

Homework 2

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Problem 2.1

The **error function** (also called Gauss error function) is defined by

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt.$$

Use Taylor series to approximate $\operatorname{erf}(x)$ with a polynomial $T_n(x)$. What is n , if the desired accuracy is 10^{-5} ? Using this approximation, plot the graph of $\operatorname{erf}(x)$ on $[-3, 3]$.

Maclaurin series: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \rightarrow : e^{-t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-t^2)^n}{n!} = 1 + \left(\frac{-t^2}{1}\right) + \left(\frac{-t^4}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{-t^6}{6}\right)$

Integration (term by term) : $\int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt = x; \int_0^x -t^2 dt = -\frac{x^3}{3}; \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x -t^4 dt = \frac{x^5}{10}; \frac{1}{6} \int_0^x -t^6 dt = \frac{-x^7}{42}$

As we obtain : $\int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{10} - \frac{x^7}{42} + \dots$ which in series form look like : $\operatorname{erf}(x) = T_n(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot x^{2n+1}}{n!(2n-1)}$

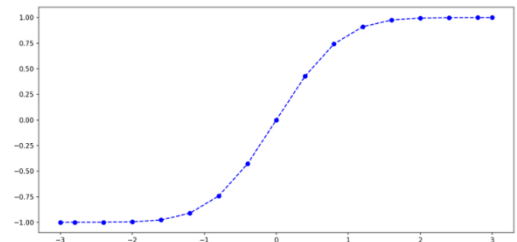
Calculating (finding a number n , such that the approximation accuracy will be 10^{-5} (finding first term))

Looking at the interval $[-3;3]$, we can choose the biggest value $\rightarrow x=3$, as for results,

 $n = 28 - 0.0001\dots; n = 29 - 3.05 \cdot 10^{-5}; n = 30 - 8.86 \cdot 10^{-6} \rightarrow n = 29$ corresponds to our needs, - so our n will become $29-1=28$ (the next will become reminder)

Taylor Polynomial: $T_n = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot x^{2n+1}}{n!(2n-1)}$ - so the polynomial is

$$T_{28} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{10} - \frac{x^7}{42} + \dots - \frac{x^{55}}{27! \cdot 55} + \frac{x^{57}}{28! \cdot 57}$$



Problem 2.2

Consider the sequence of Fibonacci numbers:

$$F_0 = 1, F_1 = 1, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, n = 2, 3, \dots$$

Let $R_n = \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n}$. It can be shown that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \equiv \phi,$$

which is known as **golden ratio**. Write a code that will compute numerically the first 40 terms of the sequence R_n together with errors $\phi - R_n$. In computations make sure that you are using IEEE double precision. Comment your results. What can be said on the order of convergence?

R1: 2.0

Error: 0.3819660112501051

R2: 1.5

Error: 0.1180339887498949

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R38: 1.6180339887498947

Error: 2.220446049250313e-16

R39: 1.618033988749895

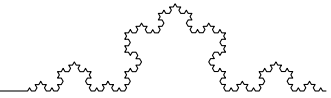
Error: 0.0

(observe that this approximation converges so, by using

R40: 1.618033988749895

Error: 0.0

formula we can deal with **Linear Order of Convergence**)



Problem 2.3

Thermistors are temperature-measuring devices based on the principle that the thermistor material exhibits a change in electrical resistance with a change in temperature. By measuring the resistance of the thermistor material, one can then determine the temperature. For a 10K3A Betatherm thermistor, the relationship between

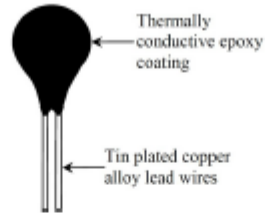


Figure 1: A typical thermistor

the resistance R of the thermistor and the temperature T is given by

$$\frac{1}{T} = 1.129241 \times 10^{-3} + 2.341077 \times 10^{-4} \log R + 8.775468 \times 10^{-8} (\log R)^3$$

where T is in Kelvin and R is in Ohms, and \log denotes the natural logarithm. A thermistor error of no more than $\pm 0.01^\circ\text{C}$ is acceptable. To find the range of the resistance that is within this acceptable limit at 19°C , we need to solve

$$\frac{1}{19.01 + 273.15} = 1.129241 \times 10^{-3} + 2.341077 \times 10^{-4} \log R + 8.775468 \times 10^{-8} (\log R)^3 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{18.99 + 273.15} = 1.129241 \times 10^{-3} + 2.341077 \times 10^{-4} \log R + 8.775468 \times 10^{-8} (\log R)^3 \quad (2)$$

Write a computer routine implementing Newton's method and solve equations (1) and (2) using Newton's method with initial guess $R_0 = 15000$ and error tolerance of 10^{-5} .

