

Week 1, Thursday

△ Root-finding problem:

for function $f(x)$: find x s.t. $f(x) = 0$

e.g. $ax + b = 0$ ($a \neq 0$) $x = -\frac{b}{a}$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad (a \neq 0) \quad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

RK: for general polynomials with degree ≥ 5 , there is no algebraic formula of the roots. (Abel, Galois)

So numerical approach is needed for root-finding problem.

△ Bisection method. (二分法)

Thm (intermediate value theorem) 中间值定理

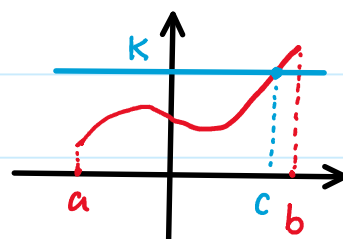
$\forall f \in C[a, b]$, $\forall K \in f[a, b]$, $\exists c \in [a, b]$ s.t. $f(c) = K$.

Corollary:

if $f \in C[a, b]$, $f(a)f(b) < 0$

then $\exists x_0 \in (a, b)$ s.t. $f(x_0) = 0$

proof: $f(a)f(b) < 0 \Rightarrow f(a) > 0, f(b) < 0$ or $f(a) < 0, f(b) > 0$



idea: shrinkage the interval that includes the root.

Input: a, b, N_0, ε

Output: approximate root or message of failure

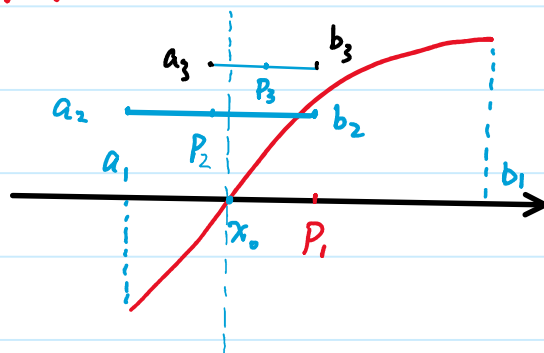
1. find a_1, b_1 s.t. $f(a_1)f(b_1) < 0$

2. For $i = 1, 2, \dots, N_0$,

$$\text{set } p_i = \frac{a_i + b_i}{2}$$

3. If $|p_i - p_{i-1}| < \varepsilon$ or $|f(p_i)| < \varepsilon$

Stop, output (p_i)



4. If $f(p_i)f(a_i) > 0$, set $a_{i+1} = p_i$, $b_{i+1} = b_i$
 elseif $f(p_i)f(a_i) < 0$ set $a_{i+1} = a_i$, $b_{i+1} = p_i$
5. set $i = i+1$, go to step 3.
6. Stop, output ('failure').

e.g. $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 10$ find a root in $[1, 2]$
 $f(1) = -5$, $f(2) = 14$ $\therefore \exists x_0 \in [1, 2]$ s.t. $f(x_0) = 0$

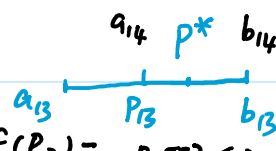
① $a_1 = 1$, $b_1 = 2$, $p_1 = 1.5$ $f(p_1) = 2.375 > 0$

② $a_2 = 1$, $b_2 = 1.5$, $p_2 = 1.25$ $f(p_2) \approx -1.8 < 0$

③ $a_3 = 1.25$, $b_3 = 1.5$, $p_3 = 1.375$ $f(p_3) \dots$

\vdots

⑬ $a_{13} = 1.364990$, $b_{13} = 1.365234$, $p_{13} = 1.365112$, $f(p_{13}) = -0.002 < 0$.



(i) $|p^* - p_{13}| \leq |b_{14} - a_{14}| = |b_{13} - p_{13}| = |1.365234 - 1.365112| = 0.000122$

(ii) Since $0 < a_{14} < p^*$

$$\frac{|p_{13} - p^*|}{|p^*|} \leq \frac{|p_{13} - p^*|}{|a_{14}|} \leq \frac{0.000122}{1.365112} \approx 9 \times 10^{-5} \quad (4 \text{ significant digits})$$

Correct $p^* = 1.365230$

Thm $|p_n - p^*| \leq \frac{b-a}{2^n}$

Proof: each iteration, the length of the interval becomes half.

