
MATH2019 (2019-2020) Coursework 1

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Question 1

See the file bisectMeth.m

Question 2

Following code uses the bisection method to compute approximations to the root of f and produces a table illustrating its convergence.

```
% Data
f = @(x) x.^3 + 2*x.^2 -6;
a = 1;
b = 2;
Nmax = 20;

% Bisection Method
[p_vec,fp_vec] = bisectMeth(f,Nmax,a,b);

% Create table

format long g
N=1:Nmax; %defines row vector with Nmax entries
n=N'; %takes transpose of N giving us a column vector for the table
table(n,p_vec,fp_vec)%produces the 20x3 table given
```

ans =

20x3 table

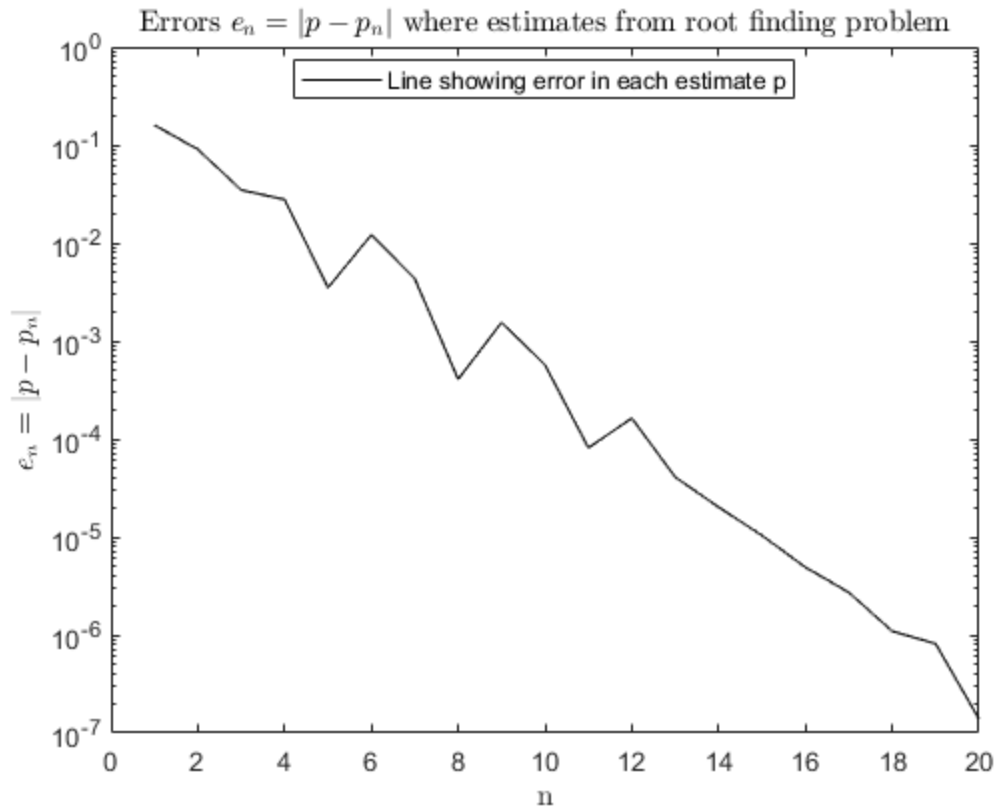
<i>n</i>	<i>p_vec</i>	<i>fp_vec</i>
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1	1.5	1.875
2	1.25	-0.921875
3	1.375	0.380859375
4	1.3125	-0.293701171875
5	1.34375	0.037689208984375
6	1.328125	-0.129467010498047
7	1.3359375	-0.0462555885314941
8	1.33984375	-0.00437504053115845
9	1.341796875	0.0166340991854668
10	1.3408203125	0.00612378586083651
11	1.34033203125	0.000872937147505581
12	1.340087890625	-0.00175141052750405
13	1.3402099609375	-0.000439326404375606
14	1.34027099609375	0.000216782942288773
15	1.34024047851563	-0.000111277338277205
16	1.34025573730469	5.27514001866791e-05
17	1.34024810791016	-2.9263319499151e-05
18	1.34025192260742	1.17439527302921e-05
19	1.34025001525879	-8.75970528735337e-06
20	1.34025096893311	1.49211824584938e-06

