

## Lecture 22

last time we did fixed pt iteration

Let  $g: I \rightarrow I$  be cts. (here  $I = [a, b]$ )

Then  $g$  has a fixed pt  $\xi$   
i.e.  $g(\xi) = \xi$ .

Algorithm

$x_0 \in I$  any.  
for  $n \geq 1$   $x_n = g(x_{n-1})$

For convergence we also assume that  
there is non-negative  $K < 1$  such that

$$|g'(x)| \leq K \quad \forall x \in I$$

with this condition the function  $g$  has  
a unique fixed pt  $\xi \in I$  and the  
fixed pt iteration

$x_n = g(x_{n-1})$  converges to  $\xi$ .

Fixed pt iteration converges linearly

$$e_n = \xi - x_n \quad \text{error at the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ step}$$

$$e_n \approx g'(\xi) e_{n-1}$$

assuming  $g'(\xi) \neq 0$ , fixed pt iteration converges linearly. so it is kind of slow.

Aitken's  $\Delta$ -process

$$\hat{x}_n = x_{n+1} - \frac{(\Delta x_n)^2}{\Delta^2 x_{n-1}}$$

$$\text{here } \Delta x_n = x_{n+1} - x_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 x_{n-1} &= \Delta x_n - \Delta x_{n-1} \\ &= x_{n+1} - 2x_n + x_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{x}_n$  is closer to  $\xi$  than  $x_n$  or  $x_{n+1}$ .

## Convergence of Newton and Secant method

Suppose  $f(x)$  is continuously <sup>twice</sup> differentiable  
and  $f(\xi) = 0$ ,  $f'(\xi) \neq 0$

Iteration function of Newton's Method

$$g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{(f'(x))^2}$$

$$g'(\xi) = 0$$

note  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t. on  $|x - \xi| \leq \varepsilon$

$$|g'(x)| \leq K < 1$$

$$I = [\xi - \varepsilon, \xi + \varepsilon]$$

$$|x - \xi| \leq \varepsilon$$

$$|g(x) - \xi| = |f(x) - g(\xi)| = |g'(\xi)| |x - \xi| \leq K |x - \xi| \leq \varepsilon$$

$$\text{So } g(x) \in I$$

Thus  $g: I \rightarrow I$  ;  $I = [\xi - \varepsilon, \xi + \varepsilon]$

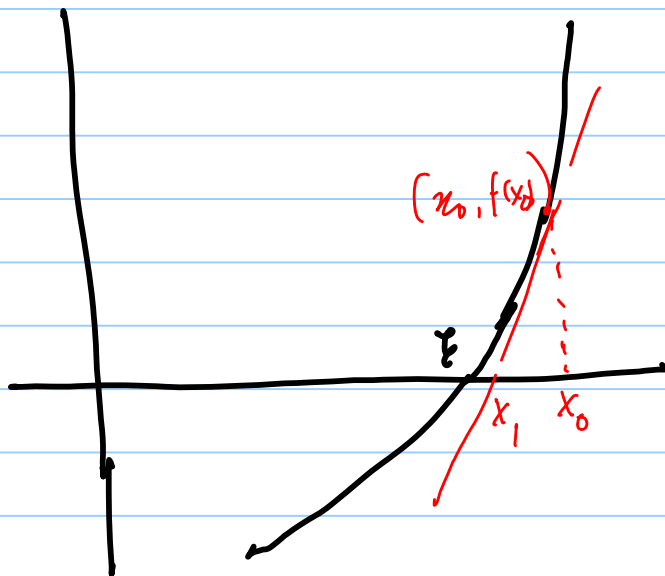
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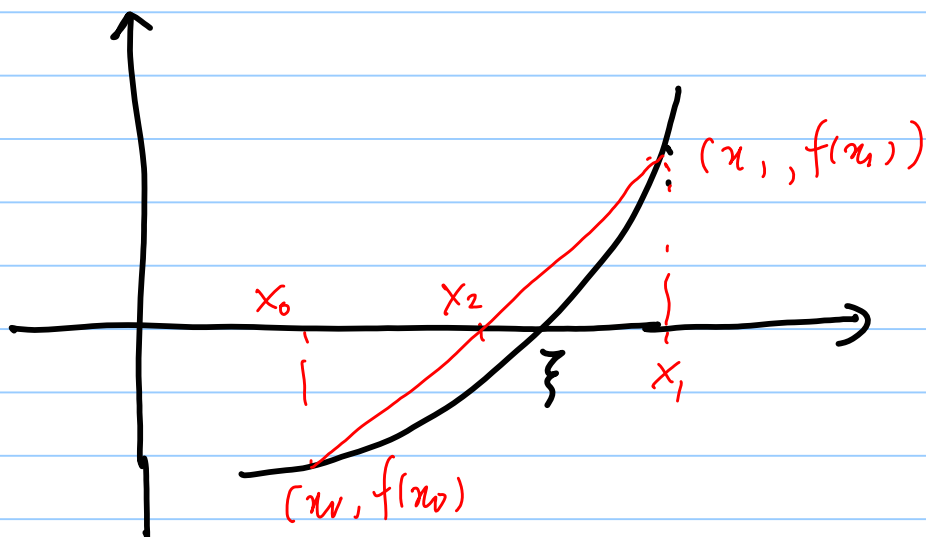
So fixed pt iteration converges

