

# MATH 4701 Numerical Analysis

On Exam

## Problem Set #3

- (1) For  $f(x) = \sqrt{3+x}$ , find the fourth degree Taylor polynomial  $P_4(x)$  for  $f(x)$  centered at  $c = 1$ . Find the maximum and minimum possible error when we use  $P_4(x)$  to approximate  $f(1.2)$  and  $f(0.9)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sqrt{3+x} = (3+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow f(1) = \sqrt{4} = 2 \\ f'(x) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(3+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow f'(1) = \frac{1}{4} \\ f''(x) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(3+x)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \Rightarrow f''(1) = -\frac{1}{2^5} = -\frac{1}{32} \\ f^{(3)}(x) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)(3+x)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \Rightarrow f^{(3)}(1) = \frac{3}{2^8} = \frac{3}{256} \\ f^{(4)}(x) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)(3+x)^{-\frac{7}{2}} \Rightarrow f^{(4)}(1) = -\frac{15}{2^{11}} = -\frac{15}{2048} \end{aligned}$$

4th degree  
Taylor series  
computation

$$\Rightarrow P_4(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{f''(1)}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(1)}{6}(x-1)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(1)}{24}(x-1)^4 =$$

$$= 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-1) - \frac{1}{64}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{512}(x-1)^3 - \frac{5}{16384}(x-1)^4$$

By Taylor's Theorem we know  $f(x) - P_4(x) = \frac{f^{(5)}(\zeta)}{5!}(x-1)^5$  where  $\zeta$  is a number between  $c = 1$  and  $x$ .

Given  $f^{(5)}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{7}{2}\right)(3+x)^{-\frac{9}{2}} = \frac{105}{32\sqrt{(3+x)^9}}$  which is decreasing in  $x$  for  $x > -3$ , we have

$$\frac{f^{(5)}(1.2)}{5!}(1.2-1)^5 \leq f(1.2) - P_4(1.2) \leq \frac{f^{(5)}(1)}{5!}(1.2-1)^5 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{105}{32\sqrt{(4.2)^9}}}{120}(0.2)^5 \leq f(1.2) - P_4(1.2) \leq \frac{\frac{105}{32\sqrt{(4)^9}}}{120}(0.2)^5 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.372101 \times 10^{-8} \leq f(1.2) - P_4(1.2) \leq 1.708985 \times 10^{-8}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{f^{(5)}(0.9)}{5!}(0.9-1)^5 \leq f(0.9) - P_4(0.9) \leq \frac{f^{(5)}(1)}{5!}(0.9-1)^5 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{105}{32\sqrt{(3.9)^9}}}{120}(-0.1)^5 \leq f(0.9) - P_4(0.9) \leq \frac{\frac{105}{32\sqrt{(4)^9}}}{120}(-0.1)^5 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow -5.985044 \times 10^{-10} \leq f(0.9) - P_4(0.9) \leq -5.340576 \times 10^{-10}$$

- ✓ (2) For  $g(x) = \sin x$ , let  $P_5(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120}$  be the fifth degree Taylor polynomial for  $g(x)$  centered at  $c = 0$ . Find the maximum possible absolute error when we use  $P_5(x)$  to approximate  $g(x)$  on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

Since the sixth degree term of the Taylor series for  $g(x)$  centered at  $c = 0$  is zero  $P_5(x)$  is in fact the sixth degree Taylor polynomial for  $g(x)$  at  $c = 0$ . In particular,  $g(x) - P_5(x) = \frac{g^{(7)}(\zeta)}{7!}x^7 = \frac{-\cos(\zeta)}{5040}x^7$ . ( $g^{(7)}(\zeta) = g^{(3)}(\zeta) = -\cos(\zeta)$ ). Since  $|\cos(\zeta)| \leq 1$  and  $|x| \leq \pi$  we have

$$|g(x) - P_5(x)| = \frac{|\cos(\zeta)|}{5040}|x|^7 \leq \frac{\pi^7}{5040} \approx 0.59926453$$

- (3) For  $h(x) = e^x$ , find a positive integer  $n$  for which the  $n$ th degree Taylor polynomial  $P_n(x)$  for  $h(x)$  centered at  $c = 0$  approximates  $h(x)$  accurate to within an absolute error of less than  $10^{-8}$  for all values of  $x$  satisfying  $|x| < 1$ .

