

Week 1, Thursday

△ Root-finding problem:

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

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

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

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)

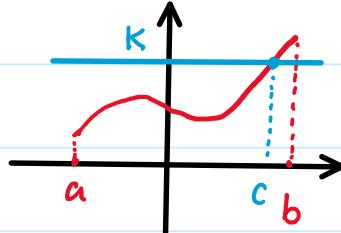
Theorem (intermediate value theorem) 中间值定理

$\forall f \in C[a, b]$, $\forall k \in f[a, b]$, $\exists c \in [a, b]$ 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

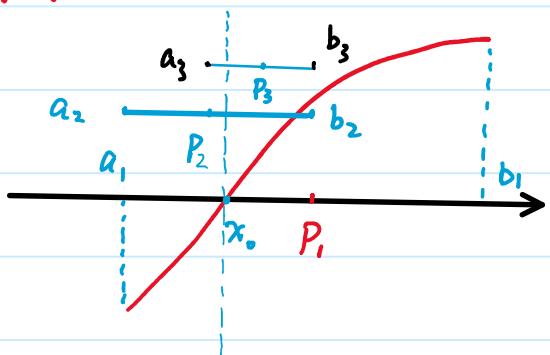
1. find a_1, b_1 st. $f(a_1)f(b_1) < 0$

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 $[1, 2]$

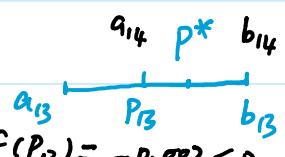
$$f(1) = -5, f(2) = 14 \quad \therefore \exists x_0 \in [1, 2] \text{ s.t. } f(x_0) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad a_1 = 1, b_1 = 2, p_1 = 1.5 \quad f(p_1) = 2.375 > 0$$

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

$$\textcircled{3} \quad a_3 = 1.25, b_3 = 1.5, p_3 = 1.375 \quad f(p_3) \dots$$

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$$\textcircled{13} \quad a_{13} = 1.364990, b_{13} = 1.365234, p_{13} = 1.365112, f(p_{13}) = -0.0002 < 0.$$


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

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

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

Correct $p^* = 1.365230$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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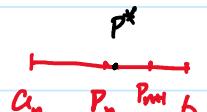
$$\frac{2-1}{2^N} \leq 10^{-3} \Rightarrow 2^N \geq 10^3 \quad \text{i.e. } N \geq 3 \log_2 10 \approx 9.96.$$

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)

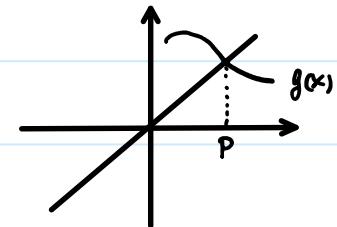
△ fixed-point iteration:

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 $-1, 2$.



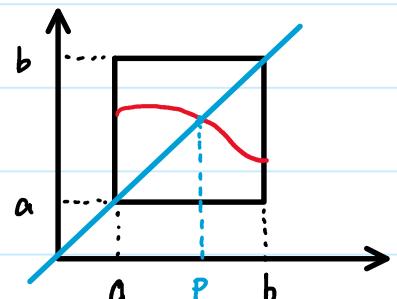
Thm

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 $g(\infty) \rightarrow g(0)=1, g(1)=\frac{1}{3} \therefore g([0, 1]) \subset [0, 1]$

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

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

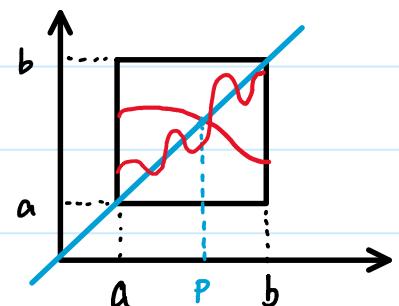
RK2: ensure uniqueness, require $g(x)$ does not vary too rapidly

Then (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. $p=g(p), q=g(q)$

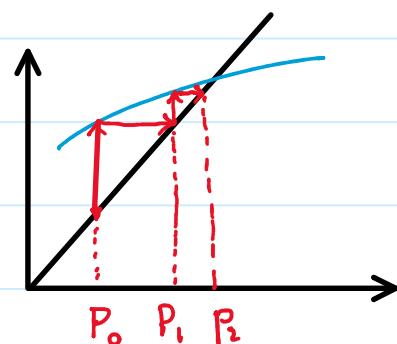
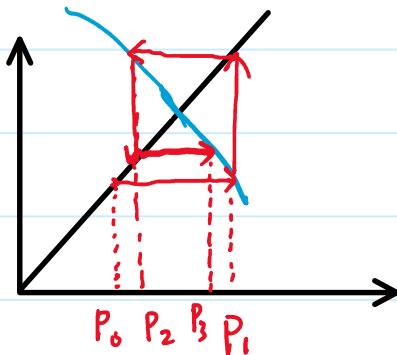
by mean value theorem: $\exists z \in (p, q)$ s.t. $g'(z) = \frac{g(p)-g(q)}{p-q} = 1$

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

△ 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:

Input: P_0, ε, N .

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Output: fixed point P

1. $i=1$ while $i \leq N$, 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

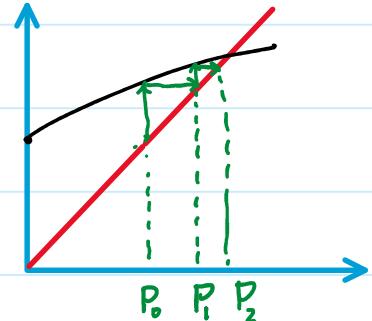
$g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$, corresponding fixed-point iteration

$P_n = \sqrt{P_{n-1} + 1}$, if we take $P_0 = 1$,

$P_1 = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$, $P_2 = \sqrt{1+\sqrt{2}}$, ...

after 15 iterations $|P_{15} - P^*| \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-8}$

$$|g'(P_{15})| = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{P_{15}+1}} \approx 0.30902$$

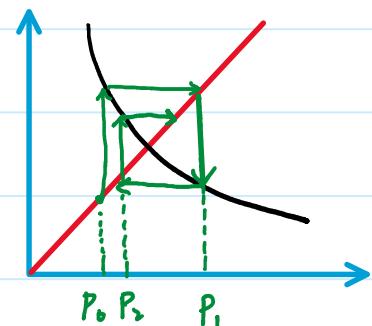


② as $x^2 = x+1$, $x = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$, set $g(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$.

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

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

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

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

(ii) $|p_n - p| \leq k^n \max\{p_0 - a, b - p_0\}$ or

$$|p_n - p| \leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} |p_1 - p_0|, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |p_n - p| &= |g(p_{n-1}) - g(p)| = |g'(p_{n-1})| |p_{n-1} - p| \leq k |p_{n-1} - p| \\ &\leq \cdots k^n |p_0 - p| \leq k^n \max\{p_0 - a, b - p_0\} \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty, k^n \rightarrow 0 \quad \therefore p_n \rightarrow p$.

(ii) easy to show:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$g_3(1) = 1.5, \quad g_3(2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \quad g([1, 2]) \notin [1, 2]$$

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

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

$$P_{30} = 1.365230013$$

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

$$g'_4(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{10}{4(4-x)^3}} \Rightarrow 0.1 < |g'_4(x)| < 0.15 \quad \forall x \in [1, 2] \\ |g'_4(x)| < |g'_3(x)|$$

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

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

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

$$P_0 = 1.5, \quad P_4 = 1.365230013, \quad \text{super fast!}$$

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 \nearrow no need to perform the calculations.

\hookrightarrow only two steps