

BISECTION METHOD

This method is based on Intermediate Value Theorem.

Theorem

If $f \in C[a, b]$ and K is any number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(c) = K$.

Bisection Method

- Suppose that $f(x)$ is continuous on given interval $[a, b]$.
- The function f satisfies the property $f(a)f(b) < 0$ with $f(a) \neq 0$ and $f(b) \neq 0$.
- By Intermediate Value Theorem, there exists a number c such that $f(c) = 0$.

The Bisection method consists of the following steps:

Step 1: Given an initial interval $[a_0, b_0]$, set $n = 0$.

Step 2: Define $c_n = \frac{(a_n + b_n)}{2}$, the mid-point of interval $[a_n, b_n]$.

Step 3: ■ If $f(c_n) = 0$, then $x^* = c_n$ is the root.

■ If $f(c_n) \neq 0$, then either

$$f(a_n)f(c_n) < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad f(a_n)f(c_n) > 0.$$

■ If $f(a_n)f(c_n) < 0$, then $a_{n+1} = a_n$, $b_{n+1} = c_n$ and the root $x^* \in [a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$.

■ If $f(a_n)f(c_n) > 0$, then $f(b_n)f(c_n) < 0$, this implies $a_{n+1} = c_n$, $b_{n+1} = b_n$ and the root $x^* \in [a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$.

Step 4: Repeat

Step 5: If the root is not achieved in **Step 3**, then, find the length of new reduced interval $[a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$. If the length of the interval $b_{n+1} - a_{n+1}$ is less than a recommended positive number ε , then take the mid-point of this interval ($x^* = (b_{n+1} + a_{n+1})/2$) as the approximate root of the equation $f(x) = 0$, otherwise go to Step 2.

Let $[a_0, b_0] = [a, b]$ be the initial interval with $f(a)f(b) < 0$. Define the approximate root as $c_n = (a_n + b_n)/2$. Then, there exists a root $x^* \in [a, b]$ such that

$$|c_n - x^*| \leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n (b - a). \quad (2)$$

Moreover, to achieve the accuracy of $|c_n - x^*| \leq \varepsilon$, it is sufficient to take

$$\frac{|b - a|}{2^n} \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{i.e.} \quad n \geq \frac{\log(|b - a|) - \log(\varepsilon)}{\log 2}. \quad (3)$$

Our goal is to have $|c_n - x^*| \leq \varepsilon$. This will be satisfied if

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n (b - a) &\leq \varepsilon \implies 2^n \geq \frac{b - a}{\varepsilon} \\ \implies n \log_{10} 2 &\geq \log_{10} \left(\frac{b - a}{\varepsilon}\right) \\ \implies n &\geq \frac{\log(|b - a|) - \log(\varepsilon)}{\log 2}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

SECANT METHOD

This method is based on Mean Value Theorem.

- Assume that two initial guesses to α are known. Let these be x_0 and x_1 . They may occur on opposite side of α or on the same side of α .
- The two points $(x_0, f(x_0))$ and $(x_1, f(x_1))$ on the graph determine a straight line called a **secant line**.
- Equation of the secant line

$$y - f(x_1) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} (x - x_1) \quad (2)$$

- The general iteration formula for the secant method is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - f(x_n) \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})} \quad n \geq 1. \quad (4)$$

- The sequence of iterates does not need to converge to root of the function. In fact it might also diverge. Then, **why does one use secant method instead of bisection method, which gives the security of convergence?**
- It is called a two-point method, since two approximation values are needed to obtain an improved value.
- The Bisection method is also a two-point method, but the Secant method will almost always converge faster than bisection.

This method is based on Mean Value Theorem.

- The intersection of this line with x-axis is the next approximation to α . Let us denote it by x_2 .
- The root x_2 or $(x_2, 0)$ lies on the line (2). So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 - f(x_1) &= \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} (x_2 - x_1) \\ \implies x_2 - x_1 &= - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)} (x_2 - x_1) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

- Having found x_2 , we can drop x_0 and use x_1, x_2 as a new set of approximate value for α . This leads to an improved value x_3 ; and this process can be continued indefinitely.

