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1. The Lambert W -function, $y = W(x)$, is the inverse function of $x = y \exp(y)$ for $y \in [-1, +\infty)$. Make a plot of the Lambert W -function, with at least 100 equally spaced sampling points over x . Verify your plot using the graph of $x = y \exp(y)$.

解: W -function 不存在初等表达式, 但是:

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = e^y (y+1) \geq 0 \quad (\text{仅当 } y=-1 \text{ 取等号})$$

$$\Rightarrow x = ye^y \text{ 在 } [-1, +\infty) \text{ 严格单调递增}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = ye^y \text{ 存在反函数 } y = f(x)$$

$$\text{显然, } \text{dom}(f) = [-e^{-1}, +\infty)$$

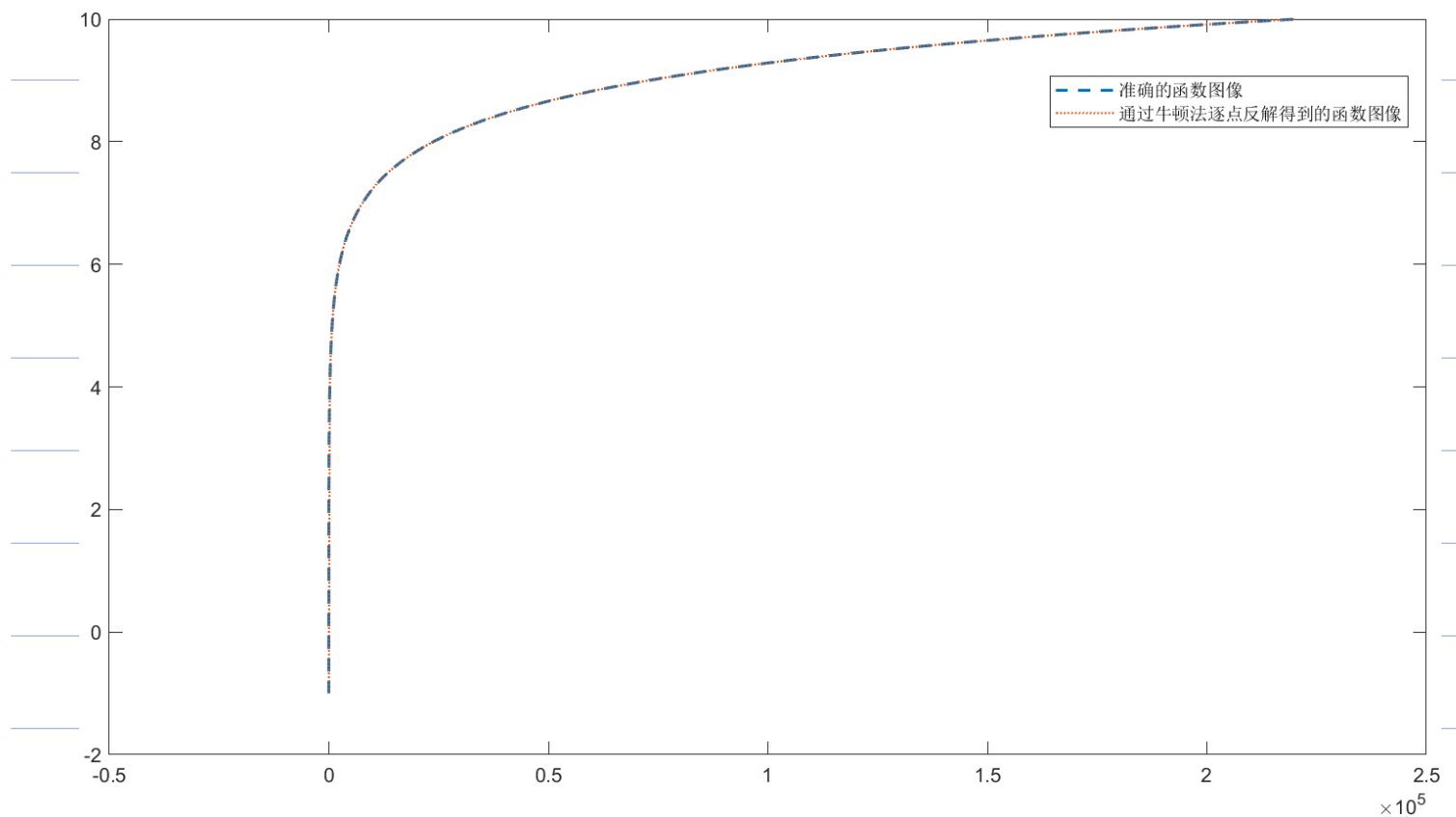
对于 $x_0 \in [-e^{-1}, +\infty)$, 可以使用牛顿法求解:

