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General note: Plotting quantity  $y$  versus quantity  $x$ , means that  $x$  is in the  $x$ -axis and  $y$  is on the  $y$ -axis, i.e. what follows "versus" is in the horizontal axis.

1. Consider computing the smallest root of the function  $f(x) \equiv xe^{-\frac{x}{2}} - \frac{e^{-1}}{2}$ , defined in  $\mathbf{R}$ .  
(Note that  $e = \exp(1) = 2.7183\dots$  and  $e^{-1} = \exp(-1) = \frac{1}{e} = 0.3679\dots$ )
  - (a) [4 points] Using mathematical arguments, show that there exists exactly one root of  $f(x)$  in  $[0, 2]$ .  
Using mathematical arguments, show that there exists exactly one root of  $f(x)$  in  $(-\infty, 6]$  (i.e. there are no roots in  $(-\infty, 0)$  and no roots in  $(2, 6]$ ). You can use the fact that  $f(6) > 0$ .  
Let  $r$  denote the root of  $f(x)$  in  $(-\infty, 6]$ .
  - (b) [4 points] Using  $x^{(0)} = 0$  as initial guess, apply (by hand) one Newton iteration to compute an approximation  $x^{(1)}$  to the root. Indicating how  $x^{(1)}$  is computed, simplify as much as you can, and write the result in terms of  $e^{-1}$ .
  - (c) [4 points] The equation  $f(x) = 0$  can be equivalently written as  $x = \frac{e^{-1}}{2} e^{\frac{x}{2}}$ , which gives rise to the fixed-point iteration scheme  $x^{(k+1)} = g(x^{(k)})$ , with  $g(x) = \frac{e^{-1}}{2} e^{\frac{x}{2}}$ .  
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  - (d) [10 points] Show that the fixed-point iteration scheme converges to  $r$ , if started anywhere in  $[0, 2]$ .
  - (e) [4 points] What is the convergence rate (order) of Newton's if started close enough to  $r$ ? Explain.  
What is the convergence rate (order) of the fixed-point iteration in (c)-(d)? Explain.
  - (f) [10 points] Find the largest interval you can, so that the fixed-point iteration scheme converges, if started within the interval, and so that you justify your answer mathematically. (Note: the interval may expand  $[0, 2]$  from both sides.)
  - (g) [14 points] Using MATLAB, implement the above fixed-point iteration, as well as secant and Newton's methods and apply them to solve  $f(x) = 0$ . (For Newton's method, you can define  $f'(x)$  explicitly; no need to use any symbolic package.) Run the following experiments:
    - apply the fixed-point iteration method with initial guess 0
    - apply the secant method with initial guesses 0 and 2
    - apply Newton's method with initial guess 0.
 As stopping criterion, for all the Newton's and secant experiments use  $|f(x^{(k)})| \leq 10^{-10}$ , and for the fixed-point iteration experiments use  $|g(x^{(k)}) - x^{(k)}| \leq 10^{-10}$ . For each experiment and for each iteration, output the iteration index, the current approximation to the root, and the current residual (Newton's, secant) or the current difference  $|g(x^{(k)}) - x^{(k)}|$  (fixed-point). Use appropriate format to show the details of the results (e.g. `fprintf('%3d %15.12f %10.2e\n', . . . ) ;`). In one graph for all the experiments, and in log scale for the  $y$  variable (semilogy), plot the absolute value of the error of the respective approximation versus the iteration index. Distinguish each line plotted from the rest, e.g. fixed-point solid line, secant dashed line, Newton's dotted line. When computing the error, use  $r_1 = 0.203656862188284$  as the exact value of the (smallest) root. Discuss what you observe.  
Hand-in a hard-copy of your code, output and plot and your hand-written or typed comments.