RATE OF CONVERGENCE

Definition 2

Let $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence that converges to α . If positive constants λ and p exist with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - \alpha|}{|x_n - \alpha|^p} = \lambda,$$

then $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is said to **converge to α of order p , with asymptotic error constant λ** . If $p = 1$, the method is called **linear**. If $p = 2$, the method is called **quadratic**.

- Can we find the exponent p such that

$$|x_{n+1} - \alpha| \approx |x_n - \alpha|^p \quad (5)$$

- Answer:** $p = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}) \approx 1.62$. This is called **super linear convergence** ($1 < p < 2$).

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- Let $\varepsilon_n = x_n - \alpha$ and $\varepsilon_{n+1} = x_{n+1} - \alpha$. So, ε_n and ε_{n+1} denote the errors in the root at the n th and $(n+1)$ th iterations.

- (6) \Rightarrow

$$\varepsilon_{n+1} = \varepsilon_n - \frac{f(\alpha + \varepsilon_n) - f(\alpha + \varepsilon_{n-1})}{f(\alpha + \varepsilon_n) - f(\alpha + \varepsilon_{n-1})} \varepsilon_n \quad (7)$$

- Let $M = \frac{f''(\alpha)}{2f'(\alpha)}$.

■

$$f(\alpha + \varepsilon_n) \approx \varepsilon_n f'(\alpha) \left(1 + \varepsilon_n M\right).$$

$$\varepsilon_{n+1} \approx \frac{f''(\alpha)}{2f'(\alpha)} \varepsilon_{n-1} \varepsilon_n \quad (8)$$

- (8) tells us that, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, the error tends to zero faster than a linear function but not quadratically!

error analysis

- Assume that f is twice differentiable and $f'(\alpha), f''(\alpha) \neq 0$. By Taylor's formula (with very small ε)

$$f(\alpha + \varepsilon) = f(\alpha) + \varepsilon f'(\alpha) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} f''(\alpha) + R_2(\varepsilon).$$

Now, $f(\alpha) = 0$, and ε is very small, and $R_2(\varepsilon)$ is the remainder term. $R_2(\varepsilon)$ vanishes as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ at a faster rate than ε^2 . Therefore,

$$f(\alpha + \varepsilon) \approx \varepsilon f'(\alpha) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} f''(\alpha).$$

By Mean Value Theorem,

$$f(\alpha) - f(x_n) = f'(c_n)(\alpha - x_n) \quad (9)$$

where c_n lies between x_n and α . So, if $x_n \rightarrow \alpha$, then $c_n \approx x_n$ for large n , and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha - x_n &\approx -\frac{f(x_n)}{f'(c_n)} \\ &\approx -\frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \\ &\approx -f(x_n) \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})} \\ &\approx x_{n+1} - x_n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\alpha - x_n \approx x_{n+1} - x_n$.

error estimate

NEWTON RAPHSON METHOD

- Consider the sample graph of $y = f(x)$. Let the estimate of the root α be x_0 (initial guess).

- To improve on this estimate, consider the straight line that is tangent to the graph at $(x_0, f(x_0))$.

- If x_0 is near α , the tangent line at x_0 cuts the x -axis at x_1 , which is near to α .

- To find a formula for x_1 , consider the equation of tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $(x_0, f(x_0))$. It is simply the graph of

$$y = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0).$$

- $(x_1, 0)$ lies on this line:

$$\Rightarrow 0 = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x_1 - x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}.$$

- Since x_1 is expected to be an improvement over x_0 as an estimate of α , this entire procedure can be repeated with x_1 as the initial guess.

- This leads to the new estimate

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}.$$

- Repeating this process, we obtain a sequence of numbers x_1, x_2, \dots that we hope will approach the root α . These numbers are called iterates, and they are defined recursively by the following general iteration formula:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

This is **Newton's method** for solving $f(x) = 0$.

Convergence Analysis

assumptions: i) f has continuous derivatives of order 2 $\forall x$ around α

ii) $f'(\alpha) \neq 0$

$\therefore f'(\alpha) \neq 0 \quad \forall x$ near α

- By Taylor's theorem,

$$f(\alpha) = f(x_n + \alpha - x_n) \\ = f(x_n) + (\alpha - x_n)f'(x_n) + \frac{(\alpha - x_n)^2}{2}f''(c_n) \quad (3)$$

where c_n is an unknown point between α and x_n .

