

**Exercise 3: More Iterative Methods in Root-finding**

In this exercise, we will use the Muller's and the Bairstow's Method to calculate all the roots of each of the two given polynomial functions  $f$  and  $g$ . For both processes, we will employ the methods with deflation process to reduce the degrees of the polynomials and find the roots easier.

Consider the function

$$f(x) = x^4 + \frac{12x^3}{5} + \frac{111x^2}{25} + \frac{36x}{5} + \frac{311}{25} \quad (3.1)$$

We wish to find the roots of  $f$  using Muller's Method applied with deflation process. We use the jump-based halting criterion with maximum iteration  $N_{\max} = 100$  and error tolerance  $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$ . Let's first do a quick analysis of the function  $f$ . We do this by observing its graph in Figure 3.1. From the plot, we observe that the graph did not cross the  $x$  axis yet the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra guarantees that  $f$  has 4 roots. This implies that we can expect our estimated roots to all be complex.

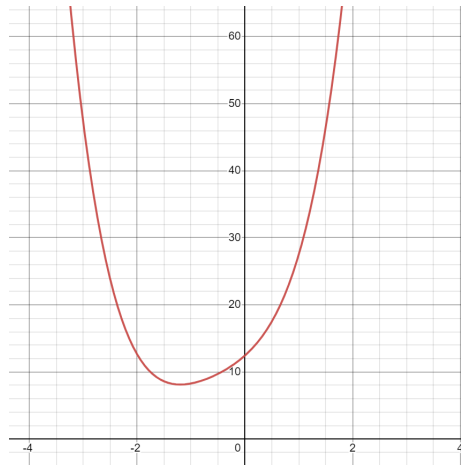


Figure 3.1: Plot of  $f(x)$  over the interval  $[-4, 4]$ .

We now implement the Muller's Method. For this implementation, we use the initial (ordered) triple  $(0, 1, 2)$ . Using MATLAB, we obtain the result of our first run of the method.

```
n      x_n      rel jump
0      0.000000 +0.000000 i      NaN
1      1.000000 +0.000000 i      NaN
2      2.000000 +0.000000 i      NaN
3      -0.707547 -1.559916 i      1.562382E+00
4      -0.454031 -0.382899 i      7.029154E-01
5      -0.769247 -0.757626 i      8.244637E-01
6      -0.753197 -0.943373 i      1.726783E-01
7      -0.733573 -0.945148 i      1.632281E-02
8      -0.733724 -0.945734 i      5.057187E-04
9      -0.733724 -0.945734 i      5.305190E-07
Root is -7.3372445192e-01 -9.4573395036e-01 i after 7 iterations.
Note that the absolute function value at the estimate is 1.122734E-05.
```

Using our defined initial triple, we obtained the first approximate root  $r_1^* = -7.3372445192 \times 10^{-1} - 9.4573395036 \times 10^{-1}i$ . This is a good estimate since  $|f(r_1^*)| = 1.122734 \times 10^{-5}$  which is of magnitude of order  $\times 10^{-5}$ . We then perform the deflation process by dividing  $f$  by  $x - r_1^*$ . Since  $r_1^*$  is close to a root  $r$ , the continuity of  $f$  guarantees that we can ordinarily run the Muller's method on  $f_{-1} = \frac{f(x)}{x - r_1^*}$ .

We obtain  $f_{-1}$  to be the function

```
Our deflated function becomes f(x) =
x^3 - x^2*(3.13372 + 0.945734i) + x*(5.84488 + 3.65758i) + (6.37057 - 8.21135i)
```