$\therefore b_n - a_n = \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2^{n-1}}$, we also know $p^* \in (a_n, b_n)$

$\therefore |p_n - p^*| \leq \frac{1}{2}(b_n - a_n) = \frac{b-a}{2^n}$ Done!

RK1: $|p_n - p^*| \leq \frac{b-a}{2^n} \Rightarrow p_n = p^* + O(2^{-n})$

RK2: this error estimate can be used to determine steps of iterations to achieve certain accuracy.

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$$\frac{2^{-1}}{2^N} \leq 10^{-3} \Rightarrow 2^N \geq 10^3 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad N \geq 3 \log_2 10 \approx 9.96.$$

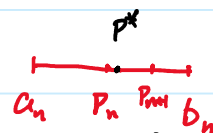
at least it needs 10 steps.

△ advantages:

1. simple, independent of f , only requires f to be continuous.
2. always converges to a solution (often take it to get a good initial approximation for other method).

△ drawbacks:

1. slow, requires large number of iterations (linearly)
2. Sometimes even p_n is a good approximation, but still discarded.
3. Not easy to extend to high dimensional cases. (Chap. 10)



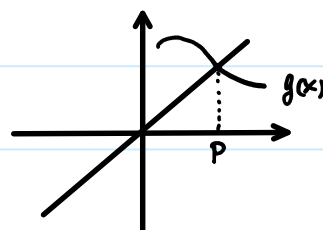
△ fixed-point iteration:

Def p is a fixed point for a function g if $g(p) = p$.

e.g. $g(x) = x^2 - 2$

$$x^2 - 2 = x \Rightarrow x_1 = -1, \quad x_2 = 2$$

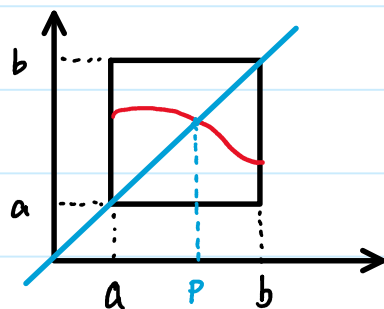
two fixed points $-1, 2$.



Thm if $g \in C[a, b]$, $g([a, b]) \subset [a, b]$, then g has at least one fixed point in $[a, b]$, i.e. $\exists p$ s.t. $p = g(p)$

Proof: if $g(a) = a$, or $g(b) = b$ done!

otherwise, let $h(x) = g(x) - x$, then $h(x) \in C[a, b]$ since $f \in C[a, b]$ and, $h(a) = g(a) - a > 0$, $h(b) = g(b) - b < 0$



$\therefore \exists p$ s.t. $h(p)=0$, i.e. $g(p)=p$.

e.g. $g(x)=3^{-x}$ on $[0,1]$

verify: ① $g \in C[0,1]$ ② $g(x) \downarrow$ $g(0)=1$, $g(1)=\frac{1}{3}$ $\therefore g([0,1]) \subset [0,1]$

$\therefore \exists p \in [0,1]$ s.t. $p=3^{-p}$.

RK1: for any $g \in C[a,b]$, it may have many fixed points

RK2: ensure uniqueness, require $g(x)$ does not vary too rapidly

Thm (uniqueness)

① $g \in C[a,b]$, $g([a,b]) \subset [a,b]$

② $g'(x)$ is defined on (a,b) and $\exists 0 < K < 1$

s.t. $|g'(x)| \leq K$, $\forall x \in (a,b)$.

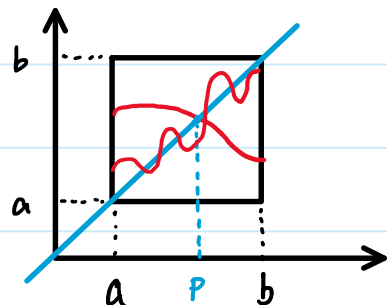
Then: g has a unique fixed point in $[a,b]$.

Proof: ① $\Rightarrow \exists p$ s.t. $p=g(p)$ existence.