Notice that for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $h^{(n)}(\zeta) = e^\zeta$ . Therefore,

$$h(x) - P_n(x) = \frac{h^{(n+1)}(\zeta)}{(n+1)!}x^{n+1} = \left( \frac{e^\zeta}{(n+1)!}x^{n+1} \right)$$

In particular, for  $|x| < 1$  we have

$$\left( |h(x) - P_n(x)| \leq \frac{e^1}{(n+1)!}(1)^{n+1} \right) = \left( \frac{e}{(n+1)!} \right)$$

Which means to make sure  $|h(x) - P_n(x)| < 10^{-8}$  we can make sure  $\frac{e}{(n+1)!} < 10^{-8}$  or  $(n+1)! > e \times 10^8$ . Experimenting with values of  $n!$  we have  $12! = 479001600 > 271828182.8 \approx e \times 10^8$  which means  $P_{11}(x)$  approximates  $h(x)$  accurate to within an absolute error of less than  $10^{-8}$  for all values of  $x$  satisfying  $|x| < 1$ .

- (4) (a) Show that for any positive integer  $k$ , the sequence  $p_n = \frac{1}{n^k}$  converges sub-linearly to  $p = 0$ .

$|p_n - p|$  means linear

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^k}}{\frac{1}{n^k}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^k = \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^k = 1$$

Therefore,  $p_n = \frac{1}{n^k}$  converges sub-linearly to  $p = 0$ , with asymptotic error constant 1.

- (b) Show that the sequence  $p_n = \frac{1}{10^{2^n}}$  converges quadratically to  $p = 0$ .

if  $|p_n - p|^2$  (Quadratic Convergence)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{10^{2^{n+1}}}}{\left( \frac{1}{10^{2^n}} \right)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(10^{2^n})^2}}{\left( \frac{1}{10^{2^n}} \right)^2} = 1$$

Therefore,  $p_n = \frac{1}{10^{2^n}}$  converges quadratically to  $p = 0$ , with asymptotic error constant 1.

- (5) (a) Use Newton's method to find a solution accurate to within  $10^{-5}$  to the equation  $\cos(x + \sqrt{2}) + x(\frac{x}{2} + \sqrt{2}) = 0$ . Use initial guess  $p_0 = -1.5$ .

Given  $f(x) = \cos(x + \sqrt{2}) + x(\frac{x}{2} + \sqrt{2})$  we let  $g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} = x - \frac{\cos(x + \sqrt{2}) + x(\frac{x}{2} + \sqrt{2})}{-\sin(x + \sqrt{2}) + (\frac{x}{2} + \sqrt{2}) + \frac{x}{2}}$ . We have:  
 $p_1 = g(p_0) \approx -1.478542125$ ,  $p_2 = g(p_1) \approx -1.462445763$ ,  $p_3 = g(p_2) \approx -1.450359310$ ,  $p_4 = g(p_3) \approx -1.441211005$ ,  $p_5 = g(p_4) \approx -1.434502563$ ,  $p_6 = g(p_5) \approx -1.428755189$ ,  $p_7 = g(p_6) \approx -1.424852674$ ,  $p_8 = g(p_7) \approx -1.419870361$ ,  $p_9 = g(p_8) \approx -1.419870361$ .

newton's  
Method  
converge to  
 $10^{-5}$

modified  
Newton's  
method

- (b) Use the modified Newton's method to find a solution accurate to within  $10^{-5}$  to the same equation. Use initial guess  $p_0 = -1.5$ .

$$h(x) = x - \frac{f(x)f'(x)}{[f'(x)]^2 - f(x)f''(x)} = x - \frac{(\cos(x + \sqrt{2}) + x(\frac{x}{2} + \sqrt{2}))(-\sin(x + \sqrt{2}) + x + \sqrt{2})}{(-\sin(x + \sqrt{2}) + x + \sqrt{2})^2 - (\cos(x + \sqrt{2}) + x(\frac{x}{2} + \sqrt{2}))(-\cos(x + \sqrt{2}) + 1)}$$

Then  $p_1 = h(p_0) \approx -1.414096386$ ,  $p_2 = h(p_1) \approx -1.414052908$ ,  
 $p_3 = h(p_2) \approx -1.414052908$ .

- (6) The sequence  $p_0 = 0.5$ ,  $p_n = \frac{2 - e^{p_{n-1}} + p_{n-1}^2}{3}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is linearly convergent. Generate the terms up to  $\hat{p}_5$  of the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  using Aitken's  $\Delta^2$  method.