Question 3

Following code creates a corresponding figure displaying the error convergence

```
e=abs(1.3402508301291-p_vec); %defines vector e as absolute value of
approximate solution minus the estimates p
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','latex')
semilogy(N,e,'k')%produces logarithmic plot with y axis in base 10 of
error of estimates for root of f against n
title('Errors  $e_n=|p-p_n|$  where estimates from root finding
problem');%rest of this code formats the graph
xlabel('n');
ylabel('  $e_n=|p-p_n|$  ');
legend('Line showing error in each estimate p', 'Location', 'Best');
```



Question 4

See the file `fpiterMeth.m`

Question 5

Following code uses fixed-point iteration to compute approximations to the root of f and produces a table illustrating its convergence.

```
g=@(x)x-(1/8)*(x^3+2*x^2-6); %defines the given g(x) as an anonymous
    function which can be used by fpiterMeth
Nmax=20;%the number of estimates for the fixed point we require
    fpiterMeth to compute
p_vec=fpiterMeth(g,Nmax,1);%calls fpiterMeth to produce the column
    vector of estimates p
N=1:Nmax;
n=N';%defines a column vector from 1 to Nmax for use in the table to
    show the number of each estimate (showing convergence)
format long g
table(n,p_vec)%produces a 20x2 table using the column vectors n and
    p_vec (which contains our estimates)
```

ans =

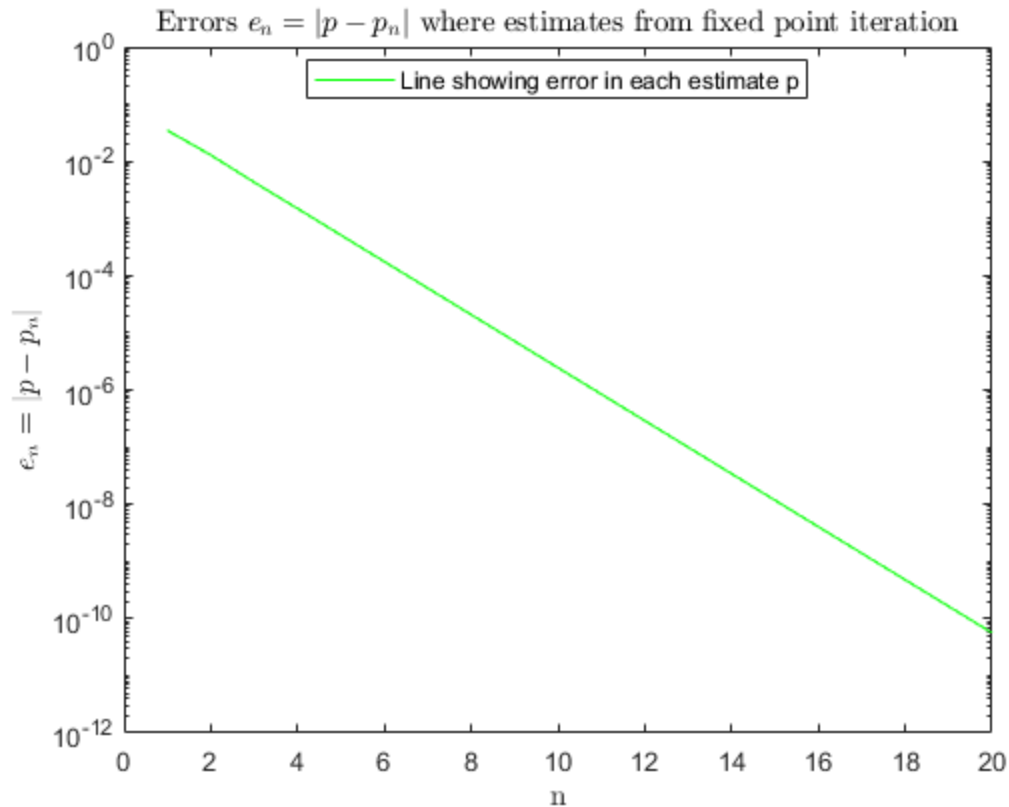
20x2 table

n	p_vec
1	1.375
2	1.327392578125
3	1.34454640110744
4	1.33876042743645
5	1.34076145123132
6	1.34007511935904
7	1.34031120352173
8	1.3402300753892
9	1.34025796378024
10	1.34024837805856
11	1.3402516729687
12	1.34025054042139
13	1.34025092970955
14	1.34025079590055
15	1.34025084189439
16	1.34025082608504
17	1.34025083151915
18	1.3402508296513
19	1.34025083029333
20	1.34025083007265

