

# 林修弘 3200300602 数值理论作业

## 1.8.1 Theoretical questions

I. Consider the bisection method starting with the initial interval  $[1.5, 3.5]$ . In the following questions "the interval" refers to the bisection interval whose width changes across different loops.

- What is the width of the interval at the  $n$ th step?
- What is the <sup>上限</sup>supremum of the distance between the root  $r$  and the midpoint of the interval?

$$I: \quad w_0 = 3.5 - 1.5 = 2$$

$$\text{At the } n\text{th step, the width } w_n = \frac{w_0}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$$

Supremum of the distance between the root  $r$   
and the midpoint of the interval is 1.

II. In using the bisection algorithm with its initial interval as  $[a_0, b_0]$  with  $a_0 > 0$ , we want to determine the root with its *relative error* no greater than  $\epsilon$ . Prove that this goal of accuracy is guaranteed by the following choice of the number of steps,

$$n \geq \frac{\log(b_0 - a_0) - \log \epsilon - \log a_0}{\log 2} - 1.$$

Denote the root be  $x \in [a_0, b_0]$ ,

Using Bisection Method :  $C_0 = b_0 - a_0$   $C_n = \frac{1}{2^n} (b_0 - a_0)$

$$\text{relative error: } \frac{|x - C_n|}{x} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2} C_n}{x} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2} C_n}{a_0} = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^{n+1} a_0}$$

when the relative error is not greater than  $\epsilon$ ,

$$\text{then } \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^{n+1} a_0} \leq \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n \geq \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2\epsilon a_0}$$

$$\log 2^n \geq \log \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2\epsilon a_0}$$

$$n \log 2 \geq \log(b_0 - a_0) - \log \epsilon - \log a_0 - \log 2$$

$$\therefore n \geq \frac{\log(b_0 - a_0) - \log \epsilon - \log a_0}{\log 2} - 1$$

III. Perform four iterations of Newton's method for the polynomial equation  $p(x) = 4x^3 - 2x^2 + 3 = 0$  with the starting point  $x_0 = -1$ . Use a hand calculator and organize results of the iterations in a table.

$$p(x) = 4x^3 - 2x^2 + 3 = 0 \quad p'(x) = 12x^2 - 4x$$

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

$$p(x_0) = -3$$

$$p'(x_0) = 16$$

$$x_1 = -1 - \frac{-3}{16} = -0.8125$$

$$p(x_1) = -0.4658$$

$$p'(x_1) = 11.1719$$

$$x_2 = -0.8125 - \frac{-0.4658}{11.1719} = -0.7708$$

$$p(x_2) = -0.0201$$

$$p'(x_2) = 10.2128$$

$$x_3 = -0.7708 - \frac{-0.0201}{10.2128} = -0.7688$$

$$p(x_3) = 2.86 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$p'(x_3) = 10.1678$$

$$x_4 = -0.7688 - \frac{2.86 \times 10^{-4}}{10.1678} = -0.7688$$

$n$	$x_n$	$p(x_n)$	$p'(x_n)$	$x_n - \frac{p(x_n)}{p'(x_n)}$
0	-1	-3	16	-0.8125
1	-0.8125	-0.4658	11.1719	-0.7708
2	-0.7708	-0.0201	10.2126	-0.7688
3	-0.7688	$2.86 \times 10^{-4}$	10.1678	-0.7688
4	-0.7688			

IV. Consider a variation of Newton's method in which only the derivative at  $x_0$  is used,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_0)}.$$

Find  $C$  and  $s$  such that

$$e_{n+1} = C e_n^s,$$

where  $e_n$  is the error of Newton's method at step  $n$ ,  $s$  is a constant, and  $C$  may depend on  $x_n$ , the given function  $f$  and its derivatives.