$$ye^y - x_0 = 0$$

由牛顿法所得到的根 $\hat{y} \approx f(x_0)$.

(在本题中, 选一对初始猜测值取 $x_0 = 10$)

以下是二者相互比较得到的图象, 其中“准确的图象”指的是用 $x = y \cdot e^y$ 得到的。



可以看出, 在 $x < 2.5 \times 10^5$ 的范围内, 拟合效果很好。

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2. Using Newton's method to find the root of $\arctan x = 0$ is an overkill, since the unique solution, $x_* = 0$, is trivial. However, this is a good example to see that the convergence of Newton's method relies on the initial guess. The set of real initial guesses such that Newton's method converges to x_* is of the form $(-\alpha, \alpha)$, where $\alpha > 0$. Try to calculate α with at least 10 significant decimal digits. What happens if α is used as the initial guess?

解: 由于收敛域为 $(-\alpha, \alpha)$, 并且 $y = \arctan x$ 是奇函数
根据对称性, 可以只探讨 $x_k \geq 0$ 的情况

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{\arctan x_k}{\frac{1}{1+x_k^2}} = x_k - (1+x_k^2) \arctan x_k$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{k+1} - x_k = -(1+x_k^2) \arctan x_k < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{k+1} < x_k$$

令 $|x_{k+1}| \geq |x_k|$, 这只能是在 $x_{k+1} < 0$ 时发生

$$|x_{k+1}| = |x_k - (1+x_k^2) \arctan x_k| \geq |x_k|$$

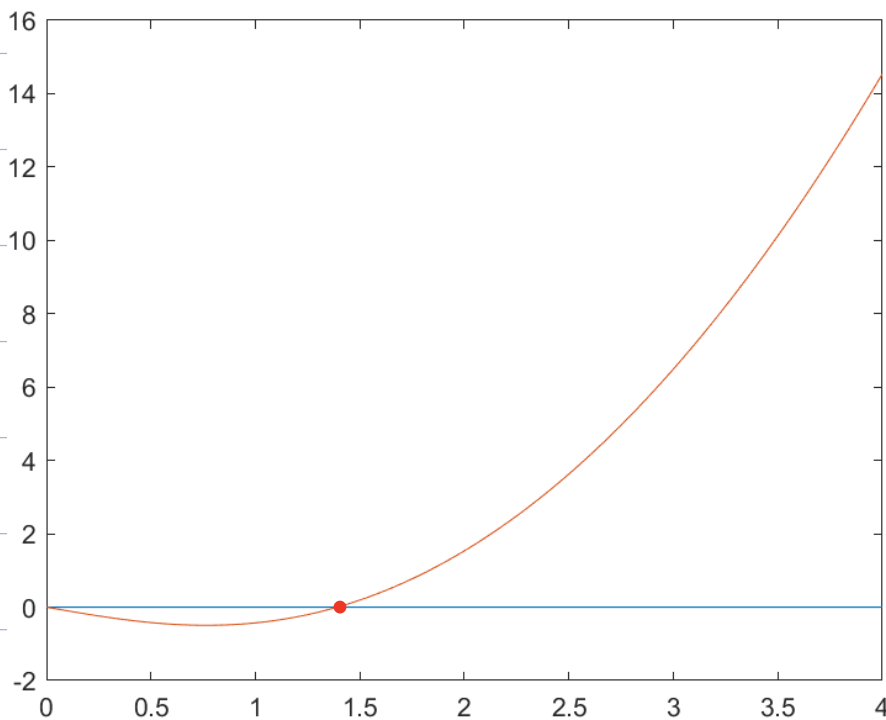
$$\Rightarrow (1+x_k^2) \arctan x_k - 2x_k \geq 0$$

