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NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

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*Answer THREE questions*

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4 questions  
4 pages (excluding cover page)

1. Let  $F : \mathfrak{R} \mapsto \mathfrak{R}$  be a twice continuously differentiable function,  $x^*$  a point such that

$$F(x^*) = F'(x^*) = 0 \quad F''(x^*) \neq 0,$$

and  $I$  an interval centred on  $x^*$  for which

$$(\dagger) \quad \mu \equiv \frac{\max_{x \in I} |F''(x)|}{\min_{x \in I} |F''(x)|} < 2.$$

- a Prove that Newton's method can be written in the form

$$x^{(k+1)} - x^* = \frac{[x^{(k)} - x^*]F'(x^{(k)}) - F(x^{(k)}) + F(x^*)}{F'(x^{(k)}) - F'(x^*)}.$$

- b Use a and  $(\dagger)$  to deduce that  $x^{(k)} \in I$  implies that  $x^{(k+1)} \in I$ .  
 c Hence prove that Newton's method converges to  $x^*$  for any  $x^{(0)} \in I$ .  
 d Obtain the convergence rate result

$$(\ddagger) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{(k+1)} - x^*}{x^{(k)} - x^*} \right| = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Finally, assume that  $x^*$  is a root of higher multiplicity, i.e.  $F$  is  $p$  times continuously differentiable with

$$F(x^*) = F'(x^*) = \dots = F^{(p-1)}(x^*) = 0 \quad F^{(p)}(x^*) \neq 0.$$

- e Explain what condition should replace  $(\dagger)$  and what is the convergence rate analogue to  $(\ddagger)$  in this case.

[You may use without proof the following error term in Taylor's series for a function  $G$  with  $p$  continuous derivatives:-

$$G(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \frac{1}{m!} [x - y]^m G^{(m)}(y) + \frac{1}{p!} [x - y]^p G^{(p)}(\xi)$$

for some  $\xi$  between  $x$  and  $y$ .]

*The five parts carry, respectively, 10%,30%,20%,15%,25% of the total marks.*

2. Let  $F : \mathfrak{R} \mapsto \mathfrak{R}$  be a twice differentiable function with

$$(\dagger) \quad |F''(x)| \leq \gamma \quad \forall x \in \mathfrak{R}$$

and  $x^{(0)} \in \mathfrak{R}$  a point for which  $F'(x^{(0)}) \neq 0$ . If  $x^{(1)}$  is the Newton iterate,  $x^{(1)} = x^{(0)} - F(x^{(0)})/F'(x^{(0)})$ , and

$$(\ddagger) \quad |F'(x^{(0)})| \geq 2|\ell_0|\gamma,$$

where  $\ell_0 \equiv x^{(1)} - x^{(0)}$ , you are asked to obtain the following results.

a Use  $(\dagger)$  to prove that  $|F'(x^{(1)}) - F'(x^{(0)})| \leq |\ell_0|\gamma$  and then  $(\ddagger)$  to show that  $|F'(x^{(1)}) - F'(x^{(0)})| \leq \frac{1}{2}|F'(x^{(0)})|$ . Hence deduce that  $F'(x^{(1)}) \neq 0$  and

$$|F'(x^{(1)})| \geq \frac{1}{2}|F'(x^{(0)})|.$$

b If  $x^{(2)}$  is the next Newton iterate,  $x^{(2)} = x^{(1)} - F(x^{(1)})/F'(x^{(1)})$ , prove that

$$x^{(2)} - x^{(1)} = \frac{F(x^{(0)}) - F(x^{(1)}) + F'(x^{(0)})[x^{(1)} - x^{(0)}]}{F'(x^{(1)})}$$

and hence use a.  $(\dagger)$  and  $(\ddagger)$  to deduce that

$$|\ell_1| \leq \frac{1}{2}|\ell_0|,$$

where  $\ell_1 \equiv x^{(2)} - x^{(1)}$ .

c Use a,b and  $(\ddagger)$  to prove that

$$|F'(x^{(1)})| \geq 2|\ell_1|\gamma.$$

d Explain carefully how the above results may be used in an inductive proof to show that, under conditions  $(\dagger)$  and  $(\ddagger)$ , Newton's method  $x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - F(x^{(k)})/F'(x^{(k)})$  will never breakdown and the sequence  $\{x^{(k)}\}$  must converge to a root of  $F$ .

[You may use without proof the result that  $(\dagger)$  implies

$$|F(x) - F(y) - F'(y)[x - y]| \leq \frac{\gamma}{2}|x - y|^2 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathfrak{R}.]$$

*The four parts carry, respectively, 25%,30%,15%,30%, of the total marks.*

*Turn over ...*

3. Let  $A$  be a real, symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix.

- a Prove that every eigenvalue of  $A$  is real.
- b Prove that eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- c Define the Rayleigh quotient  $\rho(\mathbf{u})$  for a non-zero  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Assume, in addition, that the eigenvalues of  $A$  are ordered

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_n,$$

with their corresponding eigenvectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  forming an orthonormal set.

- d Prove that, for any  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq n$ ,

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=p}^q \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i \neq \mathbf{0} \quad \implies \quad \lambda_p \geq \rho(\mathbf{v}) \geq \lambda_q.$$

- e If  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_n|$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{u}_i \neq \mathbf{0}$ , prove that

$$0 \leq \lambda_1 - \rho(\mathbf{v}) \leq 2\|A\|_2 \frac{\sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2}.$$

*The five parts carry, respectively, 20%,20%,10%,20%,30% of the total marks.*

4. Let  $A$  be a real  $n \times n$  non-singular matrix, with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$$

(possibly complex) and a linearly independent set of eigenvectors

$$\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\},$$

and let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  be fixed and non-zero.

a Prove that the iteration

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + t \left( \mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}^{(k)} \right)$$

will converge to the unique solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$  of

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

from any starting value  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  if and only if

$$(\dagger) \quad \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{|1 - t\lambda_i|\} < 1.$$

b Explain what values of  $t$  will satisfy  $(\dagger)$  if :-

- i)  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are real and positive,
- ii)  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are real and negative,
- iii)  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are real and of both signs,
- iv) the real parts of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are strictly positive,
- v) the real parts of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are strictly negative,
- vi) the real parts of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are non-zero but of both signs.

c For cases i) and ii) in b, deduce what values of  $t$  will make

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{|1 - t\lambda_i|\}$$

smallest?

*The eight parts carry, respectively, 30%,10%,5%,5%,15%,5%,10%,20% of the total marks.*

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