Homework 3 | Root Finding Methods | Due October 2, 2020

Submission:

Submissions should contain a single compressed folder (specifically .zip) that contains the following documents:

- a single (typed) pdf document containing your answers to each question. Hand drawings are okay to upload.
- your .cpp files for each question
- name the folder Name_HW# where # indicates the homework number

1: Root finding methods (10 pts)

Explain the difference between a bracketing method and an open root finding method. List 2 examples of each method.

Bracketing methods are based on two initial guesses that "bracket" the root - they are on either side of the root. *Incremental search, Bisection,...*

Open methods can involve one or more initial guess, but they do not bracket the root. *Simple fixed-point iteration, Newton-Raphson, Secant*

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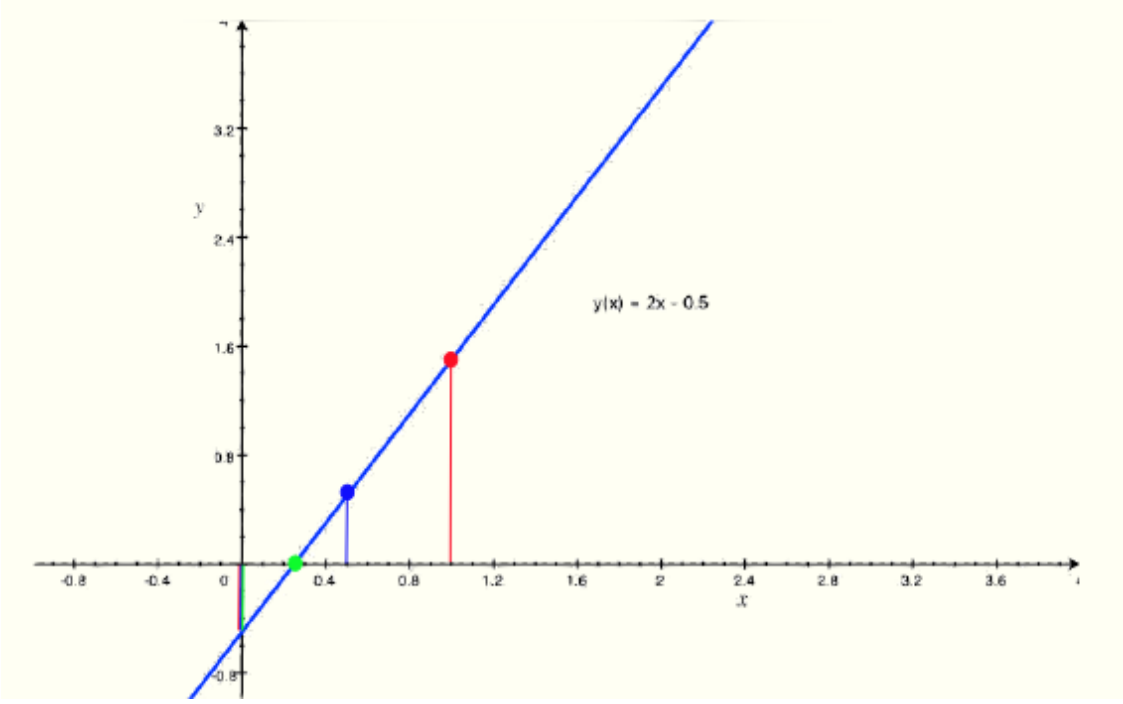
2: Bisection Method (15 pts)

The Bisection method is a variation of the incremental search method in which the interval is always divided in half. If a function changes sign over the interval, the function at the midpoint is evaluated. The root is then determined to lie in the interval where the sign change occurs. That subinterval becomes the new interval for the next iteration. The process is repeated until the root is know to a required precision.

Use this method to find the root of y(x)=2x-0.5. Iterate 5 times with your initial $a = 0$, $b = 2$. Draw your intervals on the figure below. Report x_r and the percent relative error for each interval where applicable. Do not reference the pre-assessment for the first step or your answer will be wrong.

Score breakdown:

- 5pts completed diagram
- 5pts reported x_r
- 5pts reported ϵ_a for each iteration except the first



iteration 1:

$x_l = 0, \quad x_u = 2$

$x_r = \frac{2-0}{2} = 1$

$f(0) * f(1) = -0.5 * 1.5 = -0.75$

iteration 2:

$x_l = 0, \quad x_u = 1$

$x_r = \frac{1-0}{2} = 0.5$

$f(0) * f(0.5) = -0.5 * 0.5 = -0.25$

$\epsilon_a = |\frac{0.5-1.0}{0.5}| = 1$

iteration 3:
$x_l = 0, \quad x_u = 0.5$
$x_r = \frac{0.5-0}{2} = 0.25$
$f(0) * f(0.25) = -0.5 * 0 = 0$
$\epsilon_a = |\frac{0.25-0.5}{0.25}| = 1$
Even though the error hasn't gone down, $f(0.25) = 0$ so the root is at 0.25. No more iterations need to be taken.
iteration 4:
iteration 5:

3: Bisection Method (15 pts)

Modify the/submit your own bisection method code developed in lecture to determine the **drag coefficient,** c_d**,** needed so that an 95-kg bungee jumper has a velocity of 46 m/s after 9 s of free fall. Note: The acceleration of gravity is 9.81 m/s2. Start with initial guesses of $x_l = 0.2$ and $x_u = 0.5$ and iterate until the approximate relative error falls below 1%. Report the value of c_d and the number of iterations it took to find the root. **Submit your code.**