- Note that $f(\alpha) = 0$. Using $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ This implies

$$0 = f(x_n) + (\alpha - x_n)f'(x_n) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - x_n)^2f''(c_n) \\ \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} + (\alpha - x_n) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - x_n)^2 \frac{f''(c_n)}{f'(x_n)} \\ \Rightarrow 0 = x_n - x_{n+1} + \alpha - x_n + (\alpha - x_n)^2 \frac{f''(c_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad (4)$$

$$\alpha - x_{n+1} = (\alpha - x_n)^2 \left[-\frac{f''(c_n)}{2f'(x_n)} \right]$$

$x_{n+1} \approx x_n^2$ convergence analysis

error analysis

- Noting that $f(\alpha) = 0$, by Mean Value Theorem

$$f(x_n) = f(x_n) - f(\alpha) = f'(\xi_n)(x_n - \alpha).$$

Thus, error $\varepsilon_n = \alpha - x_n = -\frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ provided that x_n is close to α that $f'(x_n) \approx f'(\xi_n)$. This implies $\alpha - x_n \approx x_{n+1} - x_n$.

formula to estimate error
Not valid when $f'(\alpha) = 0$

Case when $f'(\alpha) = 0$

- The zero of the function f is said to be of multiplicity m if

$$f(x) = (x - \alpha)^m g(x)$$

for some continuous function g with $g(\alpha) \neq 0$, m is a positive integer.

- If we assume that f is sufficiently differentiable, an equivalent definition is that

$$f(\alpha) = f'(\alpha) = \dots = f^{(m-1)}(\alpha) = 0, f^{(m)}(\alpha) \neq 0.$$

- A zero of multiplicity 1 is called a simple root or a simple zero.

- One method of handling the problem of multiple roots of a function f is to define

$$\mu(x) = \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}.$$

- If α is a zero of f of multiplicity m . Then, one can write

$$f(x) = (x - \alpha)^m g(x), \quad g(\alpha) \neq 0.$$

- This implies

$$\mu(x) = \frac{(x - \alpha)^m g(x)}{m(x - \alpha)^{m-1} g(x) + (x - \alpha)^m g'(x)} \\ = (x - \alpha) \frac{g(x)}{mg(x) + (x - \alpha)g'(x)}$$

also has a zero at α . However, $g(\alpha) \neq 0$.

- Thus, $\mu'(\alpha) = \frac{1}{m} \neq 0$, hence α is called a simple zero of μ .

- Newton's method can be applied to $\mu(x)$ to give

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)f'(x_n)}{[f'(x_n)]^2 - f(x_n)f''(x_n)}$$

- This is called Newton's **modified method**. This has quadratic convergence regardless of multiplicity of the zeros of f .
- For a simple zero, the original Newton's method requires significantly low computations.

POLYNOMIAL INTERPOLATION

Problem Description

Given, $(n+1)$ points, say (x_i, y_i) where $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ with distinct x_i , not necessarily sorted, we want to find a polynomial of degree n ,

$$P_n(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

such that it interpolates these points, i.e.,

$$P_n(x_i) = y_i, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Our goal: is to determine the coefficients $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$.

Note: The total number of data points is 1 larger than the degree of the polynomial.

$$\text{relative error} = \frac{f(x) - p_2(x)}{f(x)}$$

$E_x(p_2(x))$

For the general case with $(n+1)$ points, we have

$$P_n(x_i) = y_i, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

We will have $(n+1)$ equations and $(n+1)$ unknowns:

$$P_n(x_0) = y_0 \quad : \quad x_0^n a_n + x_0^{n-1} a_{n-1} + \dots + x_0 a_1 + a_0 = y_0$$

$$P_n(x_1) = y_1 \quad : \quad x_1^n a_n + x_1^{n-1} a_{n-1} + \dots + x_1 a_1 + a_0 = y_1$$

\vdots

$$P_n(x_n) = y_n \quad : \quad x_n^n a_n + x_n^{n-1} a_{n-1} + \dots + x_n a_1 + a_0 = y_n.$$

Putting this in matrix-vector form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0^n & x_0^{n-1} & \dots & x_0 & 1 \\ x_1^n & x_1^{n-1} & \dots & x_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^n & x_n^{n-1} & \dots & x_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall the Vandermonde matrix \mathbf{X} is given by

$$V_n(x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n-1} & x_{n-1}^2 & \dots & x_{n-1}^n \\ 1 & x & x^2 & \dots & x^n \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

- One can show that $V_n(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n , and that its roots are x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} . We can obtain the formula

$$V_n(x) = (x - x_0) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) V_{n-1}(x_{n-1}).$$

- Expand the last row of $V_n(x)$ by minors to show that $V_n(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n and to find the coefficient of the term x^n .
- One can show that

$$\det(X) = V_n(x_n) = \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_i - x_j)$$

Lagrange Interpolation Method.

