

1. Compute the condition number $K(d)$ of the following equations:

(a) $x - a^d = 0, \quad a > 0$

$$x = a^d \quad G(d) = a^d \quad G'(d) = a^d \ln a$$

$$K(d) = \|G'(d)\| \frac{\|d\|}{\|G(d)\|} = |d \ln a|$$

$$K_{\text{abs}}(d) = \|G'(d)\| = |a^d \ln a|$$

(b) $d - x + 1 = 0$

$$x = d + 1 \quad G(d) = d + 1 \quad G'(d) = 1$$

$$K(d) = \frac{|d|}{|d + 1|}$$

$$K_{\text{abs}}(d) = 1$$

2. Study the well posedness and the conditioning in the infinity norm of the following problem: for the datum d , find x and y such that:

$$\begin{cases} x + dy = 1, \\ dx + y = 0. \end{cases}$$

Solution: First, when $d = \pm 1$, then problem is ill-posed. Otherwise, when $d \neq \pm 1$, the problem is well-posed. Then

$$x = -\frac{1}{d^2 - 1}, \quad y = \frac{d}{d^2 - 1}$$

$$\text{So, } G(d) = \left(-\frac{1}{d^2 - 1}, \frac{d}{d^2 - 1} \right), \quad \|G(d)\|_{\infty} = \frac{\max(1, |d|)}{|d^2 - 1|}$$

$$G'(d) = \left(\frac{2d}{(d^2 - 1)^2}, -\frac{d^2 + 1}{(d^2 - 1)^2} \right), \quad \|G'(d)\|_{\infty} = \frac{d^2 + 1}{(d^2 - 1)^2}$$

$$K(d) = \|G'(d)\|_{\infty} \frac{\|d\|}{\|G(d)\|_{\infty}} = \begin{cases} \frac{d^2 + 1}{|d^2 - 1|}, & |d| > 1, \\ \frac{(d^2 + 1)|d|}{|d^2 - 1|}, & |d| < 1. \end{cases}$$

$$K_{\text{abs}}(d) = \|G'(d)\|_{\infty} = \frac{d^2 + 1}{(d^2 - 1)^2}$$

3. Study the conditioning of the solving formula $x_{\pm} = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 + q}$ for the quadratic equation $x^2 + 2px - q = 0$ w.r.t. changes in the data p and q separately.

Solution:

$$G(p) = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 + q} \quad G'(p) = -1 \pm \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + q}} = \frac{-\sqrt{p^2 + q} \pm p}{\sqrt{p^2 + q}}$$

$$K_{x_{\pm}}(p) = \|G'(p)\| \frac{\|p\|}{\|G(p)\|} = \frac{|-\sqrt{p^2 + q} \pm p|}{\sqrt{p^2 + q}} \cdot \frac{|p|}{|-\sqrt{p^2 + q} \pm p|} = \frac{|p|}{\sqrt{p^2 + q}}$$

$$K_{\text{abs}x_+}(p) = \|G'(p)\| = \frac{|-\sqrt{p^2 + q} + p|}{\sqrt{p^2 + q}} \quad K_{\text{abs}x_-}(p) = \frac{|-\sqrt{p^2 + q} - p|}{\sqrt{p^2 + q}}$$

$$G(q) = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 + q} \quad G'(q) = \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{p^2 + q}}$$

$$K_{x_{\pm}}(q) = \|G'(q)\| \frac{\|q\|}{\|G(q)\|} = \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{p^2 + q}} \right| \cdot \left| \frac{q}{-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 + q}} \right| = \left| \frac{q}{2\sqrt{p^2 + q}(-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 + q})} \right|$$

$$K_{\text{abs}x_{\pm}}(q) = \|G'(q)\| = \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{p^2 + q}} \right|$$

4. Consider the IVP:

$$\begin{cases} x' = x_0 e^{at} (a \cos t - \sin t), & t > 0 \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

whose solution is $x(t) = x_0 e^{at} \cos t$ (a is a given real number). Study the conditioning of this IVP with respect to the choice of the initial datum and verify that on unbounded intervals it is well conditioned if $a < 0$, while it is ill conditioned if $a > 0$.

Solution:

$$G(x_0) = x(t) = x_0 e^{at} \cos t \quad G'(x_0) = e^{at} \cos t$$

$$K_{\text{abs}}(x_0) = |G'(x_0)| = |e^{at} \cos t|$$

$$K(x_0) = 1$$

So, if $a < 0$, then $K_{\text{abs}}(x_0)$ is bounded as $t \rightarrow \infty$, so it is well conditioned. But if $a > 0$, then $K_{\text{abs}}(x_0)$ is unbounded as $t \rightarrow \infty$, so it is ill conditioned.