Question 6

Following code creates a corresponding figure displaying the error convergence

```
e=abs(1.3402508301291-p_vec); %again creates a vector e representing
the error in each estimate
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','latex')
semilogy(N,e,'g')%produces logarithmic plot with y axis in base 10 of
errors from estimates of the fixed point of g against n
title('Errors  $e_n=|p-p_n|$  where estimates from fixed point
iteration');%rest of this code formats the graph
xlabel('n');
ylabel('  $e_n=|p-p_n|$  ');
legend('Line showing error in each estimate p', 'Location', 'Best');
```



Question 7

Answer is written as comments: Theoretical answer: We denote p_n as the n -th estimate, p_{n+1} as the $(n+1)$ st estimate, and e_n, e_{n+1} as their respective errors, with p being the true value of the fixed point of g . Of course we maintain the relationship that $(p_{n+1}) = g(p_n)$. Then $(p_n) = p - (e_n)$ and $(p_{n+1}) = p - (e_{n+1})$. We assume that e_n is small and expand p_n via a Taylor series about p : $g(p_n) = (p_{n+1}) = p - (e_{n+1}) = g(p) - (e_n) * g'(p) + \dots$ larger powers of e_n which we neglect due to the assumption that e_n is small. Now since $p = g(p)$ from the definition of a fixed point of g , we can subtract p from both sides. This leaves us with the simple equation (neglecting terms with higher powers of e_n and multiplying by -1): $(e_{n+1}) \text{ (approx.)} = g'(p) * (e_n)$ where g' is the derivative of g . If we assume the initial error is e_0 then by this equation $e_1 = g'(p) * e_0$ and by repeated use of the equation inductively to n we have $e_n = [g'(p)]^n * e_0$. It's clear that the error reduces to zero as n approaches infinity when the absolute value of $g'(p)$ is less than 1, and if our error approaches zero then we have convergence to the true value of the fixed point p . Thus we can find c_{\max} in the following way: $g(x) = x - c * (x^3 + 2 * x^2 - 6)$. Differentiating: $g'(x) = 1 - c * x * (3 * x + 4)$. Now using the approximate solution p given to us in the first part ($p = 1.3402508301291$) and noting that since we are given $c > 0$, $g'(p)$ is [so we only need to solve \$g'\(p\) = -1\$](#) . $1 - c * p * (3 * p + 4) > -1$. Rearranging: $c < 2 / [p * (3 * p + 4)]$ which is approximately 0.1860496237. Therefore my approximate value for c_{\max} is 0.186. this value is close to the true value of c_{\max} , differences arise from the error of the approximate value of p given to us in part 1 and the fact that we neglected terms with higher power in the Taylor expansion above. To check my c_{\max} , I used the code below.

```
% Code that illustrates the answer can be found below:
for c=0:0.000001:0.2 %we want to test over a range of c with very
    small differences between each c so our cmax is precise
        gprime=@(x) 1-c*x*(3*x +4); %we define this function which is the
        derivative of the g given in the question
```

```
if gprime(1.3402508301291)<-1 %this condition is taken from the
theoretical answer above assuming p is approximately 1.3402508301291
    disp(['Max value of c in the specified interval
is:',num2str(c,5)]);%if the above condition not satisfied the
sequence diverges
    break %the for loop stops as soon as a value of c is found so only
cmax is displayed in the command window

end
end
```

Max value of c in the specified interval is:0.18605

Question 8

See the file newtonMeth.m

Question 9

Following code uses Newton's method to compute approximations to the root of f and produces a table and figure illustrating its convergence

