Problem Set 3 - ECON 880

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Problem 1

In this exercise, we are interested in solving Ax = b, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 54 & 14 & -11 & 2 \\ 14 & 50 & -4 & 29 \\ -11 & -4 & 55 & 22 \\ 2 & 29 & 22 & 95 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

using Gauss-Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel method. Both methods yield the same result

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0189 \\ 0.0168 \\ 0.0234 \\ -0.0004 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Gauss-Jacobi method required 0.0129388 seconds with 45 iterations until convergence. The residual is given by

$$10^{-11} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.036104452760810 \\ -0.121147536447097 \\ -0.092215124425365 \\ 0.235056418773638 \end{pmatrix}$$

Gauss-Seidel method required 0.0176893 seconds with 23 iterations until convergence. The residual is given by

$$10^{-12} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.319078097277270 \\ -0.579647441156794 \\ -0.376587649952853 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 2

In this exercise, we are interested in solving Bq = r using extrapolation, where

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 1 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Following Ken Judd's definition[†], we first define G = I - B, and run the following iteration

$$q^{k+1} = \omega G q^k + \omega r + (1 - \omega) q^k,$$

where we pick $\omega = 1.05$, tolerance level 10^{-13} , and initial value $q_0 = (0,0,0)'$. The extrapolation converged after k = 148 iterations, with the residual

$$Bq - r = 10^{-12} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.319078097277270 \\ -0.579647441156794 \\ -0.376587649952853 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The solution to the linear equation system is

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} 1.6716 \\ 5.8651 \\ 1.3196 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 3

We want to solve the following functions

- 1. $\sin(2\pi x) 2x = 0$
- 2. $\sin(2\pi x) x = 0$
- 3. $\sin(2\pi x) 0.5x = 0$

using 1) Bisection, 2) Newton method, 3) Secant method, and 4) fixed-point iteration. We want to evaluate for what value of initial guess $x_0 \in [-2, 2]$ these methods converge. We proceed by first plotting all the three functions on Figure 1. From these graphs, we see that within the interval [-2, 2], function 1 and 2 have both two roots, while function 3 has seven roots.

3(a) Bisection

In order for Bisection to work, we need to pick two values x_{low} and x_{high} so that $f(x_{low}) \cdot f(x_{high}) < 0$. The range of admissible values for x for the three functions above is summarized in Table 1

3(b) Newton Method

[†]Kenneth L. Judd, 1998. "Numerical Methods in Economics," MIT Press Books, The MIT Press, p.78-79

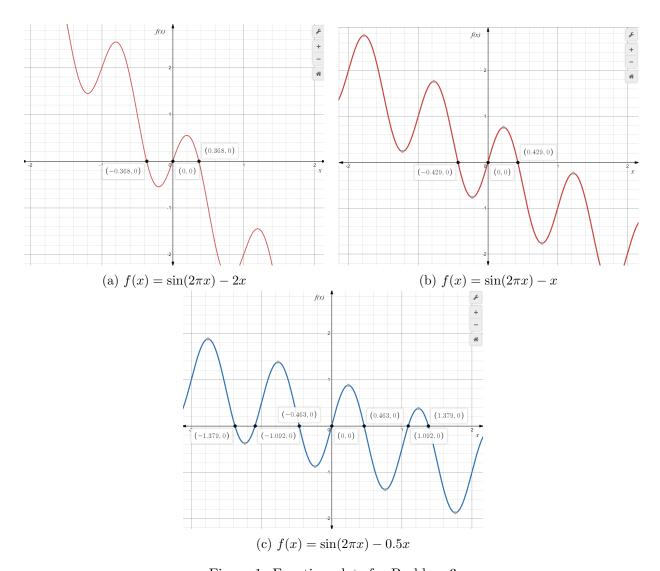


Figure 1: Function plots for Problem 3

Function	Root	Admissible Range	
		x_{low}	x_{high}
$\sin(2\pi x) - 2x = 0$	$x_1 = -0.368$	[-2, -0.368)	(-0.368, 0)
	$x_2 = 0$	(-0.368,0)	(0, 0.368)
	$x_3 = 0.368$	(0, 0.368)	(0.368, 2]
$\sin(2\pi x) - x = 0$	$x_1 = -0.429$	[-2, -0.429)	(-0.429,0)
	$x_2 = 0$	(-0.429,0)	(0, 0.429)
	$x_3 = 0.429$	(0, 0.429)	(0.429, 2]
$\sin(2\pi x) - 0.5x = 0$	$x_1 = -1.379$	[-2, -1.379)	(-1.379, -1.092)
	$x_2 = -1.092$	(-1.379, -1.092)	(-1.092, -0.463)
	$x_3 = -0.463$	(-1.092, -0.463)	(-0.463,0)
	$x_4 = 0$	(-0.463,0)	(0, 0.463)
	$x_5 = 0.463$	(0, 0.463)	(0.463, 1.092)
	$x_6 = 1.092$	(0.463, 1.092)	(1.092, 1.379)
	$x_7 = 1.379$	(1.092, 1.379)	(1.379, 2]

Table 1: Polynomial evaluation costs