let the root be  $\alpha$ ,  $e_n = x_n - \alpha$

By Taylor Theorem, we know that  $f(\alpha) = f(x_n) + (\alpha - x_n) f'(\xi)$   $\xi \in [x_n, \alpha]$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = f(x_n) + (\alpha - x_n) f'(\xi)$$

$$f(x_n) = f'(\xi) (x_n - \alpha)$$

$$= f'(\xi) e_n \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$e_{n+1} = x_{n+1} - \alpha$$

$$e_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_0)} - \alpha = e_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_0)} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

substitute ① into ②,

$$\begin{aligned} e_{n+1} &= e_n - \frac{e_n f'(\xi)}{f'(x_0)} \\ &= e_n \left( 1 - \frac{f'(\xi)}{f'(x_0)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

comparing with  $e_{n+1} = C e_n$

$$\therefore s=1 \quad C = \left( 1 - \frac{f'(\xi)}{f'(x_0)} \right)$$

V. Within  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , will the iteration  $x_{n+1} = \tan^{-1} x_n$  converge?

① when  $x_0 = 0$ , it is obviously that iteration converges.

② if  $0 < x_0 < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , since we have  $0 < \tan^{-1} x < x$   
 $0 < x_{n+1} = \tan^{-1} x_n < x_n$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is strictly decreasing sequence with lower bound 0  
By Monotonic sequence theorem (Thm 1.12),  $\{x_n\}$  converges

③ if  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x_0' < 0$  let  $x_0 = -x_0' \Rightarrow 0 < x_0 < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,

from ②, we know that  $\{x_n'\}$  converges

$\therefore$  Iteration is convergent.

VI. Let  $p > 1$ . What is the value of the following continued fraction?

$$x = \frac{1}{p + \frac{1}{p + \frac{1}{p + \dots}}}$$

Prove that the sequence of values converges. (Hint: this can be interpreted as  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ , where  $x_1 = \frac{1}{p}$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{1}{p + \frac{1}{p}}$ ,  $x_3 = \frac{1}{p + \frac{1}{p + \frac{1}{p}}}$ , ..., and so forth.

Formulate  $x$  as a fixed point of some function.)

If  $x_1 = \frac{1}{p}$ , then we have  $x_n = \frac{1}{p + x_{n-1}}$   
 as  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$

Clearly that for  $p > 1$ ,  $x \in (0, 1)$   
 let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{p+x}$ ,  $f(x) \in (0, 1)$

$$\lambda = \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |f'(x)| = \max_{x \in [0, 1]} \left| -\frac{1}{(x+p)^2} \right| < \frac{1}{p^2} < 1$$

By Theorem 1.39,  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $\alpha$  in  $[0, 1]$

$$f(\alpha) = \alpha$$

$$\frac{1}{p+\alpha} = \alpha$$

$$\alpha^2 + p\alpha - 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 + 4}}{2}$$

$\therefore$  The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent,  
 the fixed point  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , the value of

$$x = \alpha = \frac{-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 + 4}}{2}$$

VII. What happens in problem II if  $a_0 < 0 < b_0$ ? Derive an inequality of the number of steps similar to that in II. In this case, is the relative error still an appropriate measure?

Denote the root be  $x \in [a_0, b_0]$ ,

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$$\text{relative error : } \frac{|x - C_n|}{|x|} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2} C_n}{|x|} = \frac{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} (b_0 - a_0)}{|x|}$$

when the relative error is not greater than  $\epsilon$ ,

$$\text{then } \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^{n+1} |x|} \leq \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n \geq \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2\epsilon |x|}$$

$$\log 2^n \geq \log \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2\epsilon |x|}$$

$$n \log 2 \geq \log (b_0 - a_0) - \log \epsilon - \log |x| - \log 2$$

$$n \geq \frac{\log (b_0 - a_0) - \log \epsilon - \log |x|}{\log 2} - 1$$

However,  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $n \geq \tau(x)$ , it is contradiction.

$\therefore$  The relative error can't be an appropriate measure.