

CYRR 304  
Homework 3, Spring 2024

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*"Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it; he who doesn't, pays it"*  
attributed to ALBERT EINSTEIN

Homework 3 has questions 1 through 1 with a total of 15 points. Your recorded score will be scaled to twenty points. The point value for each question or part of a question is in the box following each question or part of a question. This work is due **Saturday 10 Feb** at 11:59 PM.

For this assignment, convert your Jupyter notebook (a IPYNB file) to HTML and submit the HTML file to Canvas. To convert your Jupyter notebook to HTML, do File → Download as → HTML. (For the File menu, look toward the upper right corner.)

1. This week's assignment is motivated by a problem in financial math. But we'll skip the details of the origin of the problem and skip directly to the numerical analysis. For various values of the number  $q$ , we need to solve the equation

$$q = z + z^2 + z^3 + z^4 \tag{1}$$

for  $z$ . Let's use fixed point iteration to do this. There are lots of ways to convert this equation to fixed point form; here is one way

$$z = q - (z^2 + z^3 + z^4). \tag{2}$$

- 5 (a) Suppose  $q = 4.35$ . Use Gadfly to graph both  $z \mapsto z$  and  $z \mapsto q - (z^2 + z^3 + z^4)$  on the same graph. Do you think the fixed point sequence will converge? Explain.
- 5 (b) For best convergence of a fixed point sequence for a function  $F$ , we would like the derivative of  $F$  be zero at the fixed point. And that gives an idea. Instead of using the fixed point method on the function  $F = z \mapsto q - (z^2 + z^3 + z^4)$ , let's find the fixed point sequence of  $G = z \mapsto F(z) + s(F(z) - z)$ , where  $s$  is some real number. The functions  $F$  and  $G$  have the same fixed points—let's choose the number  $s$  so that  $G'(1) = 0$ . Thus  $0 = F'(1) + s(F'(1) - 1)$ . But  $F'(1) = -9$ , so we want  $s = -\frac{9}{10}$ . This choice gives  $G = z \mapsto \frac{1}{10}F(z) + \frac{9}{10}z$ . Use Gadfly to graph both  $z \mapsto z$  and  $z \mapsto \frac{1}{10}F(z) + \frac{9}{10}z$  on the same graph. Do you think this fixed point sequence will converge? Explain.
- 5 (c) Used fixed point iteration to find the fixed point of  $z \mapsto \frac{1}{10}F(z) + \frac{9}{10}z$ .