

Assignment-4

Total Marks: 20

1. Consider a function $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4$.
 - a. (2 marks) State the exact roots of $f(x)$ and construct two different fixed point functions $g(x)$ such that $f(x) = 0$.
 - b. (3 marks) Compute the convergence rate of each fixed point function $g(x)$ obtained in the previous part, and state which root it is converging to or diverging from.
2. Consider the following function: $f(x) = xe^x - 1$.
 - a. (2.5 marks) Find solution of $f(x) = 0$ up to 5 iterations using Newton's method starting with $x_0 = 1.5$. Keep up to four significant figures.
 - b. (2.5 marks) Consider the fixed point function, $g(x) = (2x+1) / (x+1)$. Show that to be super linearly convergent x^* has to be $-3/2$. (Here $g(x)$ and x^* are arbitrarily taken Just prove that for the value $-3/2$ $g'(x)$ will 0)
3. In the interval $[-4, 4]$, the function, $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 2$, has three roots at 2.000, 0.6180 and -1.618 ; and two turning points at $x = -0.721$ and $x = 1.387$.
 - a. (2.5 marks) Write down the correct intervals, including the root it contains, such that the problem of turning points in Newton Raphson's method can be avoided.
 - b. (2.5 marks) Except for the work around from answer (a) can this be solved using the Quasi Newton method?