Thus Newtons method converges for  
pts suff close to the root.

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Error in Newton's Method & Secant  
Method





Both methods interpolates  $f(x)$  at two pts  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  by a st-line

$$p(x) = f(\alpha) + f'[\alpha, \beta](x - \alpha)$$

whose zero  $\hat{\xi} = \alpha - \frac{f(\alpha)}{f'[\alpha, \beta]}$

is taken as the next approximation to the actual zero of  $f(x)$

In Secant method we take  $\alpha = x_n, \beta = x_{n-1}$  and then produce

$$\hat{\xi} = x_{n+1}$$

In Newton's Method we take

$$\alpha = \beta = x_n$$

$$\text{and so } \hat{\xi} = x_{n+1}$$

We know that

$$f(x) = f(\alpha) + f[\alpha, \beta](x - \alpha) + f[\alpha, \beta, x](x - \alpha)(x - \beta)$$

This holds for all  $x$

$$\text{So for } x = \xi \quad f(\xi) = 0$$

Thus

$$0 = f(\xi) = f(\alpha) + f[\alpha, \beta](\xi - \alpha) + f[\alpha, \beta, \xi](\xi - \alpha)(\xi - \beta)$$

So

$$f[\alpha, \beta](\xi - \alpha) = -f(\alpha) - f[\alpha, \beta, \xi](\xi - \alpha)(\xi - \beta)$$

Solving for  $\xi$  we obtain

$$\xi = \alpha - \frac{f(\alpha)}{f[\alpha, \beta]} - \frac{f[\alpha, \beta, \xi](\xi - \alpha)(\xi - \beta)}{f[\alpha, \beta]}$$

But  $\hat{\xi} = \alpha - \frac{f(\alpha)}{f[\alpha, \beta]}$

Thus

$$(*) \quad \xi = \hat{\xi} - \frac{f[\alpha, \beta, \xi]}{f[\alpha, \beta]} (\xi - \alpha)(\xi - \beta)$$

This eqn can now be used to obtain error bounds for Newton and Secant methods

for Newton's Method

$$\alpha = \beta = x_n$$

$$\hat{\xi} = x_{n+1}$$

$$e_j = \xi - x_j$$

We obtain from \*

$$e_{n+1} = - \frac{f[x_n, x_n, \xi]}{f[x_n, x_n]} e_n^2$$

Recall  $f[x_n, x_n] = f'(x_n)$

and  $f[x_n, x_n, \xi] = \frac{1}{2} f''(\eta_n)$  for  
some  $\eta_n$  between  $x_n$  and  $\xi$ .

then

$$e_{n+1} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(\eta_n)}{f'(x_n)} e_n^2$$

This shows that Newton's method converges quadratically.

### Error bound for secant method

Set  $\alpha = x_n$      $\beta = x_{n-1}$      $\hat{\xi} = x_{n+1}$  in (\*)

we obtain

$$e_{n+1} = -\frac{f[x_{n-1}, x_n, \xi]}{f[x_{n-1}, x_n]} e_n e_{n-1}$$

error in  $(n+1)$ -stage is proportional to  
product of errors in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  and  $(n-1)^{\text{st}}$  stage



$$f[x_{n-1}, x_n, \xi] = \frac{1}{2} f''(\delta_n)$$

$$f[x_{n-1}, x_n] = f'(\eta_n)$$

for some  $\eta_n, \delta_n$  between  $x_n, x_{n-1}$

So for  $n$ -large we get

$$e_{n+1} \approx -\frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(\xi)}{f'(\xi)} e_n e_{n-1}$$


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Def<sup>n</sup> (order of convergence). Let  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a sequence which converges to a

number  $\xi$  and set  $e_n = \xi - x_n$ . If there exists a number  $p$  and a constant  $C \neq 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|^p} = C$$

then  $p$  is called order of convergence and  $C$  is called the asymptotic error constant.

