

# Math 311

## Numerical Methods

2.4: Error Analysis for Iterative Methods  
Solutions of Equations of One Variable

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# 1 Introduction

- Suppose we have a sequence of real numbers  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  that converge to a number  $p$ .
- In other words,  $p_n \rightarrow p$ .
- We want to talk about how **fast** the values are converging to  $p$  as  $n$  increases.
- Allowing us to talk about this enables us to make improvements and progress!
- We can then develop new methods and compare them to the older methods.
- We will be discussing the limit in the box below. Note that the top and bottom are how close the iterations are to  $p$ . Note also the bottom has a power of a positive  $\alpha$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^\alpha}, = ? \quad (1)$$

- The answer to this limit will tell us the speed of a sequence.
- What values are possible? (Discuss!)
  - $\infty$  (bad news).
  - $0$  (good news)
  - somewhere in between  $0 < \lambda < \infty$  (finite and positive) (best news)

## Convergence a sequence of order $\alpha$ .

**Definition.** Suppose  $\{\mathbf{p}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a sequence that converges to  $\mathbf{p}$ .

If constants  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$  exist with

$$0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\alpha}, = \lambda < \infty, \quad \text{then} \quad (2)$$

$\{\mathbf{p}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order  $\alpha$ , with asymptotic error constant  $\lambda$ .

## Convergence examples

**Definition.** Further vocabulary on speeds of convergence include:

- If  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\lambda > 0$  then the sequence is said to converge linearly to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- If  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\lambda > 0$  then the sequence is said to converge quadratically to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- If  $\alpha = 3$  and  $\lambda > 0$  then the sequence is said to converge cubically to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- Similar language is used for larger values of  $\alpha$

**Corollary.** If  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , the sequence converges sub-linearly to  $\mathbf{p}$ .

## Super-convergence of a sequence of order $\alpha$ .

**Definition.** Suppose  $\{\mathbf{p}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a sequence that converges to  $\mathbf{p}$ .

If a positive constant  $\alpha > 0$  exists with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\alpha} = 0, \quad \text{then} \quad (3)$$

- $\{\mathbf{p}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is said to converge to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order **super- $\alpha$** .
- (or, equivalently  **$\mathbf{p}_n$  converges super- $\alpha$ -ly to  $\mathbf{p}$** ).
- (Note, the asymptotic error constant here **MUST** be  $\lambda = 0$ ).

## Super-convergence examples

**Definition.** Further vocabulary on speeds of convergence include:

- If  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\lambda = 0$  then  $\mathbf{p}_n$  is said to **superlinearly** converge to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- If  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\lambda = 0$  then  $\mathbf{p}_n$  is said to **super-quadratically** converge to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- If  $\alpha = 3$  and  $\lambda = 0$  then  $\mathbf{p}_n$  is said to **super-cubically** converge to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- If  $\alpha = 4$  and  $\lambda = 0$  then  $\mathbf{p}_n$  is said to **super-quartically** converge to  $\mathbf{p}$ , etc.

## Super- $\alpha$ -convergence implies existence of convergence of order $\beta$

**Theorem.** Suppose  $\{\mathbf{p}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges super- $\alpha$ -ly to  $\mathbf{p}$ . It follows that:

- There exists  $\beta > \alpha$  such that the asymptotic error constant,  $\lambda_{\beta}$ , is finite and positive. ( $0 < \lambda_{\beta} < \infty$ )
- In other words, there exists a constant  $\beta$  larger than  $\alpha$  such that  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order  $\beta$

### Example.

- The Secant method is known for its superlinear (super-1-ly) convergence.
- This implies that it converges at a rate greater than 1.
- In fact, that rate is  $\beta = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618$ .
- This means that once it gets close enough, it will improve upon the last iteration by increasing the number of digits correct by 61.8%.