Implementing Muller's Method on  $f_{-1}$  and using also our initial triple  $(0, 1, 2)$ , we have the results in MATLAB given below.

```
Performing Muller's Method on f, we have
n      x_n      rel jump
0      0.000000 +0.000000 i      NaN
1      1.000000 +0.000000 i      NaN
2      2.000000 +0.000000 i      NaN
3      -0.121674 +1.606576 i      1.330657E+00
4      -1.563885 +0.326409 i      1.196901E+00 |
5      -0.727414 +1.159192 i      7.388294E-01
6      -0.749852 +0.942307 i      1.593269E-01
7      -0.733438 +0.945635 i      1.390805E-02
8      -0.733724 +0.945734 i      2.528949E-04
9      -0.733724 +0.945734 i      7.266632E-08
Root is -7.3372356454e-01 +9.4573463451e-01 i after 7 iterations.
Note that the absolute function value at the estimate is 3.995217E-06.
```

After 7 iterations, we obtained another root  $r_2^* = -7.3372445192 \times 10^{-1} + 9.4573395036 \times 10^{-1}i$  which is actually the complex conjugate of  $r_1^*$ . This is also a good estimate since  $|f(r_2^*)| = 3.995217 \times 10^{-6}$ . Performing another deflation process to find  $f_{-2} = \frac{f_{-1}}{x - r_2^*}$ , we have  $f_{-2} =$

```
x^2 - x*(3.86745 - 6.84146e-7i) + (8.68251 - 0.00000230865i)
```

Finally, since  $f_{-2}$  is of degree 2, we can easily apply the quadratic formula on the function.

```
Applying the quadratic formula on f, we have the roots
1.9333724 +2.223336 i and 1.9333724 -2.223337 i.
```

This implies that the estimated roots  $r_i^*$  for  $i = \overline{1, 4}$  of our given function  $f$  in Equation 3.1 are

```
-0.7333724 -9.457340e-01 i
-0.7333724 +9.457346e-01 i
1.9333724 +2.223336e+00 i
1.9333724 -2.223337e+00 i
```

and their respective corresponding function values  $f(r_j^*)$  are

```
4.415716e-06 +1.032253e-05 i
-1.562646e-06 +1.494474e-05 i
9.177191e-07 +2.649783e-05 i
1.497232e-05 +1.563143e-05 i
```

which are very small values. Therefore, our obtained roots are good estimates for the roots of  $f$ .

We now consider another polynomial function given by

$$g(x) = x^6 - 2x^5 + 9x^4 - 8x^3 + 23x^2 - 6x + 7 \quad (3.2)$$

For this function, we will use the Bairstow's Method to approximate the roots of  $g$ . Similarly as above, we use the jump-based stopping criterion with maximum iteration  $N_{\max} = 100$  and error tolerance  $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$ . Note that for each run of the method, we obtain two approximate roots. Hence, upon deflation, we expect our new function to be of 2 degrees less than the previous function. We analyze yet again the function  $g$  by observing its graph in Figure 3.2. Note that in the figure,  $g$  did not cross the  $x$  axis. Hence, we expect the roots to all be complex.

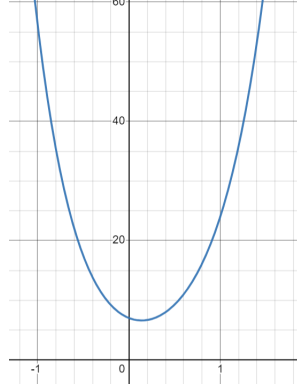


Figure 3.2: Plot of  $g(x)$  over the interval  $[-1, 2]$ .

Performing a run of Bairstow's Method on  $g$  using the initial values  $u_0 = 1$  and  $v_0 = 2$ , we have the result in MATLAB below.

```

n      u_n      rel_jump (u)      v_n      rel_jump (v)
0      1.000000      NaN      2.000000      NaN
1      0.120267      8.797327E-01      1.427617      2.861915E-01
2      -1.146408      1.053217E+01      -0.076582      1.053643E+00
3      -0.646523      4.360449E-01      0.254362      4.321439E+00
4      -0.284670      5.596912E-01      0.384940      5.133531E-01
5      -0.207122      2.724116E-01      0.374061      2.826033E-02
6      -0.208255      5.469075E-03      0.373336      1.939863E-03
7      -0.208255      2.583204E-06      0.373336      3.723783E-07
8      -0.208255      4.909930E-13      0.373336      4.906761E-14
Our approximate quadratic factor is x^2 -0.208255 x +0.373336
with roots 0.104127 +0.602074 i and 0.104127 -0.602074 i.

The respective function values at these estimated roots are
3.603050E-16 and 3.603050E-16.
```