Given points: x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n

Define the cardinal functions $l_0, l_1, \dots, l_n : \mathbb{P}^n$, satisfying the properties

$$l_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases} \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Here, δ_{ij} is called the Kronecker's delta.

Locally supported in discrete sense. The cardinal functions $l_i(x)$ can be written as

$$l_i(x) = \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^n \left(\frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \right) \\ = \frac{x - x_0}{x_i - x_0} \frac{x - x_1}{x_i - x_1} \dots \frac{x - x_{i+1}}{x_i - x_{i+1}} \dots \frac{x - x_n}{x_i - x_n}.$$

Newton's Dividend Differences.

Given $(n+1)$ data set, we will describe an algorithm in a recursive form.

Main idea: Given $P_k(x)$ that interpolates $k+1$ data points $\{x_i, y_i\}$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$, compute $P_{k+1}(x)$ that interpolates one extra point, $\{x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}\}$, by using P_k and adding an extra term.

$$P_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots + a_n(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}).$$

$$\mathbf{X} \vec{a} = \vec{y}$$

- \mathbf{X} : $(n+1) \times (n+1)$ matrix, given (Van der Monde matrix)
- \vec{a} : unknown vector, with length $(n+1)$
- \vec{y} : given vector, with length $(n+1)$

Theorem 1

If x_i 's are distinct, then \mathbf{X} is invertible, therefore \vec{a} has a unique solution.

In other words,

Given $n+1$ distinct points x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n and $n+1$ ordinates y_0, \dots, y_n , there is a polynomial $p(x)$ of degree $\leq n$ that interpolates y_i at x_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$. This polynomial $p(x)$ is unique among the set of all polynomials of degree at most n .

turns out to be too complicated for larger n .

Lagrange form of the interpolation polynomial

Lagrange form of the interpolation polynomial can be simply expressed as

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n l_i(x) y_i.$$

It is easy to check the interpolating property:

$$P_n(x_j) = \sum_{i=0}^n l_i(x) y_i = y_j, \quad \text{for every } j.$$

ERRORS IN INTERPOLATION

Given a function $f(x)$ on $x \in [a, b]$, and a set of distinct points $x_i \in [a, b]$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Let $P_n(x) \in \mathcal{P}_n$ s.t.

$$P_n(x_i) = f(x_i), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Error function: $e(x) = f(x) - P_n(x)$, $x \in [a, b]$.

Theorem 1

There exists some value $\xi \in (a, b)$, such that

$$e(x) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) \prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i), \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b]. \quad (1)$$

$$W(x) = \prod_{i=0}^n (x - x_i) \in \mathcal{P}_{n+1},$$

SPLINES

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x & t_0 & t_1 & \dots & t_n \\ y & y_0 & y_1 & \dots & y_n \end{array}$$

Find a function $S(x)$ which interpolates the point $(t_i, y_i)_{i=0}^n$. The set $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$ are called knots. Note that they need to be ordered. $S(x)$ consists of piecewise polynomial

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} S_0(x), & t_0 \leq x \leq t_1 \\ S_1(x), & t_1 \leq x \leq t_2 \\ \vdots \\ S_{n-1}(x), & t_{n-1} \leq x \leq t_n. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Linear Spline.

$n = 1$: piecewise linear interpolation, i.e., straight line between 2 neighboring points.