② assume $\exists p \neq q$ and $p, q \in [a,b]$ s.t. $p=g(p)$, $q=g(q)$

by mean value theorem: $\exists \xi \in (p,q)$ s.t. $g'(\xi) = \frac{g(p)-g(q)}{p-q} = 1$

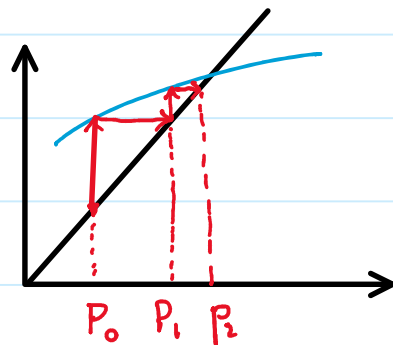
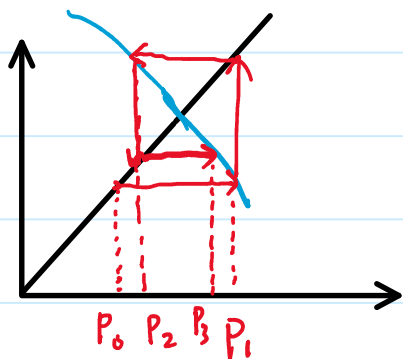
contradicted with $|g'(x)| \leq K < 1$ $\forall x \in (a,b)$



Δ fixed-point iteration:

choose p_0 , generate sequence $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ by $p_n = g(p_{n-1})$

RK: if $p_n \rightarrow p$, then $p = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(p_{n-1}) = g(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{n-1}) = g(p)$.



Fixed-point iteration:

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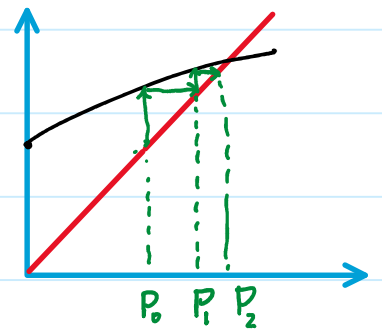
output: fixed point P

1. $i = 1$ while $i \leq N_0$ do 2-5
2. $P = g(P_0)$
3. If $|P - P_0| < \varepsilon$, output (P) . STOP
4. $i = i + 1$
5. set $P_0 = P$
6. STOP, output ("failure")

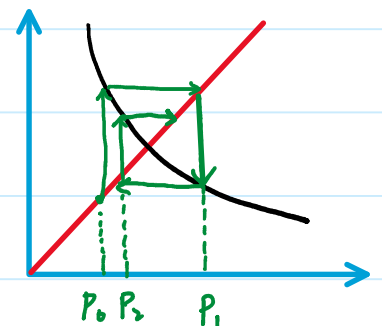
e.g. find the positive root of $f(x) = x^2 - x - 1$ ($p^* = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$)

idea: convert $f(x) \Leftrightarrow x = g(x)$ (not unique)

① as $x^2 = x + 1$, $x = \pm\sqrt{x+1}$, for positive root, set $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$, corresponding fixed-point iteration $P_n = \sqrt{P_{n-1} + 1}$, if we take $P_0 = 1$, $P_1 = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$, $P_2 = \sqrt{1+\sqrt{2}}$, ... after 15 iterations $|P_{15} - p^*| \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-8}$
 $|g'(P_{15})| = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{P_{15}+1}} \approx 0.30902$



② as $x^2 = x + 1$, $x = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$, set $g(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$. then $P_n = 1 + \frac{1}{P_{n-1}}$, take $P_0 = 1$ $P_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{1} = 2$, $P_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = 1.5$, ... $|P_{15} - p^*| \approx 4.5 \times 10^{-7}$



Q: how to quantify the convergence speed?