5. Derive geometrically the sequence of the first iterates computed by bisection, secant, false position and Newton's methods in the approximation of the zero of $f(x) = x^2 - 2$ in the interval $[1, 3]$. **Solution:** See Figure 1.
6. Let $f(x) = \cos^2(2x) - x^2$ be the function in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 1.5$. Having fixed a tolerance $\varepsilon = 10^{-10}$ on the absolute error, determine experimentally the subintervals for which Newton's method is convergent to the zero $\alpha \approx 0.5149$.

Solution: We search 1e6 point in the interval $[0, 1.5]$, and max iteration = 200. Within the 200 iteration, if $|x_n - \alpha| < \epsilon$ for one initial guess, we mark this initial guess that leads to convergence. Then we have the subintervals experimentally, see Figure 2

7. Check the following properties of the fixed-point method:

- (a) $0 < g'(\alpha) < 1$: monotone convergence, that is, the error $x_n - \alpha$ maintains a constant sign as n varies;
- (b) $-1 < g'(\alpha) < 0$: oscillatory convergence, that is, $x_n - \alpha$ changes sign as n varies.

Solution: Assume $g(\alpha) = \alpha$ and g is differentiable at α with $|g'(\alpha)| < 1$. Consider the fixed-point iteration $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ and set $e_n := x_n - \alpha$.