Requirements:

$$S_0(t_0) = y_0 \quad (4)$$

$$S_{i-1}(t_i) = S_i(t_i) = y_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \quad (5)$$

$$S_{n-1}(t_n) = y_n. \quad (6)$$

Easy to find: write the equation for a line through two points: (t_i, y_i) and (t_{i+1}, y_{i+1})

$$S_i(x) = y_i + \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{t_{i+1} - t_i} (x - t_i), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1. \quad (7)$$

Fix an x such that $a \leq x \leq b$ and $x \neq x_i$ for any i . We define a constant

$$c = \frac{f(x) - P_n(x)}{W(x)},$$

and another function

$$\varphi(y) = f(y) - P_n(y) - cW(y).$$

We find all the zeros for $\varphi(y)$. We see that x_i 's are zeros since

$$\varphi(x_i) = f(x_i) - P_n(x_i) - cW(x_i) = 0.$$

Also, x is a zero because

$$\varphi(x) = f(x) - P_n(x) - cW(x) = 0.$$

Here goes our deduction:

$\varphi(x)$ has atleast $(n+2)$ zeros on $[a, b]$.

$\varphi'(x)$ has atleast $(n+1)$ zeros on $[a, b]$.

$\varphi''(x)$ has atleast n zeros on $[a, b]$.

...

$\varphi^{(n+1)}(x)$ has atleast 1 zero on $[a, b]$.

Call it ξ s.t. $\varphi^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0$. So, we have

$$\varphi^{(n+1)}(\xi) = f^{(n+1)}(\xi) - 0 - cW^{(n+1)}(\xi) = 0.$$

Recall $W^{n+1} = (n+1)!$, we have, for every y ,

$$f^{(n+1)}(\xi) = cW^{(n+1)}(\xi) = \frac{f(y) - P_n(y)}{W(y)} (n+1)!$$

$S(x)$ is called a **spline of degree k** , if

- $S_i(x)$ is a polynomial of degree k ;
- $S(x)$ is $(k-1)$ times continuously differentiable, i.e., for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ we have

$$S_{i-1}(t_i) = S_i(t_i).$$

$$S'_{i-1}(t_i) = S'_i(t_i),$$

\vdots

$$S^{(k-1)}_{i-1}(t_i) = S^{(k-1)}_i(t_i).$$

Accuracy Theorem for linear spline

- Assume $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$, and let $h_i = t_{i+1} - t_i$, $h = \max_i h_i$.

- $f(x)$: given function, $S(x)$: a linear spline

- $S(t_i) = f(t_i)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$.

We have the following, for $x \in [t_0, t_n]$.

- (a) If f'' exists and is continuous, then,

$$|f(x) - S(x)| \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{8} h_i^2, \max_{t_i \leq x \leq t_{i+1}} |f''(x)| \right\} \leq \frac{1}{8} h^2 \max_x |f''(x)|.$$

- (b) If f' exists and is continuous, then

$$|f(x) - S(x)| \leq \max_i \left\{ \frac{1}{2} h_i, \max_{t_i \leq x \leq t_{i+1}} |f'(x)| \right\} \leq \frac{1}{2} h \max_x |f'(x)|.$$

To minimize the error, it is obvious that one should add more knots where the function has large first or second derivative.

Natural Cubic Splines

Equations we have:

equation number

$$S_i(t_i) = y_i, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \quad n$$

$$S_{i+1}(t_{i+1}) = y_{i+1}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \quad n$$

$$S'_i(t_{i+1}) = S'_{i+1}(t_{i+1}), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-2 \quad n-1$$

$$S''_i(t_{i+1}) = S''_{i+1}(t_{i+1}), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-2 \quad n-1$$

$$\underbrace{S''_0(t_0) = 0, S''_{n-1}(t_n) = 0}_{\text{Natural}} \quad 2$$

Natural Cubic Splines Algo.

$$z_i = S''(t_i) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$z_0 = 0 \quad z_n = 0$$

tridiagonal

$$h_i = t_{i+1} - t_i$$

symmetrical

diagonal dominant

$$S''_i(x) = \frac{z_{i+1}}{h_i} (x - t_i) - \frac{z_i}{h_i} (x - t_{i+1})$$

$$S'_i(x) = \frac{z_{i+1}}{2h_i} (x-t_i)^2 - \frac{z_i}{2h_i} (x-t_{i+1})^2 + c_i - D_i$$

$$S_i(x) = \frac{z_{i+1}}{6h_i} (x-t_i)^3 - \frac{z_i}{6h_i} (x-t_{i+1})^3 + c_i(x-t_i) - D_i(x-t_{i+1})$$