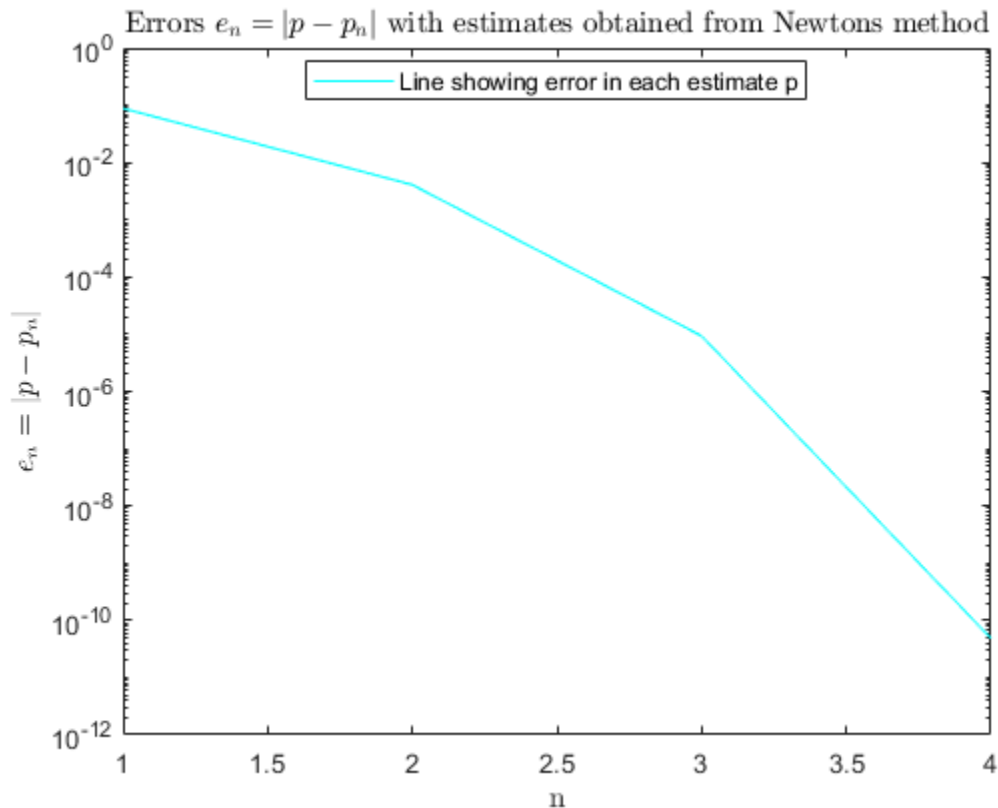
```
f=@(x) x.^3+2*x.^2-6; %defines the function f
df=@(x) 3*x.^2+4*x; %defines the first derivative of f
format long g
[p_vec,fp_vec]=newtonMeth(f,df,1e-9,20,1); %newtonMeth used to obtain
vectors p_vec/fp_vec
L=length(p_vec); %gives the length of the column vector p_vec
N=1:L; %produces row vector with equivalent length to p_vec
n=N'; %makes column vector n from N so there is dimensional
consistency for the table
table(n,p_vec,fp_vec) %produces the table required
e=abs(1.3402508301291-p_vec); %defines the absolute error with the
estimate given
set(groot,'DefaultTextInterpreter','latex')
semilogy(N,e,'c') %plots a logarithmically scaled graph of error
against iteration number n
title('Errors $e_n=|p-p_n|$ with estimates obtained from Newtons
method'); %remaining code formats the graph
xlabel('n');
ylabel('$e_n=|p-p_n|$');
legend('Line showing error in each estimate p', 'Location', 'Best');
```

ans =

4×3 table

n	p_vec	fp_vec
—	—	—
1	1.42857142857143	0.997084548104956
2	1.34433497536946	0.0440043226723521
3	1.34026014241717	0.000100105944426332