## Examples

① For fixed pt iteration in general

$$e_{n+1} \approx e_n g'(\xi) \quad \text{and } g'(\xi) \neq 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|} = |g'(\xi)|$$

So order of convergence is 1 and the asymptotic error constant is  $|g'(\xi)|$ .

② For Newton's Method

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|f''(\xi)|}{|f'(\xi)|}$$

provided  $f'(\xi) \neq 0$ .

So order of convergence is 2 and the asymptotic error constant is

$$\frac{|f''(\xi)|}{2|f'(\xi)|}$$

### ③ Secant method

We get- from our previous calculation

$$(*) \quad |e_{n+1}| = C_n |e_n| |e_{n-1}|$$

$$\text{with } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n = C_\infty = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|f''(\xi)|}{|f'(\xi)|}$$

(we are assuming  $f'(\xi) \neq 0$ )

We seek a number  $p$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|^p} = C$$

for some non-zero constant  $C$ .

From (\*)

$$(**) \quad \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|^p} = C_n |e_n|^{1-p} |e_{n-1}| = C_n \left( \frac{|e_n|}{|e_{n-1}|^p} \right)^{\alpha}$$

provided  $\alpha = 1-p$  and so  $\alpha p = -1$

i.e., provided  
 $p - p^2 = -1$

The equation  $p^2 - p - 1$  has the simple positive root  $p = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} = 1.618\dots$

With this choice of  $p$  and of  $\alpha = 1 - p$  ( $**$ ) defines a "fixed-point like iteration"

$$y_{n+1} = c_n y_n^{-\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{|c_{n+1}|}{|c_n|^p} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = c_\infty.$$

It follows that  $y_n$  converges to the fixed pt of the equation

$$x = c_\infty x^{-\frac{1}{p}}$$

whose sol<sup>n</sup> is  $c_\infty^{\frac{1}{p}}$  since  $1 + \frac{1}{p} = p$

$$\text{Thus} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|c_{n+1}|}{|c_n|^p} = \left| \frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(\xi)}{f'(\xi)} \right|^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Thus

Order of convergence of secant method

$$= p = \text{positive root of } p^2 - p - 1$$

$$= 1.618 \dots$$

asymptotic error constant is

$$\left| \frac{f''(\xi)}{2f'(\xi)} \right|^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

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Recall that Newton's method will converge if the initial approximation  $x_0$  is "close enough" to the root  $\xi$ .

The phrase "close enough" is vague and many times Newton's iteration will not converge or it will converge to a another zero than the one being sought.

It would be desirable to establish conditions which guarantee convergence (of Newton's method) for any choice of the initial iterate in a given interval

One such set of conditions is contained in the following theorem

Theorem:- Let  $f(x)$  be twice continuously diff on the interval  $[a, b]$  and let the following conditions be satisfied

(i)  $f(a)f(b) < 0$

(ii)  $f'(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$

(iii)  $f''(x)$  is either  $\geq 0$  or  $\leq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$

(iv) At the endpoints  $a, b$

$$\frac{|f(a)|}{|f'(a)|} \leq b-a, \quad \frac{|f(b)|}{|f'(b)|} \leq b-a$$

Then the Newton's method converges to the unique solution  $\xi$  of  $f(x) = 0$  in  $[a, b]$  for any choice  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ .

## Comments on these conditions

Condition (i) and (ii) guarantee that there is one and only one solution in  $[a, b]$

Condition (iii) states that the graph of  $f(x)$  is either concave from above or concave from below. Furthermore together with (i) implies that  $f'(x)$  is monotone.

Condition (iv) states that tangent to the curve at either end pt intersects the  $x$ -axis within the interval  $[a, b]$ .