What is the obtained range for resistance values?

Newton's method

$$(1) \quad 1.129241 \times 10^{-3} + 2.341077 \times 10^{-4} \log R + 8.775468 \times 10^{-8} \times (\log R)^3 - \frac{1}{19.01 + 273.15} = 0$$

Output

R_1 : 12932.85373451167

R_2 : 13065.867732409068

R_3 : 13066.540718572338

R_4 : 13066.540735568875

R_5 : 13066.540735568875

$$(2) \quad 1.129241 \times 10^{-3} + 2.341077 \times 10^{-4} \log R + 8.775468 \times 10^{-8} \times (\log R)^3 - \frac{1}{18.99 + 273.15} = 0$$

Output

R_1 : 12946.457909523315

R_2 : 13077.773356259226

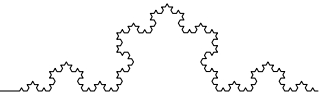
R_3 : 13078.428544712671

R_4 : 13078.42856080743

R_5 : 13078.428560807408

(So the obtained range for resistance

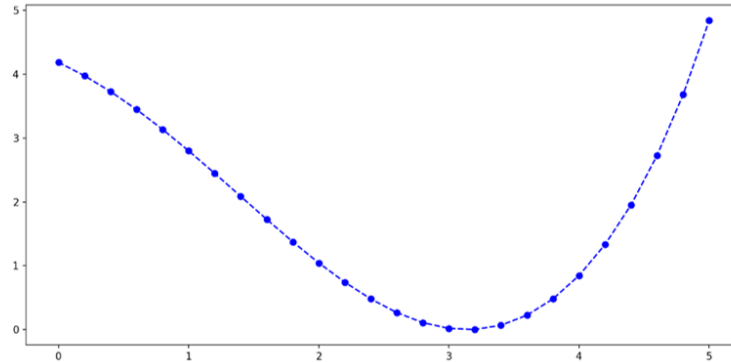
values is **13066.540735568875 – 13078.428560807408**)



Problem 2.4

Consider the function $f(x) = e^{x-\pi} + \cos x - x + \pi$.

a) Plot its graph on interval $[0, 5]$.



b) Apply Newton's method routine you developed in **Problem 2.3** to solve equation $f(x) = 0$ on interval $[0, 5]$. What can be said about its order of convergence? Argue why this is happening? How its convergence order can be improved?

R1 :2.6570843953178036

Error: 0.4845082582719895

R2 :2.9108040796341474

Error: 0.23078857395564567

R3 :3.028571074564518

Error: 0.1130215790252751

...

R19 :3.1415909617802273

Error: 1.6918095657736387e-06

R20 :3.1415918076662614

Error: 8.459235316671254e-07

-20 iterations

As in the **Problem 2.4 a)** graph, the root is located in the interval $[2;4]$, as initial value (R_0) was chosen min variable of the interval $\rightarrow R_0=2$

c) Write a modified routine that will ensure **quadratic** convergence and apply it. +

d) Instead of solving $f(x) = 0$, try to apply the fixed point iterations $x_{n+1} = e^{x_n-\pi} + \cos x_n + \pi$. Comment on your results.

R1 :3.0447558833494806

Error: 0.09683677024031256

R2 :3.0539818291901977

Error: 0.08761082439959544

R3 :3.061545365543905

Error: 0.08004728804588801

...

