

Phys 410 Homework 1 Write Up

Simply run 'main.m' in the zip folder to get the problem1 and problem2 roots

Problem 1:

Introduction:

This question was asked from an implementation of a hybrid function that uses a combination of Bisection and Newton's Method to find the root of a function of the form $f(x)$. Bisection is a root finding method applied to a continuous function to approximate the root x-coordinate. The method works by initially specifying a maximum x-Coordinate and minimum x-Coordinate and then calculates the midpoint of this function. From here, the bisection performs iterative steps to converge to a root with a given tolerance. The specifics of bisection will be explained in the methods sections. Newton's Method is also a root finding algorithm that also approximates the root of a function, but uses linear approximation with the derivative of the function divided by the function evaluated as a point for the slope. The specifics of Newton's Method will be explained in the methods sections

Methods:

The hybrid function takes in 5 parameters: `hybrid(f, dfdx, xmin, xmax, tol1, tol2)`:

- `f`: a function whose root we are trying to find
- `dfdx`: the derivative function of the function whose root we are trying to find
- `xmin`: the initial bracket minimum
- `xmax`: the initial bracket maximum
- `tol1`: the relative convergence criterion tolerance for bisection
- `tol2`: the relative convergence criterion tolerance for Newton's Method

The hybrid function works by first calling the bisection method to the defined `tol1`, then passing the approximate root from bisection to the Newton's Method function as demonstrated below in the simple pseudocode:

```
hybrid(f, dfdx, xmin, xmax, tol1, tol2):  
    bival = bisection(f, xmin, xmax, tol1)  
    root = newtowns(f, dfdx, bival, tol2)
```

As mentioned in the introduction, the bisection method iteratively finds the x-coordinate midpoint of `xmin` and `xmax` and then uses the following criterion to test if the function has converged:

```
NotConverged = abs((xmin-xmax)/(xmid)) > tol1
```

If the statement IsConverged is false the bisection iterative loop (a while loop) is terminated and returns the final xmid value. From here, the newton's method is called with: newtowns(f, dfdx, bival, tol2). The one dimensional Newton's methods works on the simple linear

approximation: $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$, where in the context of my newton's algorithm x_{n+1} is

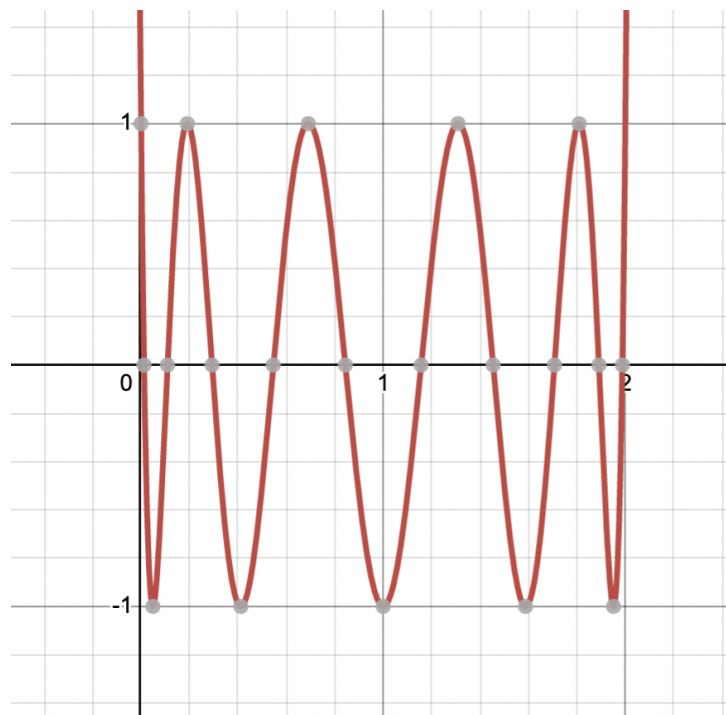
x_new , x_n is x_old , $f(x_n)$ is $f(x_old)$ and $f'(x_n)$ is $dfdx(x_old)$. From here we can iteratively perform the linear approximation until the clause notConverged is false where:

```
notConverged = tol2 < (x_new - x_old)/(x_new);
```

Also, choosing appropriate parameters of: f, dfdx, xmin, xmax, tol1, tol2, is important to producing accurate roots. For example if we take the function:

$$f(x) = 512x^{10} - 5120x^9 + 21760x^8 - 51200x^7 + 72800x^6 - 64064x^5 + 34320x^4 - 10560x^3 + 1650x^2 - 100x + 1$$

We can see from the graph below that there are 10 roots:



From this graph we can construct the 10 xmin and xmax intervals with the knowledge that $f(max)f(min) < 0$:

```
root1:hybrid(f, dfdx, xmin = 0, xmax = 0.1, tol1, tol2);
```

```
root2: hybrid(f, dfdx, xmin = 0.1, xmax = 0.2, tol1, tol2);  
root3: hybrid(f, dfdx, xmin = 0.2, xmax = 0.4, tol1, tol2);  
etc
```

The last thing to mention is choosing the tolerance: the tolerance1 should be enough so that the bisection function can calculate a reasonable x-value for the root without being too exhaustive. With this in mind as well as the fact that I needed 12 digits of accuracy on the root I chose $\text{tol1} = 0.001$. For choosing tol2 , since the accuracy needed to be on the order of 12 digits I chose $\text{tol2} = 10^{-12}$

Results:

By running hybrid for 10 different xmin and xmax brackets I was able to determine the following 10 x-coordinates of the roots of the function

$$f(x) = 512x^{10} - 5120x^9 + 21760x^8 - 51200x^7 + 72800x^6 - 64064x^5 + 34320x^4 - 10560x^3 + 1650x^2 - 100x + 1$$

Root 1: 0.012311659404862
Root 2: 0.108993472390755
Root 3: 0.292893218813450
Root 4: 0.546009500260435
Root 5: 0.843565534959457
Root 6: 1.156434468151233
Root 7: 1.453990525373039
Root 8: 1.707106781180045
Root 9: 1.891006859887581
Root 10: 1.987695325215235

Conclusion:

I was able to verify the results above with wolfram alpha's calculation of the roots, and saw the hybrid function did calculate 12 digits of accuracy.

Problem 2:

Introduction:

This problem utilizes an n-dimensional Newton's method to calculate a single root. Newton's multidimensional method uses the Jacobian matrix on a given vector of functions to try to find the root of the given vector of functions. The multidimensional Newton Function can be written as: $x^{n+1} = x^n - \text{inv}(J(x^n)) * f(x^n)$, where $\text{inv}(J(x^n))$ is the inverse of the $n \times n$ jacobian matrix of the n-dimensional vector x. This form will be iterated until the tolerance (talked in more detail in the method section below) is reached at which point the function will return a vector of x-coordinates of the root.

Methods:

The newton function has 4 inputs:

- f: a function that implements an inline nonlinear system of equations. The function is of the form f(x) where x is a length-n vector, and % which returns length-m column vector.
- jac: Function which is of the form jac(x) where x is a length-d vector, and which returns the d x d matrix of Jacobian matrix elements.
- x0: Initial estimate for iteration (length-d column vector).
- tol: Convergence criterion: routine returns when relative magnitude of update from iteration to iteration is $\leq \text{tol}$.

From here we implement the iterative Newton D method described in the introduction:

$$x^{n+1} = x^n - \text{inv}(J(x^n)) * f(x^n)$$

The vector of functions we are finding the root of is formatted as:

$$f = [(x^2 + y^4 + z^6 - 2); (\cos(x*y*z^2) - (x + y + z)); (y^2 + z^3 - (x + y - z)^2)]$$

And the jacobian matrix is formatted as:

$$Jac = [2*x, 4*y^3, 6*z^5; (-y*z^2*\sin(x*y*z^2)-1), (-x*z^2*\sin(x*y*z^2)-1), (-2*x*y*z*\sin(x*y*z^2)-1); (2*z - 2*y - 2*x), (-2*x + 2*z), (3*z^2 - 2*z + 2*x + 2*y)];$$

A last note: The formula used to calculate the tolerance of the newton's method is:

$$\|\delta \underline{x}^{(n)}\|_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^d (\delta x_i^{(n)})^2}{d}} \leq \epsilon$$

Where $\delta x = x_{\text{old}} - x_{\text{new}}$.

Also, I chose the tolerance of tolerance = 10^{-12} because I wanted 12 digits of accuracy

Results:

On running the newton method with the described function, jacobian matrix, tolerance described in the methods in addition to the suggested $x_0 = (-1, 0.75, 1.5)$ by the assignment my function returned a vector of roots to be $(x,y,z) = (-0.577705133337193, 0.447447204972240, 1.084412371724927)$

Conclusion:

I was able to obtain the roots of a vector of n-dimensional functions to at least 12 digits of accuracy. I verified that the accuracy exceeded 12 digits by plugging these values back into the vector of functions which returned an ans of:

$1.0e-15 *$

0

-0.111022302462516

0.444089209850063

which signifies that I have converged onto roots with at least 12 digits of accuracy.