## Sketch of proof of theorem

We assume without loss of generality  $f(a) < 0$

We then distinguish two cases

Case (i)  $f''(x) \geq 0$

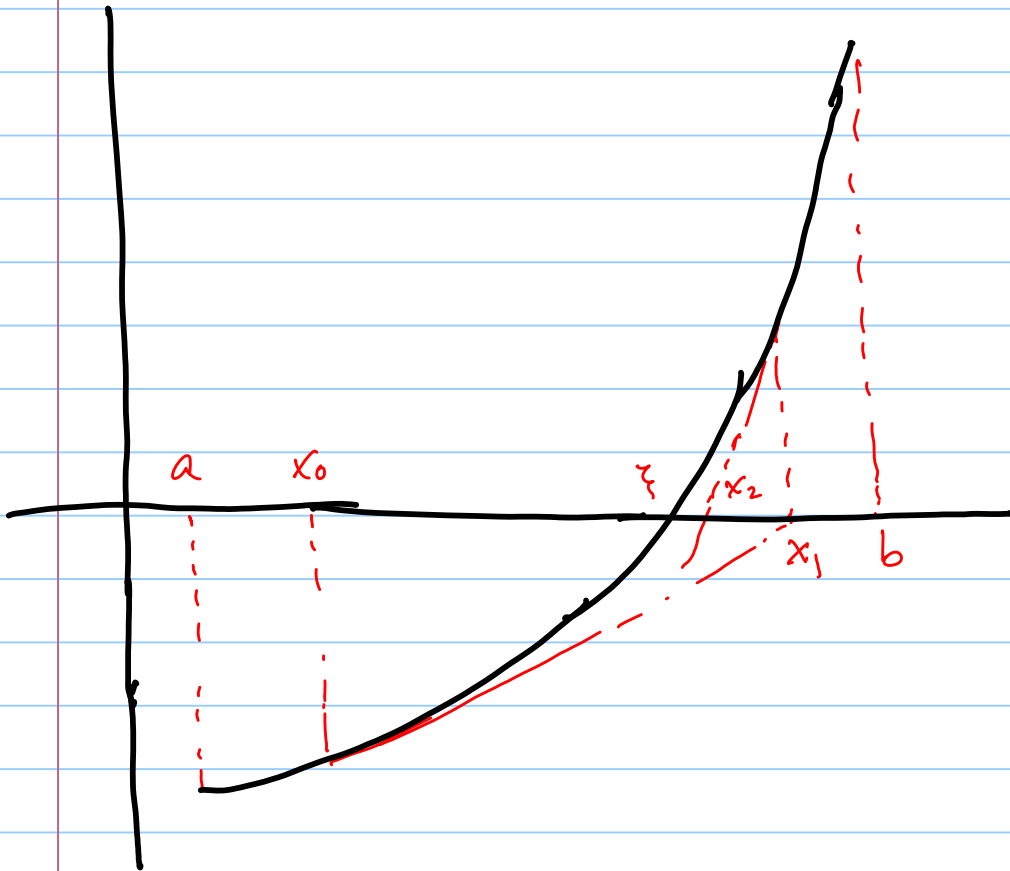
Case (ii)  $f''(x) \leq 0$

Case (ii) reduces to case (i) if we replace

$f$  by  $-f$ .

It therefore suffices to consider case (i).

The graph of  $f(x)$  has the appearance given in the following figure



From the graph it is evident that for  $x_0 > \xi$  the resulting iterates decrease monotonely to  $\xi$  while for  $a \leq x_0 < \xi$



$x_1$  falls between  $\xi$  and  $b$ . Then the subsequent iterates converge monotonically to  $\xi$ .

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Recall that when we said that Newton's method converges quadratically we assume  $f'(\xi) \neq 0$ . (i.e.  $\xi$  is a simple root of  $f(x)$ ).

What happens if  $f$  is a double root?

i.e.  $f(\xi) = 0 = f'(\xi)$ ,  $f''(\xi) \neq 0$ .

Let  $g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$  be

the iteration function of Newton's method

Then

$$g'(x) = \frac{f(x) f''(x)}{f'(x)^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \xi} g'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \xi} \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)^2} \lim_{x \rightarrow \xi} f''(x)$$

$$= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \xi} \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)^2} \right) \cdot f''(\xi)$$

$$= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \xi} \frac{\cancel{f'(x)}}{2 \cancel{f'(x)} f''(x)} \right) \cdot f''(\xi)$$

(by L'Hopital's rule)

$$= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \xi} \frac{1}{2 f''(x)} \right) \cdot f''(\xi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 f''(\xi)} \cdot f''(\xi)$$

$$g'(\xi) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus the convergence is linear