$$\text{令 } f(x) = (1+x^2) \arctan x - 2x$$

$$\text{求导: } f'(x) = 1 + 2x \cdot \arctan x - 2 = 2x \arctan x - 1$$

也即 $f(x)$ 先递减后递增

作出 $f(x) = (1+x^2) \arctan x - 2x$ 的图象如下:



结合 $f(0) = 0$ 可知 $f(x) = 0$ 在 $(0, +\infty)$ 上有一根

用二分法 (见 matlab 对应文件) 得到:

$$\alpha \approx 1.3917452002707$$

(14位有效数字)

下面我将说明: 当 $|x_0| \geq \alpha$ 时, 不收敛, $|x_0| < \alpha$ 时, 会收敛.

同样由 $y = \arctan x$ 是奇函数, 可假设 $x_0 \geq 0$

① 当 $|x_0| \geq \alpha$ 时, $|x_1| \geq |x_0| \geq \alpha$

$\Rightarrow |x_2| \geq |x_1| \geq \alpha \quad \dots \quad \Rightarrow |x_n| \geq |x_{n-1}| \geq \dots \geq \alpha$

也即 $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ 不会收敛!

特别的, 若 $|x_0| = \alpha$, 则有 $|x_n| = |x_{n-1}| = \dots = |x_0| = \alpha$

也即 x_k 会在 α 与 $-\alpha$ 之间 来回振荡

② 若 $|x_0| < \alpha$, 则有 $|x_1| < |x_0|$, $|x_2| < |x_1| \dots$

一般的: $|x_{k+1}| < |x_k|$, 即 $\{|x_k|\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ 单调递减

显然 $|x_k| \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |x_k| = \beta$ 存在

假设 $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |x_k| = \beta > 0$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |x_{k+1}| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |x_k - (1+x_k^2) \arctan x_k|$$

$$\Rightarrow |\beta| = |\beta - (1+\beta^2) \arctan \beta|$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \beta - (1+\beta^2) \arctan \beta$$

$$\text{或: } \beta = -\beta + (1+\beta^2) \arctan \beta$$

对于第 1 种情况, $\beta = 0$, 与假设矛盾!

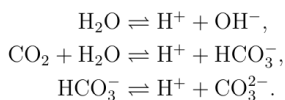
对于第 2 种情况, 由上面的讨论, 必有 $\beta = \alpha$, 但是 $|x_k| < \alpha$, $k=1, 2, \dots$ 因此也不可能成立!

因此, 只能取 $\beta = 0$, 即 $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |x_k| = 0$

即 $|x_0| < \alpha$ 时, 牛顿法迭代收敛 \square

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3. In this exercise, you will determine the pH of rainwater by measuring the partial pressure of carbon dioxide (CO_2). For simplicity, we suppose that the only chemical reactions in rainwater are



The following nonlinear system of equations governs the chemistry of rainwater:

$$\begin{aligned}K_W &= [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-], \\ K_1 &= 10^6 \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{HCO}_3^-]}{K_H \cdot p_{\text{CO}_2}}, \\ K_2 &= \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{CO}_3^{2-}]}{[\text{HCO}_3^-]}, \\ [\text{H}^+] &= [\text{OH}^-] + [\text{HCO}_3^-] + 2[\text{CO}_3^{2-}],\end{aligned}$$

where $K_H = 10^{-1.46}$ is Henry's constant, and $K_1 = 10^{-6.3}$, $K_2 = 10^{-10.3}$ and $K_W = 10^{-14}$ are equilibrium constants.