Thm ① $g \in C[a, b]$, $g([a, b]) \subset [a, b]$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad g'(x) \exists \text{ on } (a, b) \text{ with } |g'(x)| \leq K < 1 \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \forall p_0 \in [a, b], \quad p_n = g(p_{n-1}) \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Conclusions: (i) $p_n \rightarrow p$, which is the unique fixed point of $g(x)$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad |p_n - p| \leq K^n \max\{p_0 - a, b - p_0\} \quad \text{or} \\ |p_n - p| \leq \frac{K^n}{1-K} |p_1 - p_0|, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Proof: (i) by last theorem, $\exists! p \in [a, b]$ s.t. $p = g(p)$

$$\therefore |p_n - p| = |g(p_{n-1}) - g(p)| = |g'(z_{n-1})| |p_{n-1} - p| \leq K |p_{n-1} - p| \\ \leq \dots K^n |p_0 - p| \leq K^n \max\{p_0 - a, b - p_0\}$$

$$\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad K^n \rightarrow 0 \quad \therefore p_n \rightarrow p.$$

(ii) easy to show:

$$|p_{n+1} - p_n| = |g(p_n) - g(p_{n-1})| \leq K |p_n - p_{n-1}| \leq \dots \leq K^n |p_1 - p_0|$$

$$\therefore \forall m > n, \quad |p_m - p_n| \leq \sum_{j=n}^{m-1} |p_{j+1} - p_j| \leq \sum_{j=n}^{m-1} K^j |p_1 - p_0|$$

$$\leq K^n |p_1 - p_0| (1 + K + K^2 + \dots + K^{m-n-1}) \leq K^n |p_1 - p_0| \frac{1 - K^{m-n}}{1 - K}$$

$$\text{let } m \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{left} = |p_0 - p_n| \leq \text{right} = \frac{K^n |p_1 - p_0|}{1 - K}$$

$$\text{e.g. } f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0, \quad f(1) = -5 < 0, \quad f(2) = 14 > 0, \quad \exists \text{ root } \in [1, 2]$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x = x - f(x), \quad g_1(x) = x - x^3 - 4x^2 + 10, \quad p_0 = 1.5 \quad (\text{not convergent})$$

$$g_1(1) = 6, \quad g_1(2) = -12, \quad g_1([1, 2]) \not\subset [1, 2]$$

$$g_1'(x) = 1 - 3x^2 - 8x, \quad g_1'(1) = -10, \quad g_1'(2) = -27, \quad |g_1'(x)| > 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x^2 = \frac{10}{x} - 4x, \quad x = \sqrt{\frac{10}{x} - 4x} := g_2(x) \quad p_0 = 1.5, \quad (\text{not convergent})$$

$$g_2(1) = \sqrt{6}, \quad g_2(2) = \sqrt{3}; \quad g_2([a, b]) \not\subset [a, b]$$

$$g_2'(p) \approx -3.43$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 4x^2 = 10 - x^3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{10 - x^3} := g_3(x) \quad \downarrow$$

$$g_3(1) = 1.5, \quad g_3(2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad g([1, 2]) \not\subset [1, 2]$$

$$g'_3(x) = -\frac{3x^2}{4\sqrt{10-x^3}}, \quad g'_3(2) = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

but on $[1, 1.7]$, $g'_3([1, 1.7]) < 1$ $P_0 = 1.5$, 30 iterations

$$P_{30} = 1.365230013$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad x^2(x+4) = 10 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{\frac{10}{x+4}} := g_4(x)$$

$$g'_4(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{10}{4(4-x)^3}} \Rightarrow 0.1 < |g'_4(x)| < 0.15 \quad \forall x \in [1, 2]$$

$$|g'_4(x)| < |g'_3(x)|$$

$P_0 = 1.5$, $P_{15} = 1.365230013$ faster than $g_3(x)$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad x(3x^2 + 8x) = x(3x^2 + 8x) - (x^3 + 4x^2 - 10)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = x - \frac{x^3 + 4x^2 - 10}{3x^2 + 8x} := g_5(x)$$

$P_0 = 1.5$, $P_4 = 1.365230013$, super fast!

RK: compare with bisection method: $P_{27} \approx 1.365230013$

Q: why g_5 so fast?

$$g_5(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} \Rightarrow g'_5(x) = \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{(f'(x))^2} \Rightarrow g'_5(p) = 0$$

HW 1-2: 2.1: 1 10 11 13 17 only show how many steps needed

2.2: 2 5 13 a, b 14 21 23 26
 \searrow only two steps \nearrow no need to perform the calculations.