Substitute $S_i(t_i) = y_i$

$$D_i = \frac{y_i}{h_i} - \frac{h_i}{6} z_i$$

Substitute $S_i(t_{i+1}) = y_{i+1}$

$$c_i = \frac{y_{i+1}}{h_i} - \frac{h_i}{6} z_{i+1}$$

Continuity of S_i $S'_{i-1}(t_i) = S'_i(t_i) \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$

$$\therefore h_{i-1} z_{i-1} + 2(h_{i-1} + h_i) z_i + h_i z_{i+1} = 6(b_i - b_{i-1})$$

$$z_0 = z_n = 0$$

where $b_i = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h_i}$

$$H\vec{z} = \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{z} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ \vdots \\ z_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 6(b_1 - b_0) \\ 6(b_2 - b_1) \\ \vdots \\ 6(b_{n-1} - b_n) \end{pmatrix} \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 2(h_0 + h_1) & h_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ h_1 & 2(h_1 + h_2) & h_2 & & \\ 0 & 0 & h_2 & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots & h_{n-2} \\ & & & h_{n-2} & 2(h_{n-1} + h_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2|h_{i-1} + h_i| > |h_i| + |h_{i-1}|$$

Newton Forward Diff Formulas

$$f[x_i] = f(x_i)$$

$$f[x_i, x_{i+1}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}] - f[x_i]}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

$$f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}] = f[x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}] - f[x_i, x_{i+1}]$$

$$f[x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}] = \frac{f[x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}] - f[x_i, x_{i+1}]}{x_{i+2} - x_i}$$

$$f[x_0, \dots, x_k] = \frac{f[x_1, \dots, x_k] - f[x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_0} = a_k$$

Let α be a simple root of $f(x)=0$.
 3(a) By Taylor's theorem, $(\epsilon_n = \alpha - x_n)$

$$f(\alpha) = f(x_n + \alpha - x_n) = f(x_n + \epsilon_n)$$

$$= f(x_n) + \epsilon_n f'(x_n) + \frac{\epsilon_n^2}{2} f''(c_n),$$

where c_n is an unknown point between α and x_n .
 $\therefore \alpha$ is the actual root of $f(x)=0$, $f(\alpha)=0$.

Therefore

$$0 = f(x_n) + \epsilon_n f'(x_n) + \frac{\epsilon_n^2}{2} f''(c_n)$$

Since $f'(x) \neq 0$, $f''(x) \neq 0$ in sufficiently small neighbourhood of α .
~~Therefore, Assuming that~~ $f'(x_n) \neq 0$ in Newton's method, we have
 (let for x_n 's close to the root)

$$0 = \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} + \epsilon_n + \epsilon_n^2 \frac{f''(c_n)}{2f'(x_n)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

By Newton's method:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \Rightarrow \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - x_{n+1}$$

$$= (\alpha - x_{n+1}) - (\alpha - x_n)$$

$$= \epsilon_{n+1} - \epsilon_n.$$

Using this (1) becomes

$$0 = \epsilon_{n+1} + \epsilon_n^2 \frac{f''(c_n)}{2f'(x_n)}$$

or $\epsilon_{n+1} = \epsilon_n^2 \left[-\frac{f''(c_n)}{2f'(x_n)} \right]$ or $\frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|^2} = \left| \frac{f''(c_n)}{2f'(x_n)} \right|$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $x_n \rightarrow \alpha$ and hence $c_n \rightarrow \alpha$. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|^2} = \left| \frac{f''(\alpha)}{2f'(\alpha)} \right|.$$

for Newton's method,
 Hence, the order of convergence $p=2$ and the asymptotic error constant $C = \left| \frac{f''(\alpha)}{2f'(\alpha)} \right|$

3(b) The secant method gives

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - f(x_n) \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Let $\epsilon_n = \alpha - x_n$. Hence the secant method gives

$$\alpha - x_{n+1} = \alpha - \epsilon_n - f(\alpha - \epsilon_n) \frac{\alpha - \epsilon_n - (\alpha - \epsilon_{n-1})}{f(\alpha - \epsilon_n) - f(\alpha - \epsilon_{n-1})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{n+1} = \epsilon_n - f(\alpha - \epsilon_n) \frac{\epsilon_n - \epsilon_{n-1}}{f(\alpha - \epsilon_n) - f(\alpha - \epsilon_{n-1})} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