Let us use $p_{\text{CO}_2} = 375$ ppm, which was the partial pressure of CO_2 at Mauna Loa (Hawaii) in 2003. Estimate the corresponding pH of rainwater.

Solve this problem using the multivariable version of Newton's method.

解: 设 $x = [\text{H}^+]$, $y = [\text{OH}^-]$, $z = [\text{HCO}_3^-]$, $w = [\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$

再将各常数抽象为如下常量:

$$C_1 = K_W = 10^{-14}$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_2 &= K_1 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot K_H \cdot p_{\text{CO}_2} \\ &= 10^{-6.3} \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 10^{-1.46} \cdot 375\end{aligned}$$

$$C_3 = K_2 = 10^{-10.3}$$

根据各平衡方程有:

$$\begin{cases} xy - C_1 = 0 \\ xz - C_2 = 0 \\ \frac{xw}{z} - C_3 = 0 \\ x - y - z - 2w = 0 \end{cases}$$

若记 $V = (x, y, z, w)^T$, 则有:

$$V_{k+1} = V_k - [F'(V_k)]^{-1} F(V_k) \dots (*)$$

$$\text{其中: } F(v) = \begin{bmatrix} xy - c_1 \\ xz - c_2 \\ \frac{xw}{z} - c_3 \\ x - y - z - 2w \end{bmatrix}$$

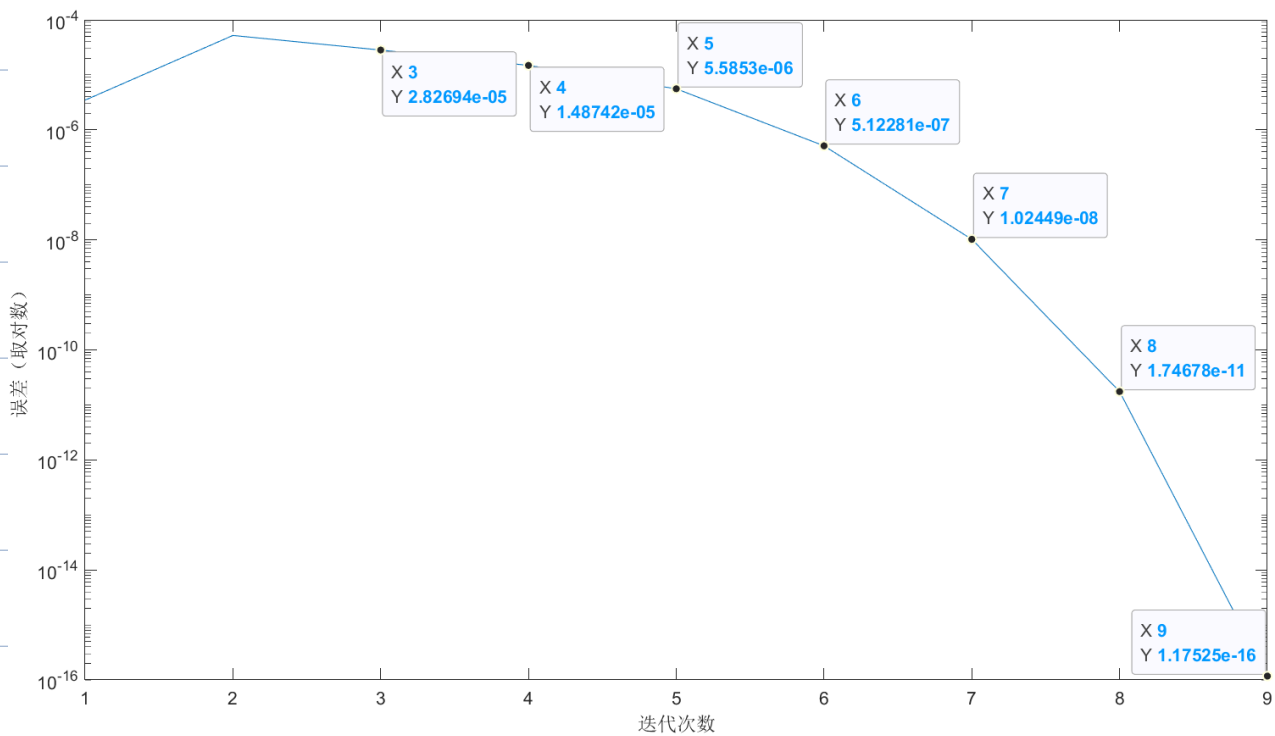
$$F'(v) = \begin{bmatrix} y & x & 0 & 0 \\ z & 0 & x & 0 \\ \frac{w}{z} & 0 & -\frac{xw}{z^2} & \frac{x}{z} \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