R39 :3.121458781819971

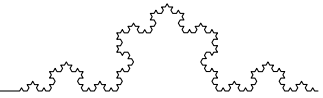
Error: 0.020133871769822065

R40 :3.1218627942977903

Error: 0.01972985929200277

-40 iterations

$R_0=2$, the results were obtained using *fixed point iterations* and *Newton's method*



Problem 2.5

a) Compute the fixed point $x_{n+1} = \cos x_n - 1 + x_n$ with initial guess $x_0 = 0.1$.

R1: 0.09500416527802583

R2: 0.09049466291815525

R3: 0.08640281449600365

...

R903: 0.002157858950687902

R904: 0.0021555307739658247

b) What can be said about the speed of convergence? Compare it with bisection method.

It is extremely slowly; the results obtained using fixed point iterations are converging 0, the real solution is $R = 0$. Fixed point iteration is not always faster than bisection. But in this specific example/ problem it is (a lot) as in bisection method, the error is divided by 2 with each iteration -> converge much faster

c) Write a modified computer routine that will speed up the convergence.

R2: -1.0

<- initial guess is equal to -1, as numbers approach 0

R3: 0.11208576142904647

R4: 0.12747620839147253

...

R21: 2.8923297643062033e-05

to speed up the convergence Secant method was used

R22: 1.787558245118042e-05

(it converges much faster, even it is not a quadratic convergence)

Problem 2.6

Newton's method is used to find the root α of $f(x) = 0$. The first 10 iterates are shown in the table below.

- (1) What can be said about the order of convergence? Is it slower or faster than bisection method?
- (2) What can be said about the root α to explain this convergence?
- (3) Knowing function $f(x)$, how would you speed up the convergence?

n	x_n	$x_n - x_{n-1}$
0	2.0	
1	2.1248	0.124834
2	2.2148	0.089944
3	2.2805	0.065698
4	2.3289	0.048386
5	2.3647	0.035827
6	2.3913	0.026624
7	2.4111	0.019835
8	2.4260	0.014803
9	2.4370	0.011062
10	2.4453	0.0082745

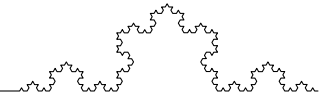
1) Let $\varepsilon_n = \alpha - x_n$

$$\frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} = \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{x_{n-1} - x_{n-2}} = \text{ratio convergence} - \text{for } n = 2 \rightarrow \frac{0.089944}{0.124834} \approx 0.72 > 0.5$$

2) the root multiplicity is higher than 1 -> $\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda} \approx 0.72 \rightarrow \lambda \approx 4$

3) In order to speed - we take the third derivate of Newton Method

Problem 2.7



For solving the equation $x + \ln x = 0$, there were proposed three methods:

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad x &= -\ln x \\ (b) \quad x &= e^{-x} \\ (c) \quad x &= \frac{x + e^{-x}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Formulas were tested with fixed point iteration algorithm:

- (1) Which of the formulas can be used?
(A) and (C) as (B) is not usable
- (2) Which of the formulas should be used?
(C) as it is the fastest and the most efficient
- (3) Give an even better formula!

Problem 2.8

Consider the following table of iterates from an iteration method which is convergent to a fixed point α of the function $g(x)$:

n	x_n	$x_n - x_{n-1}$
0	1.00	
1	0.36788	$-6.3212E - 01$
2	0.69220	$3.2432E - 01$
3	0.50047	$-1.9173E - 01$
4	0.60624	$1.0577E - 01$
5	0.54540	$-6.0848E - 02$
6	0.57961	$3.4217E - 02$

$$p = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 0.0656698 \\ 0.089944 \\ 0.089944 \\ 0.124834 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 0.089944 \\ 0.089944 \\ 0.124834 \end{pmatrix}} \approx 0.958$$

- (1) Show that this is a linearly convergent iteration method.

$$M_2 = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{x_1 - x_0} \approx 0,72 \rightarrow M_{10} = \frac{x_{10} - x_9}{x_9 - x_8} \approx 0,748 \rightarrow M = \frac{M_2 + M_{10}}{2} \approx 0,734 \rightarrow$$

- (2) Find its rate of linear convergence. Is this method faster or slower than bisection method?
Therefore the rate of linear convergence is approximately 0.734
- (3) Propose a way to accelerate the convergence of this method?
One way to accelerate the convergence of this method is to use Aitken extrapolation