

Review: root-finding problem: find  $p$  s.t.  $f(p)=0$

① bisection method: shrinkage the interval including the root

1. find  $a_1, b_1$  s.t.  $f(a_1)f(b_1) < 0$ ,  $p_1 = \frac{a_1+b_1}{2}$

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

if  $f(a_i)f(p_i) < 0$ , set  $a_{i+1}=a_i, b_{i+1}=p_i$   
else if  $f(a_i)f(p_i) > 0$ , set  $a_{i+1}=p_i, b_{i+1}=b_i$

**Thm** if  $f \in C[a, b]$ ,  $f(a)f(b) < 0$ , then the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  generated by the bisection method converges to  $p$ , which is the root of  $f(x)$ , i.e.  $f(p)=0$  and  $|p_n - p| \leq \frac{b-a}{2^n}$ .

② fixed-point iteration: convert root-finding to fixed-point-finding  
 $f(x)=0 \Leftrightarrow x=g(x)$  (or at least  $f(p)=0 \Leftrightarrow p=g(p)$ )

**Thm** (existence)  $g(x) \in C[a, b]$ ,  $g([a, b]) \subset [a, b]$

(uniqueness)  $g'(x) \exists$  on  $(a, b)$ , and  $|g'(x)| \leq K < 1$ ,  $\forall x \in (a, b)$ .

(fixed-point iteration)

The sequence: take  $p_0 \in [a, b]$ ,  $p_n = g(p_{n-1})$ ,  $n=1, 2, \dots$ .

**Thm** under the same condition in above theorem, the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to the unique fixed point, with speed:

(i)  $|p^n - p| \leq K^n \max\{p_0 - a, b - p_0\}$

(ii)  $|p^n - p| \leq \frac{K^n}{1-K} |p_1 - p_0|$

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

$$x(3x^2 + 8x) = x(3x^2 + 8x) - (x^3 + 4x^2 - 10)$$

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

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

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

*Rk: essentially, the convergence speed depends on  $|g'(p)|$ .*

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

*$\Delta$  Q: how to set  $|g'(p)|$  as small as possible?*

A general formula to construct fixed-point function:

$x = x - \phi(x)f(x) := g(x)$ , easy to check:

$p = g(p) \Leftrightarrow f(p) = 0$  if  $\phi(p) \neq 0$ . To this end:

$g'(x) = 1 - (\phi'(x)f(x) + \phi(x)f'(x))$  if we want to have:

$$g'(p) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 - (\phi'(p)f(p) + \phi(p)f'(p)) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(p) = \frac{1}{f'(p)}$$

so it is reasonable to take  $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$ , i.e.

$$g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}, \quad \boxed{P_n = P_{n-1} - \frac{f(P_{n-1})}{f'(P_{n-1})}} \rightarrow \text{(Newton's iteration)}$$

*$\Delta$  another way to derive Newton's iteration: for  $P_0 \approx p$*

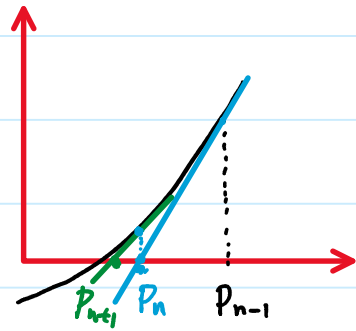
$$f(p) = f(P_0) + (p - P_0)f'(P_0) + \frac{1}{2}(p - P_0)^2 f''(\xi_0)$$

when  $|P_0 - p| \ll 1$ ,  $|p - P_0|^2 \ll |p - P_0| \Rightarrow (p - P_0)f'(P_0) \approx -f(P_0)$

$$p \approx P_0 - \frac{f(P_0)}{f'(P_0)}, \quad \boxed{P_n = P_{n-1} - \frac{f(P_{n-1})}{f'(P_{n-1})}} \rightarrow \text{(Newton's iteration)}$$

△ Geometrically:  $f'(P_{n-1}) = \frac{f(P_{n-1}) - 0}{P_{n-1} - P_n}$

$y - f(P_{n-1}) = f'(P_{n-1})(x - P_{n-1})$ : the line tangent to  $f(x)$  intersect  $x$ -axis at  $P_n$  cut  $(P_{n-1}, f(P_{n-1}))$



Input:  $P_0, \epsilon, N_0$

Output: approximation of the root.