对 (v) 进行迭代, 并把终止条件定为 $\|F(v_k)\|_2 \leq 10^{-16}$
(具体代码详见 对应 matlab 文件)

得到最后的结果为:

$$pH = -\lg[H^+] \approx 5.5926$$

作图: $\lg \|v_k - v_{\text{all}}\|_2$, 观察收敛情况:



观察列 $\|V_k - V_*$ 确实有加速收敛的趋势
然而并没有发生有效数字翻倍的情况。(存疑)

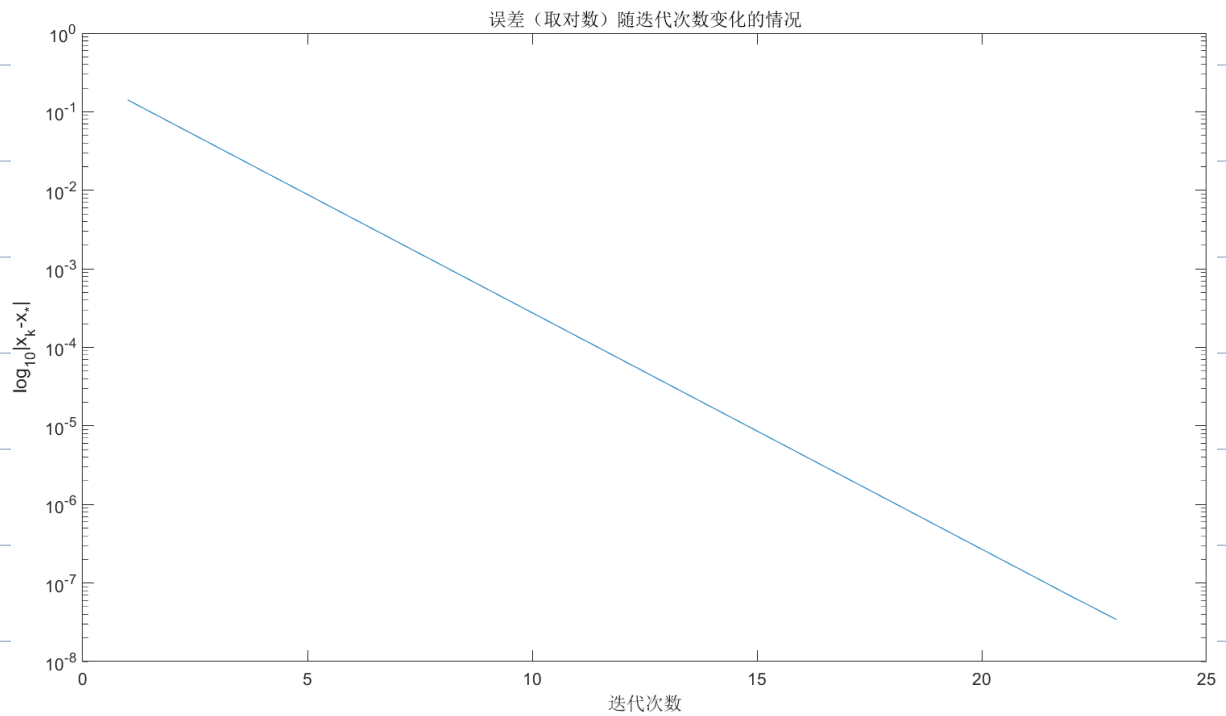
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4. When applying Newton's method to solve the equation $f(x) = 0$, we usually require that $f'(x_*) \neq 0$, i.e., the root x_* is a simple one. Without such a condition, Newton's method is still applicable to find x_* while the convergence is no longer quadratic.

