

1. Verify that when Newton's method is used to compute  $\sqrt{R}$  (by solving the equation  $x^2 = R$ ), the sequence of iterates is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{R}{x_n} \right)$$

2. (Continuation) Show that if the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is defined as in the preceding exercise, then

$$x_{n+1}^2 - R = \left[ \frac{x_n^2 - R}{2x_n} \right]^2$$

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

$$f(x) = x^2 - R$$

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - R}{2x_n}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2}{2x_n} + \frac{R}{x_n}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n}{2} + \frac{R}{x_n}$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{2x_n - x_n}{2} + \frac{R}{x_n}$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{R}{x_n} \right)$$

② We start with the formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{R}{x_n} \right)$$

then for  $x_{n+1}^2 - R$ :

$$x_{n+1}^2 - R = \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{R}{x_n} \right) \right)^2 - R$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( x_n + \frac{R}{x_n} \right)^2 - R$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( x_n^2 + 2x_n \cdot \frac{R}{x_n} + \frac{R^2}{x_n^2} \right) - R$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( x_n^2 + 2R + \frac{R^2}{x_n^2} \right) - R$$

$$= \frac{x_n^2}{4} + \frac{2R}{4} + \frac{2R^2}{4x_n^2} - R$$

$$= \frac{x_n^2}{4} + \left( \frac{R}{2} \right) + \frac{R^2}{2x_n^2} - \left( \frac{2R}{2} \right)$$

$$x_{n+1}^2 - R = \frac{x_n^2}{4} + \frac{R^2}{4x_n^2} - \frac{R}{2}$$

Now we consider the right hand side

$$x_{n+1}^2 - R = \frac{x_n^4 + R^2 - 2Rx_n^2}{4x_n^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x_n^2)^2 + R^2 - 2Rx_n^2}{(2x_n^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x_n^2 - R)^2}{(2x_n^2)^2}$$

$$x_{n+1}^2 - R = \left( \frac{x_n^2 - R}{2x_n^2} \right)^2 \quad \therefore \text{Squared error satisfies the expression}$$

13. Each of the following functions has  $\sqrt[3]{R}$  as a zero for any positive real number  $R$ . Determine the formulas for Newton's method for each and any necessary restrictions on the choice for  $x_0$ .

a.  $a(x) = x^3 - R$       b.  $b(x) = 1/x^3 - 1/R$   
 c.  $c(x) = x^2 - R/x$       d.  $d(x) = x - R/x^2$

b)  $b(x) = \frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{R}$

$b'(x) = -\frac{3}{x^4}$

$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{\frac{1}{x_n^3} - \frac{1}{R}}{-\frac{3}{x_n^4}}$

$= x_n + \frac{x_n}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{x_n^3}{R} \right)$

Restriction on  $x_0$  is  $x_0 \neq 0$   $x_0 > 0$

$d(x) = x - \frac{R}{x^2}$

$d'(x) = 1 + \frac{2R}{x^3}$

$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n - \frac{R}{x_n^2}}{1 + \frac{2R}{x_n^3}}$

$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3 - R}{x_n^3 + 2R}$

$x_0 \neq 0$

14. Determine the formulas for Newton's method for finding a root of the function  $f(x) = x - e/x$ . What is the behavior of the iterates?

$f(x) = x - \frac{e}{x}$

$f'(x) = 1 + \frac{e}{x^2}$

$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n - \frac{e}{x_n}}{1 + \frac{e}{x_n^2}}$

$= \frac{x_n \left( 1 + \frac{e}{x_n^2} \right) - \left( x_n - \frac{e}{x_n} \right)}{1 + \frac{e}{x_n^2}}$

$= \frac{x_n + \frac{e}{x_n} - x_n + \frac{e}{x_n}}{1 + \frac{e}{x_n^2}}$

$= \frac{2e}{x_n + \frac{e}{x_n}}$

Iterates  $x_n$  converge to root of  $f(x) = 0$ , which is  $x = \sqrt{e}$

number of correct digit doubles each iteration

18. Determine Newton's iteration formula for computing the cube root of  $N/M$  for nonzero integers  $N$  and  $M$ .

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{N}{M}}$$

$$(x)^3 = \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{N}{M}}\right)^3$$

$$x^3 = \frac{N}{M}$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{N}{M}$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 0$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x^3 - \frac{N}{M}}{3x^2}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x^3 - \frac{N}{M}}{3x^2}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{N/M}{3x^2}$$

$$= \frac{3x - x}{3} + \left(\frac{N}{M} : \frac{1}{3x^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2x}{3} + \frac{3x^2 N}{M}$$

25. Newton's method for finding  $\sqrt{R}$  is

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{R}{x_n} \right)$$

Perform three iterations of this scheme for computing  $\sqrt{2}$ , starting with  $x_0 = 1$ , and of the bisection method for  $\sqrt{2}$ , starting with interval  $[1, 2]$ . How many iterations are needed for each method in order to obtain  $10^{-6}$  accuracy?

Newton

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{R}{x_n} \right) \text{ for } R=2 \text{ and } x_0=1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{1} \right) \quad x_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1.5 + \frac{2}{1.5} \right)$$

$$x_1 = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1.4167 + \frac{2}{1.4167} \right) = 1.4142$$

Converges quadratically  $\therefore$  would require 5 iterations

Bisection  $[1, 2]$

$$x_n = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1+2}{2} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1+1.5}{2} = 1.25$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1.25+1.5}{2} = 1.375$$

$$\frac{b-a}{2^n} \leq \epsilon$$

$$n \geq \log_2 \left( \frac{b-a}{\epsilon} \right)$$

$$n \geq \frac{\log(1) - \log(10^{-6})}{\log 2}$$

$$n \geq \frac{6}{0.301}$$

$n \geq 20$  Bisection method would need 20 iterations