With  $g(x) = \frac{2 - e^x + x^2}{3}$  and  $p_0 = 0.5$  we have

$$p_1 = g(p_0) \approx 0.2004262430$$

$$p_2 = g(p_1) \approx 0.2727490650$$

$$\hat{p}_0 = p_0 - \frac{(p_1 - p_0)^2}{p_2 - 2p_1 + p_0} = 0.5 - \frac{(0.2004262430 - 0.5)^2}{0.2727490650 - 2(0.2004262430) + 0.5} \approx 0.2586844275$$

$$p_3 = g(p_2) \approx 0.2536071565$$

$$\hat{p}_1 = p_1 - \frac{(p_2 - p_1)^2}{p_3 - 2p_2 + p_1} = 0.2004262430 - \frac{(0.2727490650 - 0.2004262430)^2}{0.2536071565 - 2(0.2727490650) + 0.2004262430} \approx 0.2576132106$$

$$p_4 = g(p_3) \approx 0.2585503763$$

$$\hat{p}_2 = p_2 - \frac{(p_3 - p_2)^2}{p_4 - 2p_3 + p_2} = 0.2727490650 - \frac{(0.2536071565 - 0.2727490650)^2}{0.2585503763 - 2(0.2536071565) + 0.2727490650} \approx 0.2575358323$$

$$p_5 = g(p_4) \approx 0.2572656364$$

$$\hat{p}_3 = p_3 - \frac{(p_4 - p_3)^2}{p_5 - 2p_4 + p_3} = 0.2536071565 - \frac{(0.2585503763 - 0.2536071565)^2}{0.2572656364 - 2(0.2585503763) + 0.2536071565} \approx 0.2575306601$$

$$p_6 = g(p_5) \approx 0.2575989852$$

$$\hat{p}_4 = p_4 - \frac{(p_5 - p_4)^2}{p_6 - 2p_5 + p_4} = 0.2585503763 - \frac{(0.2572656364 - 0.2585503763)^2}{0.2575989852 - 2(0.2572656364) + 0.2585503763} \approx 0.2575303107$$

$$p_7 = g(p_6) \approx 0.2575124545$$

$$\hat{p}_5 = p_5 - \frac{(p_6 - p_5)^2}{p_7 - 2p_6 + p_5} = 0.2572656364 - \frac{(0.2575989852 - 0.2572656364)^2}{0.2575124545 - 2(0.2575989852) + 0.2572656364} \approx 0.2575302871$$

Aitken's  
method

- (7) The sequence  $p_0 = 0.5$ ,  $p_n = \cos(p_{n-1})$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is linearly convergent. Generate the terms up to  $\hat{p}_5$  of the sequence  $\{\hat{p}_n\}$  using Aitken's  $\Delta^2$  method.

With  $h(x) = \cos x$  and  $p_0 = 0.5$  we have

$$p_1 = h(p_0) \approx 0.8775825619$$

$$p_2 = h(p_1) \approx 0.6390124942$$

$$\hat{p}_0 = p_0 - \frac{(p_1 - p_0)^2}{p_2 - 2p_1 + p_0} = 0.5 - \frac{(0.8775825619 - 0.5)^2}{0.6390124942 - 2(0.8775825619) + 0.5} \approx 0.7313851863$$

$$p_3 = h(p_2) \approx 0.8026851007$$

$$\hat{p}_1 = p_1 - \frac{(p_2 - p_1)^2}{p_3 - 2p_2 + p_1} = 0.8775825619 - \frac{(0.6390124942 - 0.8775825619)^2}{0.8026851007 - 2(0.6390124942) + 0.8775825619} \approx 0.7360866919$$

$$p_4 = h(p_3) \approx 0.6947780268$$

$$\hat{p}_2 = p_2 - \frac{(p_3 - p_2)^2}{p_4 - 2p_3 + p_2} = 0.6390124942 - \frac{(0.8026851007 - 0.6390124942)^2}{0.6947780268 - 2(0.8026851007) + 0.6390124942} \approx 0.7376528716$$

$$p_5 = h(p_4) \approx 0.7681958313$$

$$\hat{p}_3 = p_3 - \frac{(p_4 - p_3)^2}{p_5 - 2p_4 + p_3} = 0.8026851007 - \frac{(0.6947780268 - 0.8026851007)^2}{0.7681958313 - 2(0.6947780268) + 0.8026851007} \approx 0.7384692207$$