## Convergence of order $\alpha$ implies divergence for all $\beta > \alpha$

**Theorem.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order  $\alpha$  with  $\lambda > 0$ .

For every  $\beta > \alpha$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_n$  does not converge to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order  $\beta$ .  $\left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\beta} = \infty \right)$

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Suppose  $\beta = \alpha + \epsilon$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\beta} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^{\alpha+\epsilon}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\epsilon} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\alpha} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\epsilon} \right) \\ &= \lambda \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\epsilon} \right) = \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it follows that  $\{\mathbf{p}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  does not converge to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order  $\beta > \alpha$ . □

## Convergence of order $\alpha$ implies superconvergence for all $\beta < \alpha$

**Theorem.** Suppose  $\{\mathbf{p}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order  $\alpha$ . It follows that:

For every  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order super- $\beta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Suppose  $\beta = \alpha - \epsilon$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\beta} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^{\alpha-\epsilon}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\alpha} (|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\epsilon) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\alpha} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\epsilon) \\ &= \lambda \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\epsilon) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it follows that  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order super- $\beta$ , where  $\beta = \alpha - \epsilon$ . □

- So, in summary, for every sequence that converges of order  $\alpha$ , we have one of the following three options:
  - For  $\alpha$ , the sequence  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  of order  $\alpha$ .
  - For all values less than  $\alpha$ , the seqence converges super- $\alpha$ -ly to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
  - For all values greater than  $\alpha$ , the seqence does not converges to  $\mathbf{p}$ .

## 1.1 Example 1

1. Let  $\mathbf{p}_n = \frac{1}{n^k}$  for some fixed  $k > 0$ . This sequence converges to  $p = 0$ . By the definition in (2),

$$\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\alpha} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^k}}{\left[\frac{1}{n^k}\right]^\alpha} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{n^\alpha}{n+1} \right]^k = \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\alpha-1}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right]^k = \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\alpha-1} \right]^k$$

It follows that

- If  $\alpha < 1$  then  $\lambda = 0$ , which implies super- $\alpha$  convergence.
- If  $\alpha = 1$  then  $\lambda = 1$ , which implies the sequence converges linearly.
- If  $\alpha > 1$  then  $\lambda = \infty$ , which implies it does not converge at any rate greater than linear.

## 1.2 Example 2

2. Let  $\mathbf{p}_n = 10^{-2^n}$ . This also converges to 0 and the asymptotic error constant is

$$\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^\alpha} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10^{-2^{n+1}}}{10^{-\alpha \cdot 2^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 10^{-2 \cdot 2^n} \cdot 10^{\alpha \cdot 2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 10^{(\alpha-2) \cdot 2^n}$$

- If  $\alpha < 2$ , then  $\lambda = 0$ . This means that  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges super-linearly to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- If  $\alpha = 2$ , then  $\lambda = 1$ . This means that  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges quadratically to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- If  $\alpha > 2$ , then  $\lambda = \infty$  and  $\mathbf{p}_n$  does not converge at a rate larger than  $\alpha = 2$ .

Using this as a typical quadratic sequence, you can see how fast a quadratically convergent sequence moves. The terms of the sequence are:

$n$	$\mathbf{p}_n$
1	$10^{-2}$
2	$10^{-4}$
3	$10^{-8}$
4	$10^{-16}$
5	$10^{-32}$
6	$10^{-64}$

It doubles the number of correct digits with each iteration! Note that after 6 iterations, it is already really small!

## 2 Fixed Point Iteration (Section 2.2)

How good is fixed point iteration? Let's analyze the fixed point algorithm,

$$p_{n+1} = g(p_n)$$

with fixed point  $p$ . The key to the speed of convergence is derivatives of  $g(p)$ .

### Convergence of Fixed Point Iteration:

**Theorem.** Let  $g \in C[a, b]$  and  $g' \in C(a, b)$ . Furthermore,

assume there exists  $k < 1$  such that  $|g'(x)| \leq k$  for all  $x$  in  $(a, b)$ .

- If  $g'(p) \neq 0$ , the sequence converges linearly to the fixed point  $p$ .
- If  $g'(p) = 0$ , the sequence converges at least quadratically to the fixed point  $p$ .

