

Reminders: PS #2 due Friday
Witkowski 110 on Friday

§2.5 Accelerating convergence

def: A sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges linearly ^{to x} if there exists $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - x|}{|x_n - x|} = \lambda.$$

For really large n ,

$$\frac{x_{n+1} - x}{x_n - x} \approx \lambda$$

Then

$$\frac{x_{n+2} - x}{x_{n+1} - x} \approx \frac{x_{n+1} - x}{x_n - x}$$

Solving for x ...

$$(x_{n+2} - x)(x_n - x) \approx (x_{n+1} - x)^2$$

$$x_{n+2}x_n - \underbrace{xx_{n+2}} - \underbrace{xx_n} + x^2 \approx x_{n+1}^2 - \underbrace{2xx_{n+1}} + x^2$$

$$(2x_{n+1} - x_{n+2} - x_n)x \approx x_{n+1}^2 - x_{n+2}x_n$$

$$x \approx \frac{x_{n+1}^2 - x_{n+2}x_n}{2x_{n+1} - x_{n+2} - x_n} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{x_{n+1}^2 - x_{n+2}x_n}{2x_{n+1} - x_{n+2} - x_n}} \right\} \text{Aitken's } \Delta^2\text{-method}$$

thm: If $x_n \rightarrow x$ linearly, then $\{\hat{x}_n\}$ defined by

$$\hat{x}_n = \frac{x_{n+1}^2 - x_{n+2}x_n}{2x_{n+1} - x_{n+2} - x_n}$$

converges to x faster than x_n , i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\hat{x}_n - x|}{|x_n - x|} = 0 \quad \text{abs. error for } \hat{x}_n$$

$|\hat{x}_n - x|$ decays faster

Typically we use the notation $\Delta x_n = x_{n+1} - x_n$,

$$\hat{x}_n = x_n - \frac{(\Delta x_n)^2}{\Delta^2 x_n}$$

$$(\Delta x_n)^2 = (x_{n+1} - x_n)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 x_n &= \Delta(\Delta x_n) \\ &= \Delta(x_{n+1} - x_n) \\ &= [x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}] - [x_{n+1} - x_n] \\ &= x_{n+2} - 2x_{n+1} + x_n \end{aligned}$$

To generate \hat{x}_n , you need to know x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2} . To apply this to a fixed-point iteration, we stagger our application of Δ^2 -method.

e.g.) Consider $x_n = 10^{-x_{n-1}}$, $x_0 = 0.5$.

$$x = 10^{-x}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_0 &= 0.5 \\ x_1 &= 10^{-0.5} \\ x_2 &= 10^{-x_1} \\ \cancel{x_3} &= \cancel{10^{-x_2}} \end{aligned} \right\} \hat{x}^{(0)} = x_0 - \frac{(x_1 - x_0)^2}{x_2 - 2x_1 + x_0}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_0 &= \hat{x}^{(0)} \\ x_1 &= 10^{-\hat{x}^{(0)}} \\ x_2 &= 10^{-x_1} \end{aligned} \right\} \hat{x}^{(1)} = x_0 - \frac{(x_1 - x_0)^2}{x_2 - 2x_1 + x_0}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_0 &= \hat{x}^{(1)} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \right\} \hat{x}^{(2)} = \dots$$

thm: For an appropriate x_0 , the sequence $\{\hat{x}^{(j)}\}_j$ converges quadratically to a solution of $x=g(x)$.