

# A5

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## Problem 1:

Refer to the car dealer promotion example in this section. Calculate the first 20 updates of the interest rate  $i$ , starting with  $i=0.006$ . Repeat with a starting value of  $i=0.005$ , and with a starting value of  $i=0.004$ . Based on these observations, what is the true value of  $i$  (up to 5-digit accuracy)?

### Solution:

```
# Function to update interest rate
update_interest_rate <- function(initial_i) {
  i <- initial_i
  updated_i <- numeric(20)
  for (j in 1:20) {
    i <- (1 - (1 + i)^-20) / 19;
    updated_i[j] <- i
  }
  return(updated_i)
}

# Calculate updated interest rates for initial values 0.006, 0.005, and 0.004
initial_i_values <- c(0.006, 0.005, 0.004)
all_updated_i_values <- lapply(initial_i_values, update_interest_rate)

# Display the updated interest rates
all_updated_i_values

## [[1]]
## [1] 0.005934815 0.005874258 0.005817928 0.005765464 0.005716546 0.005670886
## [7] 0.005628225 0.005588329 0.005550987 0.005516007 0.005483215 0.005452453
## [13] 0.005423575 0.005396449 0.005370954 0.005346979 0.005324421 0.005303187
## [19] 0.005283189 0.005264348
##
## [[2]]
## [1] 0.004996689 0.004993551 0.004990575 0.004987754 0.004985079 0.004982543
## [7] 0.004980137 0.004977856 0.004975693 0.004973642 0.004971696 0.004969850
## [13] 0.004968099 0.004966439 0.004964863 0.004963369 0.004961951 0.004960606
## [19] 0.004959330 0.004958120
##
## [[3]]
```

```
## [1] 0.004038755 0.004076253 0.004112508 0.004147532 0.004181343 0.004213959
## [7] 0.004245401 0.004275691 0.004304851 0.004332907 0.004359884 0.004385809
## [13] 0.004410709 0.004434612 0.004457546 0.004479540 0.004500622 0.004520821
## [19] 0.004540165 0.004558684
```

## Problem 2:

Use a fixed-point iteration to determine the solution (in  $[0,1]$ ) of the equation  $x = \cos(x)$ . Use a starting value of 0.5. How many iterations does it take before you have an answer which is accurate in the first 2 digits? ...in the first 3 digits?...in the first 4 digits? What happens if you change the starting value to 0.7?...to 0.0?

## Solution:

```
x <- 0.5
count <- 0
while(abs(x - cos(x)) > 0.01){
  x <- cos(x)
  count <- count + 1
}
count
```

```
## [1] 10
```

```
x <- 0.5
count <- 0
while(abs(x - cos(x)) > 0.001){
  x <- cos(x)
  count <- count + 1
}
count
```

```
## [1] 15
```

```
x <- 0.5
count <- 0
while(abs(x - cos(x)) > 0.0001){
  x <- cos(x)
  count <- count + 1
}
count
```

```
## [1] 21
```

```
x <- 0.7
count <- 0
while(abs(x - cos(x)) > 0.0001){
  x <- cos(x)
  count <- count + 1
}
count
```

```
## [1] 17
```

```
x <- 0.0
count <- 0
while(abs(x - cos(x)) > 0.0001){
  x <- cos(x)
  count <- count + 1
}
count
```

```
## [1] 23
```

### Problem 3:

6. Repeat the previous question, but using the equation  $x = 1.5 \cos(x)$ . (The solution is near  $x = 0.9148565$ .) Does the fixed-point iteration converge? If not, modify the equation so that  $x = \frac{\cos(x)}{30} + \frac{44x}{45}$ . Does the iteration converge now?

### Solution:

```
# Function to perform fixed-point iteration for equation x = 1.5*cos(x)
fixed_point_iteration_cos_mod <- function(initial_guess, equation) {
  x <- initial_guess
  tol <- 1e-6 # Tolerance for convergence

  count <- 0 # Counter for iterations

  # Fixed-point iteration loop
  while (TRUE) {
    count <- count + 1
    new_x <- equation(x)
    if (abs(new_x - x) < tol) {
      break
    }
    x <- new_x
    # Break if iteration count exceeds a threshold
    if (count > 1000) {
      return(list(solution = NA, iterations = NA))
    }
  }

  return(list(solution = x, iterations = count))
}

# Define the equation x = 1.5*cos(x)
equation_mod <- function(x) {
  return(1.5 * cos(x))
}

# Repeat the previous question
print("Repeat the previous question:")
```

```
## [1] "Repeat the previous question:"
```

```
# Perform fixed-point iteration for equation  $x = 1.5\cos(x)$  with a starting value of 0.5
result_mod <- fixed_point_iteration_cos_mod(0.5, equation_mod)
print("Fixed-point iteration for  $x = 1.5\cos(x)$ :")
```

```
## [1] "Fixed-point iteration for  $x = 1.5\cos(x)$ :"
```

```
print(result_mod)
```

```
## $solution
## [1] NA
##
## $iterations
## [1] NA
```

```
# Check if fixed-point iteration was successful
if (!is.na(result_mod$solution)) {
  print("Fixed-point iteration succeeded.")
} else {
  print("Fixed-point iteration failed. Modifying the equation...")

  # Modify the equation  $x = \cos(x)/30 + 44x/45$ 
  equation_mod_modified <- function(x) {
    return(cos(x)/30 + 44*x/45)
  }

  # Perform fixed-point iteration for modified equation
  result_mod_modified <- fixed_point_iteration_cos_mod(0.5, equation_mod_modified)
  print("Fixed-point iteration for modified equation:")
  print(result_mod_modified)

  # Check if fixed-point iteration was successful after modification
  if (!is.na(result_mod_modified$solution)) {
    print("Fixed-point iteration succeeded after modification.")
  } else {
    print("Fixed-point iteration failed even after modification.")
  }
}
```

```
## [1] "Fixed-point iteration failed. Modifying the equation..."
## [1] "Fixed-point iteration for modified equation:"
## $solution
## [1] 0.914836
##
## $iterations
## [1] 202
##
## [1] "Fixed-point iteration succeeded after modification."
```