*Proof.* • First, we will show that  $p_n \rightarrow p$ . Start with the statement

$$p_n = g(p_{n-1})$$

- Subtract  $p$  from both sides and take the absolute value:

$$|p_n - p| = |g(p_{n-1}) - p|$$

- Note that since  $g(\textcolor{red}{p}) = p$ , it follows that

$$|\textcolor{red}{p}_n - \textcolor{red}{p}| = |g(p_{n-1}) - g(\textcolor{red}{p})|$$

- Suppose that  $|g'(x)| \leq k < 1$ . By the MVT,  $\xi$  exists between  $p_{n-1}$  and  $\textcolor{red}{p}$  where

$$\underbrace{|\textcolor{red}{p}_n - \textcolor{red}{p}|}_{\text{left side}} = |g(p_{n-1}) - g(\textcolor{red}{p})| = |g'(\xi)||p_{n-1} - p| \leq \underbrace{k|p_{n-1} - p|}_{\text{right side}}$$

- Thus, the left side is less than or equal to the right side!

$$|\textcolor{red}{p}_n - \textcolor{red}{p}| \leq k|p_{n-1} - \textcolor{red}{p}|. \quad (4)$$

- Recursively plugging equation (4) into itself yields:

$$|\textcolor{red}{p}_n - \textcolor{red}{p}| \leq k|k|p_{n-2} - \textcolor{red}{p}| \leq k|k|k|p_{n-3} - \textcolor{red}{p}| \leq \dots \leq k^n|p_0 - p|.$$

- Since  $0 \leq k < 1$ , then  $k^n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Therefore,  $|\textcolor{red}{p}_n - \textcolor{red}{p}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (which is equivalent to  $\textcolor{red}{p}_n \rightarrow p$ ).
- Next, it can be shown that convergence speed will depend on the derivatives of  $g$ .
- By the Mean Value Theorem,  $\xi$  exists between  $p_{n-1}$  and  $\textcolor{red}{p}$  where

$$|\textcolor{red}{p}_{n+1} - \textcolor{red}{p}| = |g(p_n) - g(\textcolor{red}{p})| = |g'(\xi_n)||p_n - p|$$

- Since  $\mathbf{p}_n \rightarrow p$ , then  $\xi_n \rightarrow p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |g'(\xi_n)| = \left| g' \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi_n \right) \right| = |g'(\mathbf{p})|$$

- It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|} = |g'(\mathbf{p})| \quad (5)$$

- By the definition of convergence and super-convergence in (2) and (3), we see that:
  - If  $|g'(\mathbf{p})| \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  at a linear rate ( $\lambda = |g'(\mathbf{p})| > 0$ ).
  - If  $|g'(\mathbf{p})| = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  at a **super-linear** rate.
- To precisely find the order that  $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$ , expand  $g(x)$  in a Taylor's Polynomial about  $\mathbf{p}$ . It follows that by Taylor's Theorem,

$$g(x) = g(\mathbf{p}) + g'(\mathbf{p})(x - \mathbf{p}) + \frac{1}{2}g''(\xi)(x - \mathbf{p})^2, \quad (6)$$

where  $\xi$  is between  $x$  and  $\mathbf{p}$ .

- Since  $g(\mathbf{p}) = p$  and  $g'(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ , then it follows that (6) simplifies as

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= g(\mathbf{p}) + \cancel{g'(\mathbf{p})}(x - \mathbf{p})^0 + \frac{1}{2}g''(\xi)(x - \mathbf{p})^2 \\ g(x) &= p + \frac{1}{2}g''(\xi)(x - \mathbf{p})^2 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

- Evaluate (7) at  $x = \mathbf{p}_n$ . Note when  $x = \mathbf{p}_n$ ,  $g(\mathbf{p}_n) = \mathbf{p}_{n+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{p}_n) &= p + \frac{1}{2}g''(\xi_n)(\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p})^2 \\ g(\mathbf{p}_n) - \mathbf{p} &= \frac{1}{2}g''(\xi_n)(\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p})^2 \\ \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^2} &= \frac{1}{2}|g''(\xi_n)| \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{p}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$ . Further, since  $\xi_n$  is always between  $\mathbf{p}_n$  and  $\mathbf{p}$ , then  $\xi_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}$  as well. It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^2} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |g''(\xi_n)| = \frac{1}{2} \left| g'' \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi_n \right) \right| = \frac{1}{2} |g''(\mathbf{p})|$$

- This yields a similar statement to (5).