1. set  $i=0$ , while  $i \leq N_0$ , do 2-5
2. If  $f'(P_0)=0$ , STOP, output("failure")
3. set  $p = P_0 - \frac{f(P_0)}{f'(P_0)}$
4. If  $|P - P_0| < \epsilon$  / or  $|f(p)| < \epsilon$ . STOP, output( $p$ ).
5. set  $i=i+1$ ,  $P_0 = p$
6. STOP, output("failure")

e.g.  $f(x) = \cos(x) - x$

(a) fixed point with:  $g(x) = \cos x$

$$P_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}; \quad P_n = \cos(P_{n-1}) \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

(b) Newton's iteration with:  $g(x) = x - \frac{\cos x - x}{-\sin x - 1}$

$$P_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}; \quad P_n = P_{n-1} - \frac{P_{n-1} - \cos(P_{n-1})}{1 + \sin(P_{n-1})}$$

(a)

(b)

$n=0$  0.7853

0.7853981635 ←

$n=1$  0.7071

0.7395361337

$n=2$  0.7602

0.7390851781

0.7247

0.7390851332

0.7487

0.7390851332

0.7325

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0.7481

0.7325

0.7435

0.7361

0.1210001220

much faster!

Q: How to quantify the speed of convergence?

Def:  $\{p_n\} \rightarrow p$  and  $p_n \neq p, \forall n, \exists \lambda, \alpha$  s.t.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^\alpha} = \lambda, \text{ then we say}$$

$\{p_n\}$  converges to  $p$  of order  $\alpha$  with asymptotic error constant  $\lambda$ .

(i)  $\alpha=1, \lambda < 1$ , the sequence is linearly convergent

(ii)  $\alpha=2$ , quadratically convergent

e.g.  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\} \rightarrow 0$ , and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\alpha_{n+1}|}{|\alpha_n|} = 0.5, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\beta_{n+1}|}{|\beta_n|^2} = 0.5$$

$$|\alpha_n| \approx 0.5 |\alpha_{n-1}| \approx \dots \approx 0.5^n |\alpha_0|$$

$$|\beta_n| \approx 0.5 |\beta_{n-1}|^2 \approx 0.5 (0.5 |\beta_{n-2}|^2)^2 \approx \dots \approx 0.5^{2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}} |\beta_0|^{2^n} \\ = (0.5)^{2^n - 1} (\beta_0)^{2^n}$$

if  $|\alpha_0| = |\beta_0| = 1$

	$\alpha_n$	$\beta_n$
1	$0.5 \times 10^0$	$0.5 \times 10^0$
2	$0.25 \times 10^0$	$0.125 \times 10^{-1}$
3	$0.125 \times 10^0$	$0.78125 \times 10^{-2}$
4	$0.625 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.0515 \times 10^{-5}$
5	$0.3125 \times 10^{-1}$	$10^{-10}$
6	$0.15625 \times 10^{-1}$	$10^{-19}$
7	$0.78125 \times 10^{-2}$	$10^{-39}$

**Thm** \*  
Let  $f \in C^2[a, b]$   $p \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f(p) = 0$  and  $f'(p) \neq 0$

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then there exist a  $\delta$  s.t. Newton's method generates  
a sequence converges to  $p$  for any  $p_0 \in [p-\delta, p+\delta]$ .

RK: basic idea is same as the fixed-point iteration,  
i.e. find  $(p-\delta, p+\delta)$  s.t.  $|g'(x)| \leq K < 1$ ,  $\forall x \in (p-\delta, p+\delta)$

Proof: as  $g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$ ,  $g'(x) = \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{(f'(x))^2}$

Since  $f \in C^2[a, b]$  and  $f'(p) \neq 0$ ,

$\exists \delta_1 > 0$ , s.t.  $f'(x) \neq 0$ ,  $\forall x \in [p-\delta_1, p+\delta_1] \subset [a, b]$

on the other hand,  $g'(p) = 0$  and  $g \in C^1[p-\delta_1, p+\delta_1]$

$\therefore \forall 0 < K < 1$ ,  $\exists 0 < \delta \leq \delta_1$  s.t.  $|g'(x)| \leq K$ ,  $\forall x \in [p-\delta, p+\delta]$

Next show  $g([p-\delta, p+\delta]) \subset [p-\delta, p+\delta]$ :  $\forall x \in [p-\delta, p+\delta]$

$$|g(x) - p| = |g(x) - g(p)| = |g'(c)| |x - p| \leq K |x - p| < \delta$$

$\therefore g(x) \in [p-\delta, p+\delta]$ ,  $\forall x \in [p-\delta, p+\delta]$