## Problem 4:

A twin prime is a pair of primes  $(x, y)$ , such that  $y = x + 2$ . Construct a list of all twin primes less than 1000. The result should be stored in a list of numeric vectors called `twin_primes`, whose elements are the twin prime pairs. Print the length of the list `twin_primes` and print the 10th and the 15th elements of the list, i.e., `twin_primes[[10]]` and `twin_primes[[15]]`.

## Solution:

```
# Function to check if a number is prime
is_prime <- function(n) {
  if (n <= 1) {
    return(FALSE)
  }
  if (n <= 3) {
    return(TRUE)
  }
  if (n %% 2 == 0 || n %% 3 == 0) {
    return(FALSE)
  }
  i <- 5
  while (i * i <= n) {
    if (n %% i == 0 || n %% (i + 2) == 0) {
      return(FALSE)
    }
    i <- i + 6
  }
  return(TRUE)
}

# Construct a list of all twin primes less than 1000
twin_primes <- list()

for (i in 2 : 1000) {
  if (is_prime(i) && is_prime(i + 2)) {
    twin_primes[[length(twin_primes) + 1]] <- c(i, i + 2)
  }
}

# Print the length of the list twin_primes
cat("Length of twin_primes list:", length(twin_primes), "\n")
```

```
## Length of twin_primes list: 35
```

```
# Print the 10th element of the list
cat("10th element of twin_primes:", twin_primes[[10]], "\n")
```

```
## 10th element of twin_primes: 107 109
```

```
# Print the 15th element of the list
cat("15th element of twin_primes:", twin_primes[[15]], "\n")
```

```
## 15th element of twin_primes: 197 199
```

## Prolem 5:

A bank offers a guaranteed investment certificate (GIC) which pays an annual interest rate of 4% (compounded annually) if the term is 3 years or less, or 5% if the term is more than 3 years.

Write a function which takes the initial investment amount,  $P$ , and the number of interest periods (i.e., years) as arguments and which returns the amount of interest earned over the term of the GIC. That is, return  $I$ , where  $I = P((1 + i)^n - 1)$ . Call the desired function `GIC`. It should be of the form `GIC(P, n)`, where  $P$  is the initial investment amount and  $n$  is the number of years.

Print the output of `GIC(1000, 2)` and `GIC(1000, 20)` to show the corresponding amount of interest earned.

The function `GIC` should return an error (using the `stop()` command) in the following cases: -  $P$  is negative  
-  $n$  is negative or is not an integer

## Solution:

```
# Function to calculate the amount of interest earned on a GIC
GIC <- function(P, n) {
  # Check for invalid input
  P <- as.integer(P)
  n <- as.integer(n)

  if (P < 0 ) {
    stop("Invalid input. Please provide a non-negative initial investment amount
         and a non-negative integer number of years.")
  } else if ( n < 0){
    stop("Invalid input. Please provide a non-negative integer number of years.")
  }

  # Calculate the interest rate based on the number of years
  if (n <= 3) {
    i <- 0.04 # 4% interest for 3 years or less
  } else {
    i <- 0.05 # 5% interest for more than 3 years
  }

  # Calculate the amount of interest earned
  I <- P * ((1 + i)^n - 1)
  return(I)
}

# Test the function with examples provided
tryCatch({
  interest_2_years <- GIC(1000, 2)
  print(paste("Interest earned over 2 years:", interest_2_years))
})
```

```
}, error = function(e) {  
  print("ERROR!")  
  print(e$message)  
})
```

```
## [1] "Interest earned over 2 years: 81.6000000000001"
```

```
tryCatch({  
  interest_20_years <- GIC(1000, 20)  
  print(paste("Interest earned over 20 years:", interest_20_years))  
}, error = function(e) {  
  print("ERROR!")  
  print(e$message)  
})
```

```
## [1] "Interest earned over 20 years: 1653.29770514442"
```