For any small number ϵ , Taylor's formula gives

$$f(\alpha + \epsilon) = f(\alpha) + \epsilon f'(\alpha) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} f''(\alpha) + R_2(\epsilon)$$

where $R_2(\epsilon)$ is the remainder term that vanishes at a faster rate than ϵ^2 as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.
 If α is the root of $f(x)=0$, then $f(\alpha)=0$, therefore

$$f(\alpha + \epsilon) \approx \epsilon f'(\alpha) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} f''(\alpha) = \epsilon f'(\alpha) (1 + \epsilon M)$$

where $M = \frac{f''(\alpha)}{2f'(\alpha)}$.

$$\therefore f(\alpha - \epsilon_n) \approx -\epsilon_n f'(\alpha) (1 - \epsilon_n M) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

and $f(\alpha - \epsilon_n) - f(\alpha - \epsilon_{n-1}) \approx -\epsilon_n f'(\alpha) (1 - \epsilon_n M) + \epsilon_{n-1} f'(\alpha) (1 - \epsilon_{n-1} M)$

$$= f'(x) [-\epsilon_n + \epsilon_{n-1} + (\epsilon_n^2 - \epsilon_{n-1}^2)M]$$

$$= -(\epsilon_n - \epsilon_{n-1}) f'(x) [1 - (\epsilon_n + \epsilon_{n-1})M] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From ①, ② & ③,

$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \epsilon_n - \frac{[\epsilon_n f'(x)](1 - \epsilon_n M)(\epsilon_n - \epsilon_{n-1})}{[-(\epsilon_n - \epsilon_{n-1}) f'(x) \{1 - (\epsilon_n + \epsilon_{n-1})M\}]} = \epsilon_n - \frac{\epsilon_n(1 - \epsilon_n M)}{1 - (\epsilon_n + \epsilon_{n-1})M}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_n - (\epsilon_n^2 + \epsilon_n \epsilon_{n-1})M - \epsilon_n + \epsilon_n^2 M}{1 - (\epsilon_n + \epsilon_{n-1})M} = -\frac{\epsilon_{n-1} \epsilon_n M}{1 - (\epsilon_n + \epsilon_{n-1})M}$$

$$\approx -\epsilon_{n-1} \epsilon_n M \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

For finding the order of convergence,

let $|\epsilon_{n+1}| \approx C |\epsilon_n|^p$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. [Equivalent to $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|^p} = C$]

--- (5)

Hence ④ implies that

$$C |\epsilon_n|^p \approx |\epsilon_{n+1}| |\epsilon_n| M$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon_n|^{p-1} \approx \frac{M}{C} |\epsilon_{n+1}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon_n| \approx \left(\frac{M}{C}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} |\epsilon_{n+1}|^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Comparing ⑤ & ⑥,

$$p = \frac{1}{p-1} \Rightarrow p^2 - p - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

but since $p > 0$, $p = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618$

and $C = \left(\frac{M}{C}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \Rightarrow C^{p-1} = \frac{M}{C} \Rightarrow C^p = M$

$$\Rightarrow C = |M|^{\frac{1}{p}} \Rightarrow C = \left[\frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)}\right]^{\frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5}}} \Rightarrow C = \left[\frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)}\right]^{\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}}$$

So we have

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = -1, a_2 = -0.75, a_3 = 0.4413$$

Then,

$$p_3(x) = 1 + (-1)x + (-0.75)x(x-1) + 0.4413x(x-1)(x-\frac{2}{3})$$

these are the coeffs of Newton's method.

Statement of the Weierstrass Approximation Theorem

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real valued continuous function. Then we can find polynomials $p_n(x)$ such that every p_n converges uniformly to x on $[a, b]$.

In other words, if f is a continuous real-valued function on $[a, b]$ and if any $\epsilon > 0$ is given, then there exist a polynomial P on $[a, b]$ such that $|f(x) - P(x)| < \epsilon$, for every x in $[a, b]$.

The essence of this theorem is that no matter how much complicated the function f is given, we can always find a polynomial that is as close to f as we desire.