4 1.34025083017767 5.22106802236522e-10

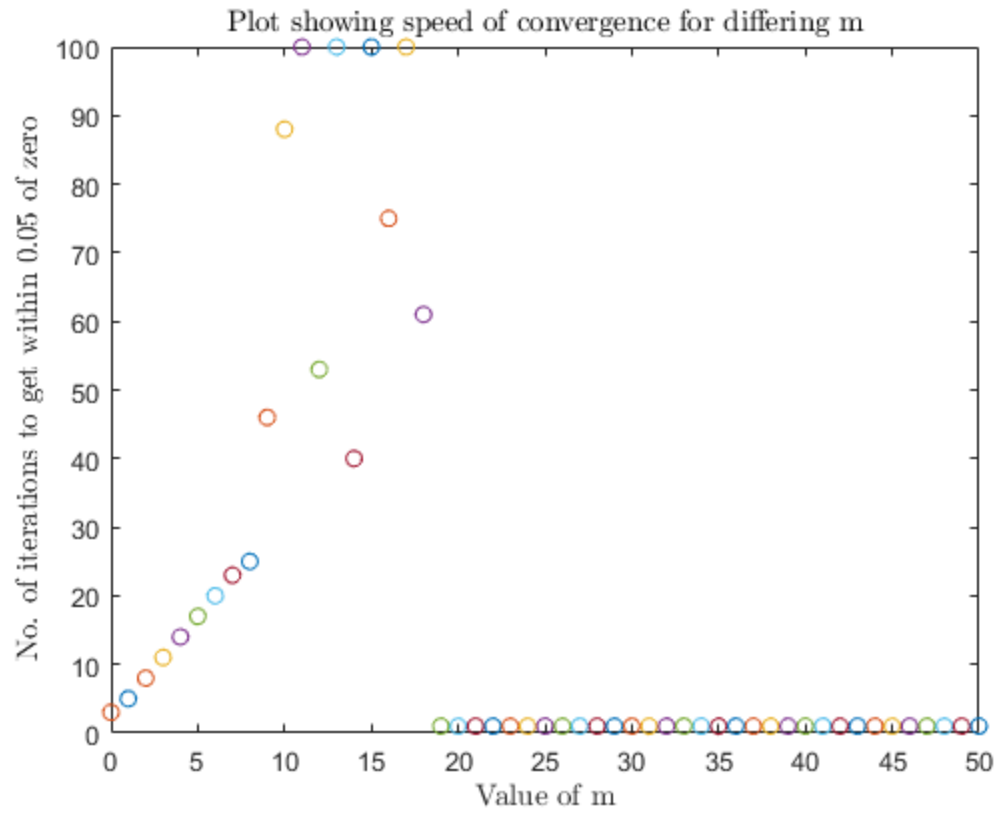


Question 10

Answer is written as comments: $f(x) = \exp(x) - 1 - x - \dots - (1/\text{factorial}(m)) * x^m$ Firstly, notice that the terms subtracted from $\exp(x)$ define the maclaurin series for $\exp(x)$. Due to this, we can conclude that if a root exists with an initial guess of $p_0=1$, then this root should be zero as the maclaurin series is centred at $x=0$. Therefore when we investigate convergence we could look at a stopping criterion of $\text{abs}(f(p)) < \text{tolerance}$. As m goes to infinity, $f(x)$ approaches zero for all x , but for smaller m (perhaps $50 < m < 100$) its likely that convergence is immediate in the first estimate using a Newton method due to the tolerance used. To test these ideas the following code was used to produce a graph demonstrating the speed of convergence for differing m . The plot shows that for m in $[1, 8]$, convergence somewhat linearly slows down. This linearity is broken at $m=9$ which took 46 iterations to produce an estimate within 0.05 of zero. There is no visible correlation between the number of iterations (and so speed of convergence) of even m values between 9 and 17 whereas $m=11, 13, 15, 17$ do not produce estimates within 0.05 of zero in 100 iterations so convergence is extremely slow if it occurs at all. For $m > 17$, the stopping criterion is met immediately due to the tolerance used and the fact that $f(x)$ approaches constant 0 for all x .

```
% Code that illustrates the answer can be found below:
for mmax=1:50 %sets the number of f's we'd like to investigate
    p0=1; %resets the initial guess p0 for each iteration
    for n=1:100 %this is the maximum number of estimates we want to
        compute
            fx=exp(p0)-1; %we define fx which represents the function f(x) to
            go into the next for loop
```

```
    dfx=exp(p0); %we then define dfx representing the derivative of
    f(x) for the for loop
for m=1:mmax %this loop produces the information we need to find the
    next estimate p for a specific f(x)
    term=p0^m/factorial(m); %creates the m-th term at p0
    fx=fx-term; %subtracts the m-th term from fx
    dfterm=p0^(m-1)/factorial(m-1);%next two lines give us the value
    of derivative of f at p0
    dfx=dfx-dfterm;
end
    p=p0-fx/dfx;%computes the next estimate p using Newton function
    p0=p;%sets new p0 as the next estimate p for next iteration
    if abs(p)<0.05 %stopping criterion
        break %for loop broken when the estimate p gets below 0.05
    (tolerance)
    end
end
plot(mmax,n,'o');%plots a point for the function with mmax terms
    showing how many iterations it took for abs(p)<0.05 or if never
    achieves this in 100 iterations, n=100
hold all %allows all the points to be plotted in the same figure
end
plot(0,3,'o');%plots the point on the figure corresponding to m=0,
    which satisfies our stopping criterion when n=3
xlabel('Value of m');%rest of the code formats the graph
ylabel('No. of iterations to get within 0.05 of zero');
title('Plot showing speed of convergence for differing m');
axis([0,50,0,100])
```

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