After 8 iterations, we obtained two approximate roots  $r_1^* = 0.104127 + 0.602074i$  and  $r_2^* = 0.104127 - 0.602074i$ . Note that  $r_1^*$  and  $r_2^*$  are complex conjugates of each other. These roots are also good approximates since their respective function values, i.e.,  $f(r_1^*)$  and  $f(r_2^*)$  are both of magnitude of order  $10^{-16}$ . Now, we apply the deflation process and obtain

$$g_{-2} = \frac{g(x)}{(x - r_1^*)(x - r_2^*)}$$

Using MATLAB, we obtain the reduced (deflated) function to be

$$x^4 - 1.79175x^3 + 8.25353x^2 - 5.61224x + 18.7499$$

It can be noted that  $g_{-2}$  is of degree 4 which supports our assumption earlier. Performing another run of the Bairstow' Method on this updated function, we have the results in the next page.

```

Performing Bairstow's Method on g, we have
n      u_n      rel_jump (u)      v_n      rel_jump (v)
0      1.000000      NaN      2.000000      NaN
1      0.415544      5.844558E-01      2.722693      3.613463E-01
2      0.269102      3.524106E-01      3.323862      2.207996E-01
3      0.298172      1.080269E-01      3.460827      4.120654E-02
4      0.299250      3.613924E-03      3.459626      3.470460E-04
5      0.299249      1.330271E-06      3.459628      5.615818E-07
6      0.299249      1.103362E-12      3.459628      3.454256E-13
Our approximate quadratic factor is x^2 +0.299249 x +3.459628
with roots -0.149625 +1.853980 i and -0.149625 -1.853980 i.

The respective function values at these estimated roots are
-6.906475E-15 and -6.906475E-15.

```

From this run, we obtain another two approximate roots for  $g$  only after 6 iterations. These roots are  $r_3^* = -0.149625 + 1.853980i$  and  $r_4^* = -0.149625 - 1.853980i$  which are also complex conjugates of each other. These roots are also good estimates since  $f(r_3^*)$  and  $f(r_4^*)$  are both of magnitude of order  $10^{-15}$ . So, we can apply another deflation process and find

$$g_{-4} = \frac{g_{-2}}{(x - r_3^*)(x - r_4^*)}$$

Using MATLAB, we obtain this function to be

$$x^2 - 2.09099x + 5.41963$$

which is of degree 2 as expected. Therefore, we can simply apply the quadratic formula on  $g_{-4}$  to find its roots and thus, the remaining roots of  $g(x)$ .

```

Applying the quadratic formula on g, we have the roots
1.045497 +2.080039 i and 1.045497 -2.080039 i.

```

This implies that the estimated roots  $r_j^*$  for  $j = \overline{1, 6}$  of the function  $g$  given in Equation 3.2 are

$$\begin{array}{l} 0.104127 + 6.020739e-01 i \\ 0.104127 - 6.020739e-01 i \\ -0.149625 + 1.853980e+00 i \\ -0.149625 - 1.853980e+00 i \\ 1.045497 + 2.080039e+00 i \\ 1.045497 - 2.080039e+00 i \end{array}$$

and their respective corresponding function values  $g(r_j^*)$  are

$$\begin{array}{l} 3.603050e-16 - 3.194549e-16 i \\ 3.603050e-16 + 3.194549e-16 i \\ 1.874224e-14 + 1.365291e-14 i \\ 1.874224e-14 - 1.365291e-14 i \\ 8.235598e-14 - 3.207865e-14 i \\ 8.235598e-14 + 3.207865e-14 i \end{array}$$

which are very small values. Therefore, our obtained roots are good estimates for the roots of  $g$ .

**Remark:** The program used to solve this problem is made in MATLAB and is made solely by the author of this paper.