By the theorem for fixed-point iteration, we have

$p_n \rightarrow p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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

②  $g'(x)$  is continuous on  $(a, b)$  and  $|g'(x)| \leq K < 1$ ,  $\forall x \in (a, b)$

③  $g'(p) \neq 0$ ,  $p$  is the fixed point

then  $\{p_n\}$  generated by the fixed-point iteration

converges only linearly to the fixed point.

key idea:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|g(p_n) - g(p)|}{|p_n - p|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |g'(c_n)| = |g'(p)| < 1$   
 <sup>$g'$  is continuous</sup>

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 $\downarrow$   
 mean value theorem.

**Thm** ①  $P = g(P)$ ,  $g'(P) = 0$

②  $g''$  is continuous and  $|g''(x)| < M$  on an open interval  $I$ ,  $P \in I$ ,  
 then  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall P_0 \in [P-\delta, P+\delta]$ , the sequence defined by  
 $P_n = g(P_{n-1}) \forall n \geq 1$ , converges to  $P$  **at least quadratically**

key idea: Since  $g''$  is continuous on  $I$  and  $g'(P) = 0$ ,

$\forall 0 < K < 1$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t.  $[P-\delta, P+\delta] \subset I$  and  $|g'(x)| \leq K$ ,  $\forall x \in [P-\delta, P+\delta]$   
 and  $\forall P_0 \in [P-\delta, P+\delta]$ ,  $P_n = g(P_{n-1}) \rightarrow P$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (by thm \*)

$$g(x) = g(P) + g'(P)(x-P) + \frac{g''(\xi)}{2}(x-P)^2$$

$$= P + \frac{1}{2}g''(\xi)(x-P)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{n+1} = P + \frac{1}{2}g''(\xi_n)(P_n - P)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|P_{n+1} - P|}{|P_n - P|^2} = \frac{1}{2}|g''(P)| \text{ at least quadratically.}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}M$$

Summary:

① bisection { simple, always convergent, a good initial data  
 producer for more faster methods, **slow**

② fixed-point iteration: { faster than bisection with suitable  
 choice of  $g$ . Usually linearly convergent.  
 not easy to construct  $g$ .

③ Newton's method (can be viewed as a special fixed-point iteration with  $g'(P) = 0$ ).

**drawbacks** 1) require  $g$  to be differentiable, and  $g'(P) \neq 0$

2) require  $g''$  to be continuous to get quadratic convergence rate

3) Sensitive to initial guess

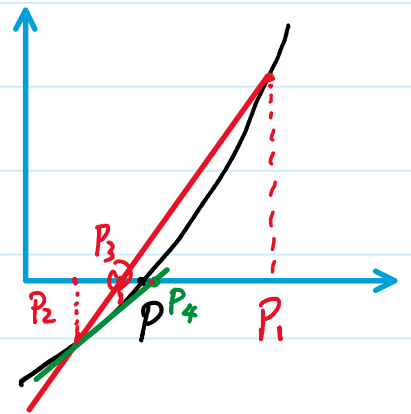
**advantage** quadratically convergent, a uniform formula.

RK: ① what if  $f$  is not differentiable or difficult to compute  $f'(x)$

(割线法)  
Secant method: replace:  $f'(p_{n-1}) \approx \frac{f(p_{n-1}) - f(p_{n-2})}{p_{n-1} - p_{n-2}}$ , i.e.

$$p_n = p_{n-1} - \frac{p_{n-1} - p_{n-2}}{f(p_{n-1}) - f(p_{n-2})} f(p_{n-1})$$

red line: go through  
 $(p_1, f(p_1)), (p_2, f(p_2))$  i.e. secant line  
 $p_3$  is the secant line intersect with  
x-axis.



② sensitive to initial guess (close enough to the root)  
use bisection method to get a good initial.

③ Q: what if  $f'(p) = 0$ ? (HW 2.4 10)

HW 2 : 2.3 1, 2, 3a, 4a, 31, 32  
2.4 8, 9, 10, 12

using Newton's method, see what will happen:

①  $f(x) = 1 - x^2$ ,  $p_0 = 0$     ②  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 2$ ,  $p_0 = 0$

③  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$ ,  $p_0 = 1$     ④  $f(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$ ,  $p_0 = 1$