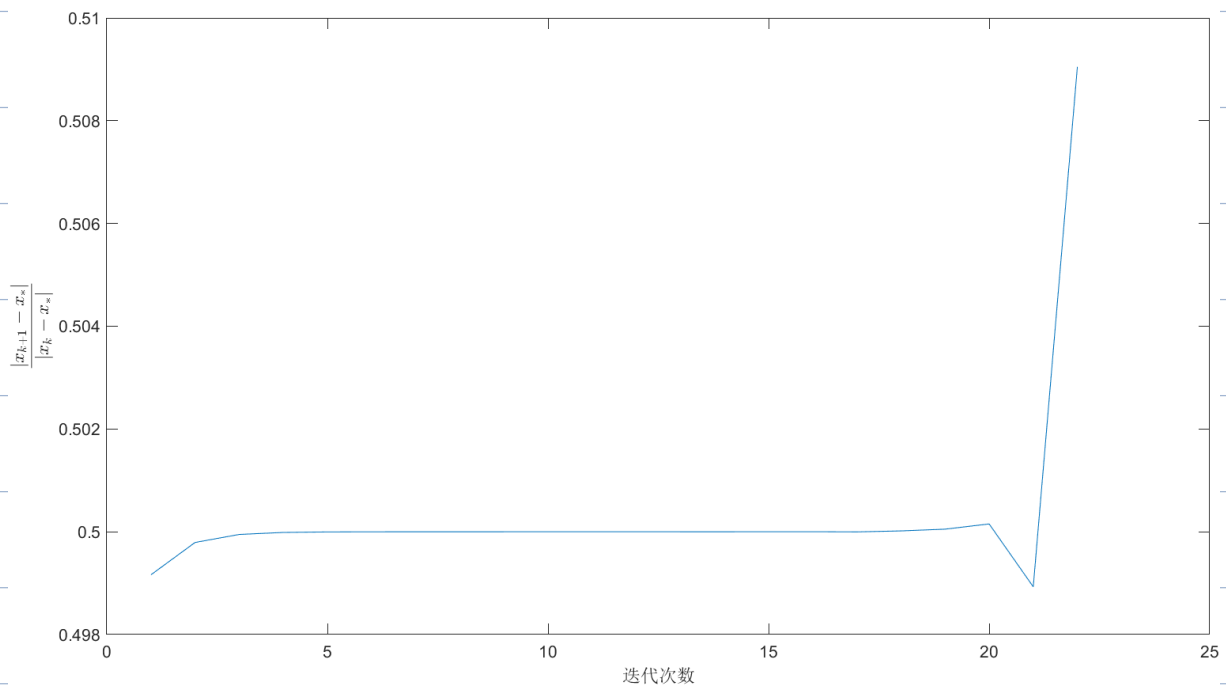
(a) Use Newton's method to solve $1 + \cos x = 0$ around $x_0 = 3$ and plot the convergence history.

(a) 使用牛顿法求解 $1 + \cos x = 0$ (初始值取 $x_0 = 3$)

对 $\log_{10} |x_k - x_*|$ 作半对数图, 得到收敛过程如下:



很显然，此时牛顿法是线性收敛的。为了得到线性收敛的比例系数，我们进一步对 $\frac{|x_{k+1} - x_*|}{|x_k - x_*|}$ 作图：



定义 $e_k = |x_k - x_*|$ ，由上图可估计：

$$\frac{e_{k+1}}{e_k} \approx 0.5$$

(b) Let x_* be a root of $f(x)$ with multiplicity higher than one, i.e.,

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$$h(x_*) = f'(x_*) = 0.$$

Show that Newton's method converges (locally) linearly around x_* .