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \mathbf{p}|}{|\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}|^2} = \frac{1}{2}|g''(\mathbf{p})|$$

- We then can conclude that

$\begin{cases} \text{If } |g''(\mathbf{p})| > 0, \text{ then } \mathbf{p}_n \text{ converges to } \mathbf{p} \text{ of order 2 (quadratically).} \\ \text{If } g''(\mathbf{p}) = 0, \text{ then } \mathbf{p}_n \text{ converges to } \mathbf{p} \text{ at a super-quadratic rate (at least quadratic).} \end{cases}$

□

## 2.1 Final Thoughts

- A side note: a key to finding faster fixed point methods is to generate a  $g$  for which  $g'(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ . This leads to a quadratic rate.
- We can continue this idea and develop faster methods by finding a function  $g(x)$  for which  $g'(\mathbf{p}) = g''(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ , but  $g'''(\mathbf{p}) \neq 0$ . This will lead to cubic convergence rate.
- There are some examples of these methods, one called “Halley’s Method” and another “Olvert’s Method”. We get a faster speed by in exchange with more complexity. There is also a series of methods called “Householder’s Methods” which can generate sequences of any desired rate.

### 3 Newton's Method

- We will develop a faster fixed point method using the tricks above.
- We want to find  $g(x)$  such that  $g'(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ , where  $\mathbf{p}$  is the fixed point.
- In the past, to solve  $f(x) = 0$ , we created  $g(x) = x - f(x)$ , or something similar.
- Let's assume that the form of  $g(x)$  is as follows and that we want to find  $\phi(x)$  which forces  $g'(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ .

$$g(x) = x - \phi(x)f(x)$$

$$g'(x) = 1 - \phi'(x)f(x) - \phi(x)f'(x)$$

(Using the product rule)

- Since  $f(\mathbf{p}) = 0$  and forcing  $g'(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ , it follows that

$$0 = g'(\mathbf{p}) = 1 - \phi'(\mathbf{p})f(\mathbf{p}) - \phi(\mathbf{p})f'(\mathbf{p}) \implies \phi(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{f'(\mathbf{p})}$$

- Therefore, the function to iterate is:

$$g(x) = x - \phi(x)f(x) = x - \left( \frac{1}{f'(\mathbf{p})} \right) f(x)$$

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

- This is VERY similar to Newton's method, except we don't know  $f'(\mathbf{p})$ .
- Since  $\mathbf{p}$  is usually unknown, then let  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_n$  and then

$$\mathbf{p}_{n+1} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{p}_n) = \mathbf{p}_n - \frac{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{p}_n)}{\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{p}_n)},$$

which IS Newton's Method.

- We can show quadratic convergence by analyzing the derivative of  $\mathbf{g}(x)$  at  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- Taking the derivative of this function  $\mathbf{g}(x)$  is

$$g'(x) = 1 - \frac{[f'(x)]^2 - f(x)f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2} = \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2} \quad (8)$$

- Since  $f(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ , then it is clear that  $g'(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ . Thus, Newton's method will converge at least quadratically!
- However, if  $f'(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{0}$  at the same time as  $g'(\mathbf{p})$ , then we might not have quadratic convergence.

### 3.1 Problems with Newton's Method

- Here's an example of the problem:

Let  $f(x) = x^2$ , so  $f'(x) = 2x$ . This has the obvious solution of 0. So  $g(x)$  is

$$g(x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2x} \implies g(x) = \frac{x}{2}$$

- Note that  $g'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$
- All this method does is repeatedly half the answer from what was there before.  
This is clearly a linearly converging sequence. (Sounds like the Bisection)
- Why did this fail to have quadratic convergence?