Score breakdown:

- 5pts Compiling code
- 5pts Uses relative error as a condition $|\frac{x_{new}-x_{old}}{x_{new}}|$
- 5pts Reports the value of c_d and the number of iterations

$c_d \approx 0.39$ after 7 iterations

4: Simple fixed-point iteration (15 pts)

Open methods employ a formula to predict the root. Use simple fixed-point iteration to locate the root of $f(x) = \sin(\sqrt{x}) - x$. Start with an initial guess of $x_0 = 0.5$ and iterate 6 times. Fill in the table below.

$$x_{i+1} = sin(\sqrt{x_i})$$

i	x_i	x_{i+1}
0	0.5000000000000	0.6496369390800
1	0.6496369390800	0.7215237970589
2	0.7215237970589	0.7509011663498
3	0.7509011663498	0.7620968510202
4	0.7620968510202	0.7662481431596
5	0.7662481431596	0.7677716544857

The root of this function is ≈ 0.7686488567609. What do you notice about your results?
They are (slowly - it's ok if they don't have slowly here) converging to the root.

5: Newton-Raphson Method (15 pts)

Use the Newton-Raphson method to locate the root of $f(x) = \sin(\sqrt{x}) - x$. Start with an initial guess of $x_0 = 0.5$ and iterate 6 times. Fill in the table below. Note: $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\cos(\sqrt{x}) - 1$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

i	x_i	x_{i+1}
0	0.500000000	0.8235911792584
1	0.8235911792584	0.7696964321922
2	0.7696964321922	0.7686492768758
3	0.7686492768758	0.7686488567610
4	0.7686488567610	0.7686488567609
5	0.7686488567609	0.7686488567609

The root of this function is ≈ 0.7686488567609. What do you notice about your results?
They converge to the real root after the 4th iteration. It would be nice if they relate this to the previous problem, but I didn't ask them to.

6: Newton-Raphson Method (15 pts)

Modify the/submit your own Newton-Raphson method code developed in lecture and apply it to the function $f(x) = \tanh(x^2 - 9)$ to evaluate its known real root at $x = 3$. Use an initial guess of $x_0 = 3.2$ and take a minimum of three iterations. **Submit your code.(5pts)**

(2.5pts)

$x_1 = 2.73681558$

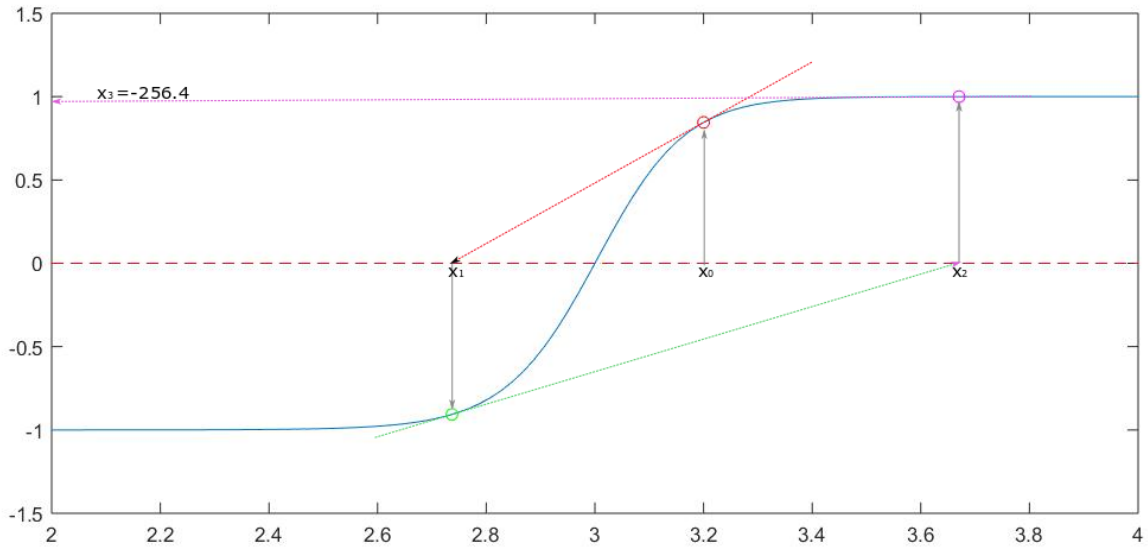
$x_2 = 3.67019683$

$x_3 = -256.413291$

Did the method converge to its real root? **(2.5pts)**

No. After the third approximation, $f'(x) \approx 0$. Any subsequent iterations would not complete. i.e. the solution diverges.

Sketch the plot with the results for each iteration labeled. **(5pts)**



7: Newton-Raphson Method (15 pts)

Modify the/submit your own Newton-Raphson method code developed in lecture to determine the **drag coefficient,** c_d**,** needed so that an 95-kg bungee jumper has a velocity of 46 m/s after 9 s of free fall. Note: The acceleration of gravity is 9.81 m/s2. Start with initial guesses of $x_l = 0.2$ and $x_u = 0.5$ and iterate until the approximate relative error falls below 1%. Report the value of c_d and the number of iterations it took to find the root. Compare your result to Question 3. **Submit your code.**

Score breakdown:

- 5pts Compiling code
- 5pts Uses relative error as a condition $|\frac{x_{new} - x_{old}}{x_{new}}|$
- 5pts Reports the value of c_d and the number of iterations and compares it to problem 3.

$c_d \approx 0.39$ after 5 iterations