设 x_* 是 $f(x)$ 的 $m+1$ 重根, 即:

$$f(x_*) = f'(x_*) = \dots = f^{(m)}(x_*) = 0 \neq f^{(m+1)}(x_*)$$

则 $f(x)$ 可以表示为:

$$f(x) = (x - x_*)^{m+1} \cdot h(x) \quad (m \geq 0)$$

$$\text{其中 } h(x_*) \neq 0$$

$$\text{而 } f'(x) = (m+1)(x - x_*)^m h(x) + (x - x_*)^{m+1} h'(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{k+1} - x_* = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} - x_*$$

$$= x_k - \frac{(x_k - x_*)^{m+1} h(x_k)}{(m+1)(x_k - x_*)^m h(x_k) + (x_k - x_*)^{m+1} h'(x_k)} - x_*$$

$$= (x_k - x_*) \cdot \left[1 - \frac{(x_k - x_*)^m h(x_k)}{(m+1)(x_k - x_*)^m h(x_k) + (x_k - x_*)^{m+1} h'(x_k)} \right]$$

$$= (x_k - x_*) \left[1 - \frac{1}{(m+1) + (x_k - x_*) \cdot \frac{h'(x_k)}{h(x_k)}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x_k \rightarrow x_*} \frac{|x_{k+1} - x_*|}{|x_k - x_*|} = \lim_{x_k \rightarrow x_*} \left| 1 - \frac{1}{m+1 + (x_k - x_*) \frac{h'(x_k)}{h(x_k)}} \right|$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{m+1}$$

$$= \frac{m}{m+1}$$

因此, $m \geq 1$ 时, 牛顿法将线性收敛.

对于第 (a) 题而言, $m=1$, 则 $\frac{e_{k+1}}{e_k} \approx \frac{1}{2}$
符合理论的估计值.

(c) Let x_* be a root of $f(x)$ with multiplicity $m > 1$, i.e.,

$$f(x_*) = f'(x_*) = \cdots = f^{(m)}(x_*) = 0 \neq f^{(m+1)}(x_*).$$

We can modify Newton's method as

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{(m+1)f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

to achieve local quadratic convergence. Try to explain why such a modification improves the convergence.

$$x_{k+1} - x_* = x_k - \frac{(m+1)(x_k - x_*)^{m+1}h(x)}{(m+1)(x_k - x_*)^m h(x_k) + (x_k - x_*)^{m+1}h'(x_k)} - x_*$$

$$= x_k - \frac{(x_k - x_*)}{1 + \frac{(x_k - x_*)}{m+1} \cdot \frac{h'(x_k)}{h(x_k)}} - x_*$$

$$= (x_k - x_*) \cdot \left[1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(x_k - x_*)}{m+1} \cdot \frac{h'(x_k)}{h(x_k)}} \right]$$

$$= (x_k - x_*) \cdot \frac{\frac{(x_k - x_*)}{m+1} \cdot \frac{h'(x_k)}{h(x_k)}}{1 + \frac{(x_k - x_*)}{m+1} \cdot \frac{h'(x_k)}{h(x_k)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x_k \rightarrow x_*} \frac{|x_{k+1} - x_*|}{|x_k - x_*|^2} = \lim_{x_k \rightarrow x_*} \left| \frac{\frac{h'(x_k)}{h(x_k)(m+1)}}{1 + \frac{(x_k - x_*)}{m+1} \cdot \frac{h'(x_k)}{h(x_k)}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{h'(x_*)}{h(x_*) \cdot (m+1)} \right| = \text{const}$$

因此, 使用改进版的牛顿法, 能够做到
局部二次收敛。□