#### Zero of Multiplicity $m$

**Definition.** A solution  $p$  of  $f(x) = 0$  is said to be a zero of multiplicity  $m$  of  $f$  if  $f(x)$  can be written as

$$f(x) = (x - p)^m q(x), \text{ for } x \neq p, \text{ where } \lim_{x \rightarrow p} q(x) \neq 0.$$

## Zero of Multiplicity $m$ (Part 2)

### Theorem.

The function  $f \in C^m[a, b]$  has a zero of multiplicity  $m$  at  $\textcolor{red}{p}$  if and only if

$$f(\textcolor{red}{p}) = f'(\textcolor{red}{p}) = f''(\textcolor{red}{p}) = \cdots = f^{(m-1)}(\textcolor{red}{p}) = 0, \quad \text{but} \quad f^{(m)}(\textcolor{red}{p}) \neq 0.$$

### 3.2 Example

The function  $f(x) = 2 \cos x - 2 - x^2$  has a zero of multiplicity 2 at  $x = 0$ . Here is why:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2 \cos x - 2 - x^2 &\implies f(0) &= 2(1) - 2 - 0^2 &= 0 \\ f'(x) &= -2 \sin x - 2x &\implies f'(0) &= -2(0) - 2(0) &= 0 \\ f''(x) &= -2 \cos x - 2 &\implies f''(0) &= -2(1) - 2 &= -4 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- When the zero is NOT simple, then Newton's method will converge linearly.

## 4 Modified Newton's Method

- What can we do to fix this problem, if possible?

- There are two methods to fix this:

- $g(x) = x - \frac{mf(x)}{f'(x)}$ . (Problem 8 in Section 2.4, 5th Ed.)

- Apply Newton's Method to  $\mu(x) = \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$ .

- The first method requires knowledge of the multiplicity of the root. This information is not available in general.
- The second method has the advantage of not requiring knowledge of  $m$ .
- Let's focus on the second method.

- Suppose  $f(x) = (x - \mathbf{p})^m q(x)$ , where  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} q(x) \neq 0$ .
- It follows that  $f'(x) = m(x - \mathbf{p})^{m-1}q(x) + (x - \mathbf{p})^m q'(x)$
- The new function  $\mu(x)$  simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu(x) &= \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} = \frac{(x - \mathbf{p})^m q(x)}{m(x - \mathbf{p})^{m-1}q(x) + (x - \mathbf{p})^m q'(x)} \\
 &= \frac{(x - \mathbf{p})^m q(x)}{(x - \mathbf{p})^{m-1}[mq(x) + (x - \mathbf{p})q'(x)]} \quad (\text{Factor out } (x - \mathbf{p})^{m-1}) \\
 &= \frac{(x - \mathbf{p})q(x)}{mq(x) + (x - \mathbf{p})q'(x)} \quad (\text{Cancel factor of } (x - \mathbf{p})^{m-1})
 \end{aligned}$$

- What remains is a simple root of  $\mu(x)$  at  $x = p$ .
- So apply Newton's to  $\mu(x) = \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$ !
- We will now ignore the form of  $f(x)$  above, and keep it general.

- So it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= x - \frac{\mu(x)}{\mu'(x)} = x - \frac{\frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}}{\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}\right)} \\
 &= x - \frac{\frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}}{\frac{f'(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x)f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2}} \\
 &= x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} \left( \frac{[f'(x)]^2}{f'(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x)f''(x)} \right) \\
 g(x) &= x - \frac{f(x)f'(x)}{[f'(x)]^2 - [f(x)][f''(x)]} \tag{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

- It follows that the “Modified Newton’s Method” is

$$p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{f(\mathbf{p}_n)f'(\mathbf{p}_n)}{[f'(\mathbf{p}_n)]^2 - [f(\mathbf{p}_n)][f''(\mathbf{p}_n)]} \tag{10}$$

#### 4.1 Example 1 of Modified Newton’s Method

- The previous example of a slow down was applying Newton’s Method to  $f(x) = x^2$ , which lead to  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$ .

- Let's try the modified procedure on this function now.
- So  $f'(x) = 2x$  and  $f''(x) = 2$ . The Modified Newton's simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= x - \frac{f(x)f'(x)}{[f'(x)]^2 - [f(x)][f''(x)]} = x - \frac{x^2(2x)}{[2x]^2 - [x^2][2]} \\ &= x - \frac{2x^3}{4x^2 - 2x^2} = x - \frac{2x^3}{2x^2} = x - x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Woah! That is really sped up! The guess is always 0! It found the root in 1 step!
- Any function like  $f(x) = (x - c)^2$  will converge in 1 iteration to  $x = c$  using the modified Newton's Method.