Mean Value Theorem. For each n , there exists ξ_n between x_n and α such that

$$e_{n+1} = g(x_n) - g(\alpha) = g'(\xi_n)(x_n - \alpha) = g'(\xi_n)e_n.$$

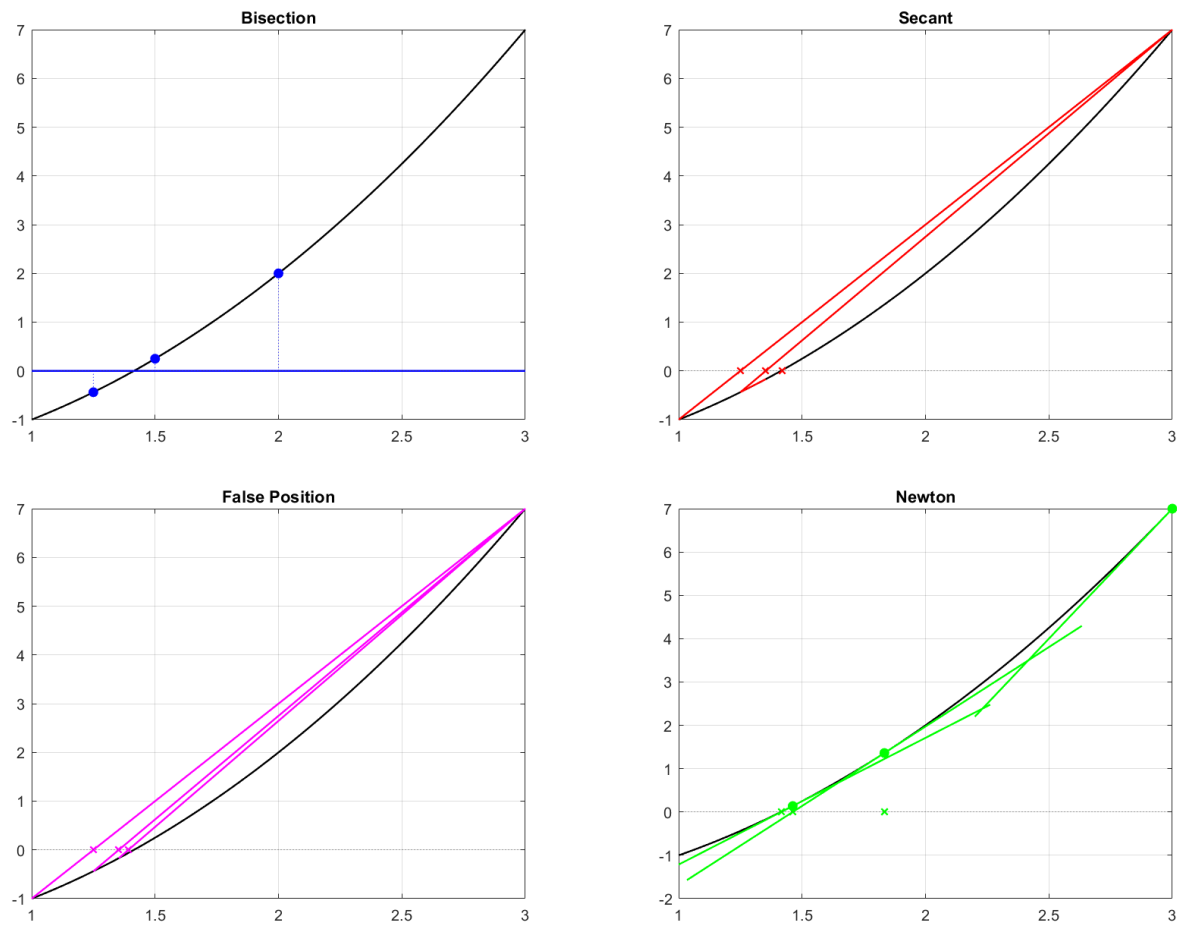


Figure 1: The figures of question5

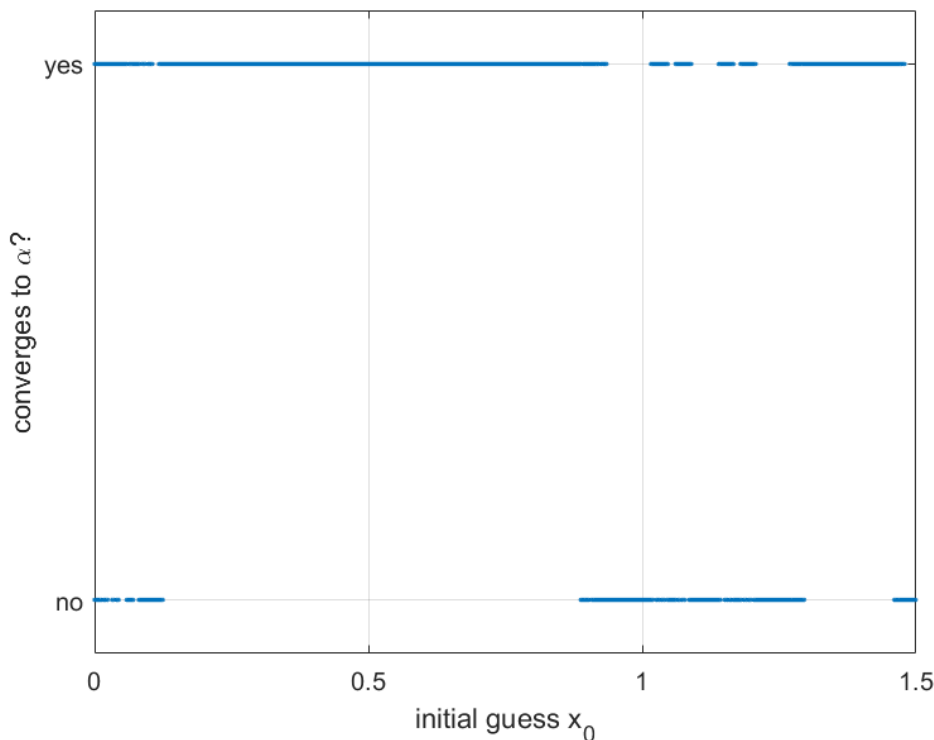


Figure 2: The figure of question6

Since g' is continuous at α , choose q and $r > 0$ so that

$$|g'(\alpha)| < q < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |x - \alpha| < r \implies |g'(x)| \leq q.$$

Take x_0 with $|x_0 - \alpha| < r$. If the iterates remain in this neighborhood, then

$$|e_{n+1}| = |g'(\xi_n)| |e_n| \leq q |e_n| \implies |e_n| \leq q^n |e_0|,$$

so $x_n \rightarrow \alpha$. Moreover,

$$\text{sign}(e_{n+1}) = \text{sign}(g'(\xi_n)) \text{sign}(e_n).$$

Because $\xi_n \rightarrow \alpha$ and g' is continuous, we have $g'(\xi_n) \rightarrow g'(\alpha)$, hence for all sufficiently large n :

$$\begin{cases} 0 < g'(\alpha) < 1 \implies \text{sign}(e_{n+1}) = \text{sign}(e_n) & \text{(one-sided/monotone convergence);} \\ -1 < g'(\alpha) < 0 \implies \text{sign}(e_{n+1}) = -\text{sign}(e_n) & \text{(oscillatory convergence).} \end{cases}$$

8. Analyze the convergence of the fixed-point method for computing the zeros $\alpha_1 = -1$ and $\alpha_2 = 2$ of the function $f(x) = x^2 - x - 2$, when the following iteration functions are used:

(a) $g(x) = x^2 - 2$

- *Fixed points:* Solve $x = g(x) \Leftrightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0$; hence $\alpha_1 = -1$, $\alpha_2 = 2$.
- *Derivative:* $g'(x) = 2x$.

