_i solve for x_1 and x_2 , given

$$A_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 31: 3×3 matrices

a) For the following matrices, find L and U such that $LA_i = U$

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -5 & -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) For the previous matrices A_i solve for x_1 and x_2 , given

$$A_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) For the previous matrices A_i solve for x_1 and x_2 , given

$$A_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 32: Convergence

- a) For the following system, give a range of values that k can take to guarantee the Jacobi iteration scheme converges on the true solution.

$$\begin{pmatrix} k & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) For the following system, give ranges of values that α , β , and γ can take to guarantee the Jacobi iteration scheme converges on the true solution?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & \alpha \\ \beta & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 33: Schemes

For the following matrices, write the Jacobi iterative system of equations.

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 34: Jacobi iteration

For the following systems, use Jacobi iteration 3 times to find $X^{(3)}$.

- a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } X^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } X^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- c)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } X^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- d)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } X^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$