## 4.2 Example 2 of Modified Newton's Method

- Apply it to a similar problem:  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2$  has a double root at  $x = 1$
- Newton's Method applied to it is  $g(x) = x - \frac{x^3 - 3x + 2}{3x^2 - 3}$ .
- With an initial guess of  $x_0 = 2$ , it takes 35 iterations to converge within  $10^{-13}$ .
- The Modified Newton's simplifies to ( $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3$  and  $f''(x) = 6x$ )

$$g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)f'(x)}{[f'(x)]^2 - [f(x)][f''(x)]} = x - \frac{(x^3 - 3x + 2)(3x^2 - 3)}{[3x^2 - 3]^2 - [x^3 - 3x + 2][6x]} = \frac{4x + 2}{x^2 + 2x + 3}$$

- With an initial guess of  $x_0 = 2$ , it takes 4 iterations to converge within  $10^{-10}$ .

## 4.3 Example with $f(x) = 2 \cos x - 2 - x^2$

- In example 2.3, we used  $f(x) = 2 \cos x - 2 - x^2$ .
- It had a zero of multiplicity 2 at  $x = 0$ .
- Starting with a guess of  $x_0 = 1$ , we applied Newton's and Modified Newton's to it.
- It takes 37 iterations to converge within  $10^{-8}$  with Newton's.
- It takes 7 iterations to converge within  $10^{-8}$  with Modified Newton's.

## 4.4 Orders of Common Methods

Method	Iteration Formula ( $\mathbf{p}_{n+1} =$ ) or Combination	Worst Order	Best Order	Global Convergence?
Bisection	Not iteration	1	1	Yes
Fixed Point	$\mathbf{p}_{n+1} = g(\mathbf{p}_n)$	$\epsilon$	—	No
Newton's	$\mathbf{p}_{n+1} = g(\mathbf{p}_n) = \mathbf{p}_n - \frac{f(\mathbf{p}_n)}{f'(\mathbf{p}_n)}$	1	2	No
Steffensen's	Fixed Pt & Aitkens	2	2	No
Modified Newton's I	$\mathbf{p}_{n+1} = g(\mathbf{p}_n) = \mathbf{p}_n - \frac{f(\mathbf{p}_n)f'(\mathbf{p}_n)}{[f'(\mathbf{p}_n)]^2 - f(\mathbf{p}_n)f''(\mathbf{p}_n)}$	2	2	No
Modified Newton's II	$g(\mathbf{p}_n) = \mathbf{p}_n - m \frac{f(\mathbf{p}_n)}{f'(\mathbf{p}_n)}$	2	2	No
Secant	$\mathbf{p}_{n+1} = g(\mathbf{p}_n) = p_n - \frac{f(\mathbf{p}_n)(\mathbf{p}_n - p_{n-1})}{f(\mathbf{p}_n) - f(p_{n-1})}$	—	1.618	No
False Position	hybrid	1	1.618	Yes
Illinois	hybrid	—	1.442	Yes
Halley's Method	$\mathbf{p}_{n+1} = g(\mathbf{p}_n) = \mathbf{p}_n - \frac{f(\mathbf{p}_n)f'(\mathbf{p}_n)}{[f'(\mathbf{p}_n)]^2 - \frac{1}{2}f(\mathbf{p}_n)f''(\mathbf{p}_n)}$	—	3	No

## 4.5 Other Methods we didn't cover

Method	Iteration Formula ( $p_{n+1}$ ) or Combination	Worst Order	Best Order	Global Convergence?
Brent's	hybrid	1.618	1.839	Yes
IQI	Inverse Quadratic Interpolation		1.839	No
ITP Method	Interpolate, Truncate, and Project	1	> 1	Yes
Mueller's Method	secant & IQI		1.839	?
Laguerre's Method	general poly root solver	1	3	Almost
Jenkins-Traub Method	complete polynomial root solver	1	2.618	Yes
Ridder's Method	false position variant	1.414	2	Yes
Durand-Kerner Method	simultaneously all roots of polynomial	1	2	Yes
Aberth Method	simultaneously all roots of polynomial	1	3	Yes