$$p_6 = h(p_5) \approx 0.7191654459$$

$$\hat{p}_4 = p_4 - \frac{(p_5 - p_4)^2}{p_6 - 2p_5 + p_4} = 0.6947780268 - \frac{(0.7681958313 - 0.6947780268)^2}{0.7191654459 - 2(0.7681958313) + 0.6947780268} \approx 0.7387980650$$

$$p_7 = h(p_6) \approx 0.7523557594$$

$$\hat{p}_5 = p_5 - \frac{(p_6 - p_5)^2}{p_7 - 2p_6 + p_5} = 0.7681958313 - \frac{(0.7191654459 - 0.7681958313)^2}{0.7523557594 - 2(0.7191654459) + 0.7681958313} \approx 0.7389577109$$

- (8) Use Steffensen's method to approximate the solution of the fixed point equation  $x = 2^{-x}$ , accurate to within  $10^{-4}$ . Use initial guess  $p_0 = 1$ .

With  $f(x) = 2^{-x}$  and  $p_0^{(0)} = 1$  we have

$$- p_1^{(0)} = f(p_0^{(0)}) = 0.5$$

$$p_2^{(0)} = f(p_1^{(0)}) = 0.7071067812$$

$$- p_0^{(1)} = p_0^{(0)} - \frac{(p_1^{(0)} - p_0^{(0)})^2}{p_2^{(0)} - 2p_1^{(0)} + p_0^{(0)}} = 1 - \frac{(0.5 - 1)^2}{0.7071067812 - 2(0.5) + 1} = 0.6464466095$$

$$p_1^{(1)} = f(p_0^{(1)}) = 0.6388518841$$

$$p_2^{(1)} = f(p_1^{(1)}) = 0.6422238357$$

$$- p_0^{(2)} = p_0^{(1)} - \frac{(p_1^{(1)} - p_0^{(1)})^2}{p_2^{(1)} - 2p_1^{(1)} + p_0^{(1)}} = 0.6464466095 - \frac{(0.6388518841 - 0.6464466095)^2}{0.6422238357 - 2(0.6388518841) + 0.6464466095} = 0.6411870534$$

$$p_1^{(2)} = f(p_0^{(2)}) = 0.6411851628$$

We stop here because the last two numbers are within  $10^{-4}$  of each other.

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- (9) Use Steffensen's method to approximate the solution of the fixed point equation  $x = \frac{2-e^x+x^2}{3}$ , accurate to within  $10^{-4}$ . Use initial guess  $p_0 = 0$ .

With  $g(x) = \frac{2-e^x+x^2}{3}$  and  $p_0^{(0)} = 0$  we have

$$p_1^{(0)} = g(p_0^{(0)}) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$p_2^{(0)} = g(p_1^{(0)}) = 0.2384995620$$

$$p_0^{(1)} = p_0^{(0)} - \frac{(p_1^{(0)} - p_0^{(0)})^2}{p_2^{(0)} - 2p_1^{(0)} + p_0^{(0)}} = 0 - \frac{(\frac{1}{3} - 0)^2}{0.2384995620 - 2(\frac{1}{3}) + 0} = 0.2595040812$$

$$p_1^{(1)} = g(p_0^{(1)}) = 0.2570184314$$

$$p_2^{(1)} = g(p_1^{(1)}) = 0.2576631714$$

$$p_0^{(2)} = p_0^{(1)} - \frac{(p_1^{(1)} - p_0^{(1)})^2}{p_2^{(1)} - 2p_1^{(1)} + p_0^{(1)}} = 0.2595040812 - \frac{(0.2570184314 - 0.2595040812)^2}{0.2576631714 - 2(0.2570184314) + 0.2595040812} =$$

$$0.2575303797$$

$$p_1^{(2)} = g(p_0^{(2)}) = 0.2575302608$$

$$p_2^{(2)} = g(p_1^{(2)}) = 0.2575302918 \text{ (We can stop here)}$$

$$p_0^{(3)} = p_0^{(2)} - \frac{(p_1^{(2)} - p_0^{(2)})^2}{p_2^{(2)} - 2p_1^{(2)} + p_0^{(2)}} = 0.2575303797 - \frac{(0.2575302608 - 0.2575303797)^2}{0.2575302918 - 2(0.2575302608) + 0.2575303797} =$$

$$0.2575302854$$

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