2. Consider the system of two nonlinear equations with respect to the two unknowns  $x$  and  $y$

$$4x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

$$xye^{-\frac{x+y}{4}} = 0.2$$

- (a) [3 points] Formulate the Jacobian matrix for the above nonlinear system. The entries of the Jacobian should be given in terms of the variables  $x$  and  $y$ .
- (b) [3 points] Assume one wants to apply Newton's method to the above system with starting guess  $[x^{(0)}, y^{(0)}]^T$ . Find conditions on  $x^{(0)}$  and  $y^{(0)}$ , so that Newton's method is applicable and explain. (Simplify the condition(s) as much as you can.) Is Newton's method applicable to the above system with starting guess  $[1, 1]^T$ ? Explain.
- (c) [4 points] Apply (by hand) one Newton iteration to the above system with starting guess  $[1, 0]^T$ . Show your calculations.

3.

- (a) [5 points] Using the Newton's Divided Differences (NDD) table, construct the polynomial  $p_2(x)$  of degree at most 2, that interpolates the function  $f(x) = e^x$ , at the points  $x_0 = -1$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ . Bring the polynomial into monomial form, if it is not already in that form. The coefficients of the polynomial are to be given either in terms of  $e$  and  $e^{-1}$ , or as (approximate) numerical values.
- (b) [3 points] Give the error formula for this interpolation problem (i.e. for *this*  $f$  and *these* data points). The formula should involve an unknown point  $\xi$ . Any other functions involved in the formula should be given explicitly in terms of  $x$ .
- (c) [12 points] Using the polynomial interpolation error formula, give an upper bound for each of  $|e^{1.5} - p_2(1.5)|$ ,  $\max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |e^x - p_2(x)|$ ,  $\max_{-1 \leq x \leq 2} |e^x - p_2(x)|$ ,  $\max_{-2 \leq x \leq 1} |e^x - p_2(x)|$ . Explain how you got the bounds. The bounds are to be given as (approximate) numerical values.

Note: You must use the polynomial interpolation error formula to find the bounds.

4. [20 points] Consider the set of data  $\{(x_i, y_i), i = 0, \dots, 20\}$  given by the following piece of MATLAB code:

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x = [ 0.9  1.3  1.9  2.1  2.6  3.0  3.9  4.4  4.7  5.0  6.0  7.0  8.0  9.2 ...
      10.5 11.3 11.6 12.0 12.6 13.0 13.3];
y = [ 1.3  1.5  1.85 2.1  2.6  2.7  2.4  2.15 2.05 2.1  2.25 2.3  2.25 1.95 ...
      1.4  0.9  0.7  0.6  0.5  0.4  0.25];
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Consider also the set of equidistant evaluation points  $\{(xi)_i, i = 1, \dots, 100\}$  in the interval  $[0.87, 13.33]$ . Write a MATLAB program that

- constructs the not-a-knot cubic spline interpolant of the above data and evaluates it on the evaluation points
- constructs the 20th degree polynomial interpolant of the above data and evaluates it on the evaluation points
- plots the above two interpolants in one graph based on their respective values on the evaluation points.

Comment on what you observe, including any warning obtained by MATLAB.

Notes:

- This question is inspired by the relevant discussion in pages 150–153 of the Burden and Faires textbook.
- You can find an electronic version of the above piece of MATLAB code in <http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~ccc/Courses/336/duck.m>. (Hence, no excuses for typographical errors...)
- Use `yvs = interp1(x, y, xv, 'spline');` (or `yvs = spline(x, y, xv);`) to get the values of the cubic spline interpolant on the evaluation points. This interpolant uses a type of not-a-knot condition. Use the built-in MATLAB functions `polyfit` and `polyval` to get the values of the 20th degree polynomial interpolant on the evaluation points. Note that although the MATLAB built-in function `polyfit` is designed to construct least-squares polynomial approximations, it can be used to construct polynomial interpolants as well, if the number of data and the degree requested are set appropriately. If you get a warning (Warning: Polynomial is badly conditioned...) from `polyfit`, you are not necessarily doing anything wrong.
- Use `linspace(0.87, 13.33, 100)` to get the 100 equidistant evaluation points.
- Set the axes scales using `axis([0 14 -6 5])` to view the plot appropriately. (Use *axis after plot*.)
- Use solid line for the spline interpolant and dashed for the polynomial one. For each data point, write an  $\circ$  on the graph.
- Hand in a hard-copy of your code and plots, as well as your comments.