- *At the roots:* $g'(-1) = -2$ and $g'(2) = 4$.
- *Verdict:* $|g'(\alpha_1)| = 2 > 1$ and $|g'(\alpha_2)| = 4 > 1 \Rightarrow$ both fixed points are **repelling** \Rightarrow the iteration **diverges**.

(b) $g(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$

- *Fixed points:* $x = \sqrt{x+2} \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0$, but the branch requires $x \geq 0$, so only $\alpha_2 = 2$ is a fixed point; $\alpha_1 = -1$ is not.
- *Derivative:* $g'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+2}}$.
- *At the root:* $g'(2) = \frac{1}{4}$.
- *Verdict:* $|g'(2)| = \frac{1}{4} < 1 \Rightarrow$ **locally convergent** to α_2 , and since $g'(2) > 0$, the approach is **one-sided**. It cannot converge to α_1 under this branch because -1 is not a fixed point of g .

(c) $g(x) = -\sqrt{x+2}$

- *Fixed points:* $x = -\sqrt{x+2} \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0$ with $x \leq 0$, so only $\alpha_1 = -1$ is a fixed point; $\alpha_2 = 2$ is not.
- *Derivative:* $g'(x) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+2}}$.
- *At the root:* $g'(-1) = -\frac{1}{2}$.
- *Verdict:* $|g'(-1)| = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow$ **locally convergent** to α_1 , and since $g'(-1) < 0$, the approach is **oscillatory**. It cannot converge to α_2 because 2 is not a fixed point of g .

(d) $g(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{x}$

- *Fixed points:* $x = 1 + \frac{2}{x} \Leftrightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0$; hence $\alpha_1 = -1$, $\alpha_2 = 2$.
- *Derivative:* $g'(x) = -\frac{2}{x^2}$.
- *At the roots:* $g'(2) = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $g'(-1) = -2$.
- *Verdict:* At α_2 : $|g'(2)| = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow$ **locally convergent** to 2 with **linear, oscillatory** behavior. At α_1 : $|g'(-1)| = 2 > 1 \Rightarrow$ **diverges** (oscillatory).

9. Let $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $g(x) = \sqrt{1+x^2}$. Show that the iterates of Newton's method for the equation $g'(x) = 0$ satisfy the following properties:

- (a) $|x_0| < 1 \Rightarrow g(x_{n+1}) < g(x_n), n \geq 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0,$
 (b) $|x_0| > 1 \Rightarrow g(x_{n+1}) > g(x_n), n \geq 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_n| = \infty.$

Solution: First compute

$$f(x) := g'(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}, \quad f'(x) = (1+x^2)^{-3/2}.$$

Hence the Newton iteration is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{\frac{x_n}{\sqrt{1+x_n^2}}}{(1+x_n^2)^{-3/2}} = x_n - x_n(1+x_n^2) = -x_n^3.$$

Therefore

$$|x_{n+1}| = |x_n|^3 \quad (n \geq 0).$$

(a) If $|x_0| < 1$

Then $|x_1| = |x_0|^3 < |x_0| < 1$. By induction, $|x_n| < 1$ and the sequence $(|x_n|)$ is strictly decreasing to 0 because repeatedly cubing a number in $(0, 1)$ drives it to 0. Thus $x_n \rightarrow 0$.

Moreover,

$$g(x_{n+1}) = \sqrt{1+x_{n+1}^2} = \sqrt{1+x_n^6} < \sqrt{1+x_n^2} = g(x_n) \quad (\text{since } 0 < x_n^6 < x_n^2),$$

so $g(x_{n+1}) < g(x_n)$ for all n .

(b) If $|x_0| > 1$

Then $|x_1| = |x_0|^3 > |x_0| > 1$. By induction, $|x_{n+1}| = |x_n|^3 > |x_n|$, hence $|x_n| \rightarrow \infty$.

Since $g(x) = \sqrt{1+x^2}$ is strictly increasing in $|x|$, we get

$$g(x_{n+1}) = \sqrt{1+x_{n+1}^2} > \sqrt{1+x_n^2} = g(x_n),$$

so $g(x_{n+1}) > g(x_n)$ for all n .