

# Computational Astrophysics HW3

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## I. EXERCISE 2

(1) The equation of **vector norm** ( $L_p$ -norms):

$$||x||_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (1)$$

After calculation, we can get [first and second norms 3.3 and 2.7 respectively](#) for **infinite norm**, applying:

$$||x||_{\infty} = \max |x_i|, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n \quad (2)$$

and get the answer: [2.6](#).

(2) For the matrix  $A$ , applying the **matrix norm** formula:

$$||A|| = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{||Ax||}{||x||} \quad (3)$$

$$||A||_1 = \max_j \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}| \quad (4)$$

$$||A||_{\infty} = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| \quad (5)$$

we can get the [L1-norm \(maximum absolute column sum\):78](#), and the  $L_{\infty}$ -norm ([maximum absolute row sum](#)):83

## II. EXERCISE 3

To evaluate the real root(s) of:

$$x^3 + 1.5x^2 - 5.75x + 4.37 = 0 \quad (6)$$

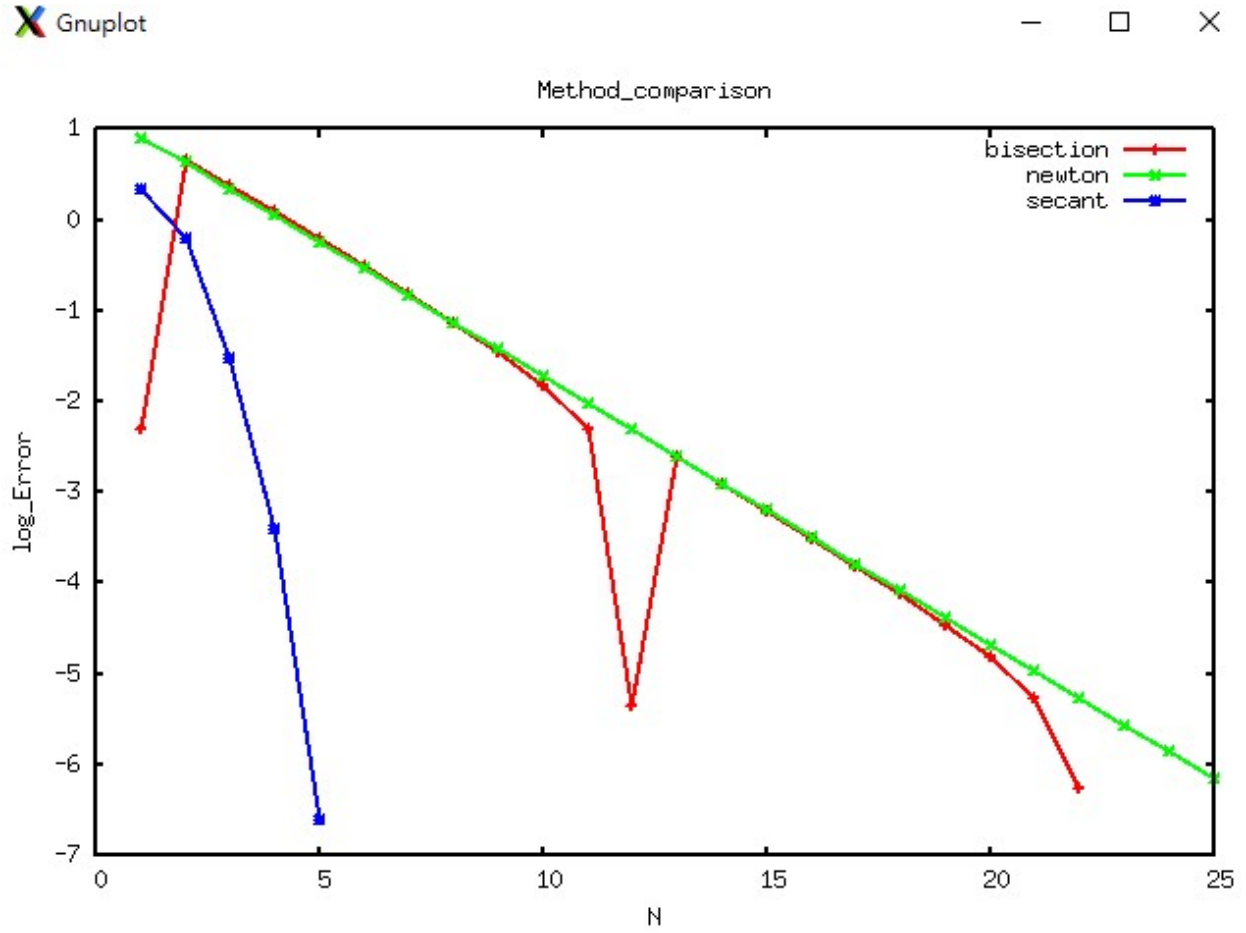


FIG. 1. Exercise3 Method comparison

using (a) [bisection method](#) with initial guess from  $-4.0$  to  $-3.0$ ; (b) [Newton-Raphson's method](#) with initial point  $x = -3.0$  and (c) [secant method](#) with initial guess from  $-4.0$  to  $-3.0$ , and FIG. 1. is the comparison result.

By the way, for [Newton-Raphson's method](#), if our initial guess is  $x = -3.5$ , the iteration value  $N$  still need to approach  $N = 14$ , it seems that (c) [secant method](#) is the best way here.

### III. EXERCISE 4

(1)(2)(3) The analytical calculations wrote on FIG. 2. :

$$(1) \quad Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 4 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = b$$

$$\text{step 1} \rightarrow M_1 Ax = M_1 b, \text{ where } M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 4 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_1 b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -10 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{reduced to : } Ux = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -10 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 5 \\ x_3 = -3 \end{cases} \#.$$

$$(2) \quad L = M_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3) \quad LU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 4 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = A \quad \#$$

FIG. 2. Exercise4 Gaussian elimination

#### IV. EXERCISE 5

(1) To find the optimal  $h$  which minimize the total error (64-bit):

$$\epsilon_{tot} = \epsilon_{tr} + \epsilon_{ro} \approx \frac{f^{(2)}}{2} h + \frac{\epsilon_m}{h} \quad (7)$$

Since  $f^{(2)} \approx 1$ , so after differentiation we find that **when**  $h \approx 4.47 \times 10^{-8}$

(2) To find the optimal  $h$  which minimize the total error of (64-bit) of **the central-difference algorithm**:

$$\epsilon_{tot} = \epsilon_{tr} + \epsilon_{ro} \approx \frac{f^{(3)}}{24} h^2 + \frac{\epsilon_m}{h} \quad (8)$$

Since  $f^{(3)} \approx 1$ , so after differentiation we find that **when**  $h \approx 2.29 \times 10^{-5}$

(3) Put the optimal  $h$  back, we can get the minimal total error for both method,  $4.47 \times 10^{-8}$  and  $6.55 \times 10^{-11}$  for method 1 and method 2 respectively, [so method 2 is better behaved](#), also the step size  $h$  is smaller for method 2.

## V. EXERCISE 6

(1) I choose python to do the work and the step size  $h = 0.1$  for this question, and the **git gub link is here** with the result FIG. 10 and FIG. 11, however [I have not come up with the answer when  \$x = 100\$](#)

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