

**Problem 1):** Use the Bisection method to find the approximations  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_5$  for the root of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} - \cos(x) = 0$  on  $[0, 1]$ .

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**Problem 2):** Use the Bisection method to find solutions accurate to within  $10^{-2}$  for the root of  $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 6 = 0$  on  $[1, 3.2]$ .

**solution):** By trail and error method we can guess  $x = 3$  is a root of  $f$ , Hence we can factorize  $f(x)$  as:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 6 = (x - 3)(x^2 - 4x + 2)$$

And the root 3 lies in the interval  $[1, 3.2]$ .

Let,  $a_0 = 1; b_0 = 3.2$  then,

$$f(a_0) = f(1) = 1^3 - 7 * 1^2 + 14 * 1 - 6 = 2$$

$$f(b_0) = f(3.2) = (3.2)^3 - 7 * (3.2)^2 + 14 * (3.2) - 6 = -.112$$

$$\implies f(a_0) * f(b_0) < 0$$

Therefore by intermediate value theorem there exists a  $c \in (a_0, b_0)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .

For accuracy within  $10^{-2}$ , the root  $c$  should lie in the interval  $[a_n, b_n]$  such that  $[a_n, b_n] < 10^{-2}$ . In the bisection method, the size of the range interval reduces by a factor of 2 in every iteration.

$$d_n = \frac{d_0}{2^n} = \frac{3.2 - 1}{2^n} = \frac{2.2}{2^n}$$

To get accuracy within  $10^{-2}$ , we have the relation  $d_n < 10^{-2}$ .

$$\implies \frac{2.2}{2^n} < 10^{-2}$$

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So we will denote  $a_i, b_i$  be our interval end points such that  $f(a_i)f(b_i) < 0$ ,  $p_i = \frac{a_i+b_i}{2}$ . So for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$  we have the following table:

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	$p_i$	$f(a_i)$	$f(b_i)$	$f(p_i)$
0	1	3.2	2.1	2	-.112	1.791
1	2.1	3.2	2.65	.791	-.112	.552125
2	2.65	3.2	2.925	.552125	-.112	.08582
3	2.925	3.2	3.0625	.08582	-.112	-.05444
4	2.925	3.0625	2.99375	.08582	-.05444	.00632
5	2.99375	3.0625	3.028125	.00632	-.05444	-.02652
6	2.99375	3.028125	3.0109375	.00632	-.02652	-.01069
7	2.99375	3.0109375	3.00234375	.00632	-.01069	-.00233
8	2.99375	3.00234375	2.998046875	.00632	-.00233	.00196

So our required root is  $c = p_8 = 2.998046875$

**Problem 3:**

**solution):** Notice  $f(-1.5) = -10.254$ ;  $f(2.5) = 232.5586 \implies f(-1.5) * f(2.5) < 0$ , hence the interval  $[-1.5, 2.5]$  contains at-least a root of  $f(x)$ . Let us denote  $a_0 = -1.5$ ;  $b_0 = 2.5$  and for  $i = 1, 2, 3...$  we denote the iterated interval by  $[a_i, b_i]$ , with  $f(a_i) * f(b_i) < 0$  and  $p_i = \frac{a_i + b_i}{2}$ . We have the following table:

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	$p_i$	$f(a_i)$	$f(b_i)$	$f(p_i)$
0	-1.5	2.5	.5	-10.254	232.5586	.52734
1	-1.5	.5	-.5	-10.254	.52734	-6.3281
2	-.5	.5	0	-6.3281	.52734	0

Check the second iteration  $p_2 = 0$  we have  $f(p_2) = 0$ . Which means we have arrived at a root of  $f(x)$ . So our Bisection method converges to the root '0' of  $f(x)$ .

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$$f'(x) = -3^{-x} \ln 3 < 0 \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

Which implies  $f(x)$  is a strictly decreasing function for  $x \in [0, 1]$ . So the maximum value of  $f$  obtained at the point  $x = 0$  and minimum value of  $f$  obtained at the point  $x = 1$ .

$$f(0) = 1, f(1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Thus, the image of  $f$  is contained in  $[\frac{1}{3}, 1] \subseteq [0, 1]$ . Hence by fixed point theorem  $f$  has a unique fixed point in  $[0, 1]$ .

Now observe  $|f'(\log_3 \ln 2.9)| = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2.9} > 1$ , where  $\log_3 \ln 2.9 \in (0, 1)$  as  $e < 2.9 < e^3 \implies 1 < \ln 2.9 < 3 \implies 0 < \log_3 \ln 2.9 < 1$ . Thus the second condition of fixed point theorem does not hold. So fixed point theorem does not ensure the fixed point is unique for  $f(x)$  in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

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$$x_1 = f(x_1) \text{ and } x_2 = f(x_2) \quad \text{where } x_1 \neq x_2$$

Without loss of generality, we take  $x_1 < x_2$ .

We already have  $f(x)$  is monotonically strictly decreasing on  $[0, 1]$ , so using this;

$$f(x_1) > f(x_2)$$

But  $x_1 = f(x_1)$  and  $x_2 = f(x_2)$ , which implies:

$$x_1 > x_2 \quad \text{CONTRADICTION}$$

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## Method 1

$$p_n = p_{n-1} - \frac{p_{n-1}^3 - 21}{3p_{n-1}^2}$$

$$p_n - 21^{1/3} = p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3} - \frac{p_{n-1}^3 - 21}{3p_{n-1}^2}$$

$$p_n - 21^{1/3} = (p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3}) \left( 1 - \frac{p_{n-1}^2 + 21^{2/3} + p_{n-1} 21^{1/3}}{3p_{n-1}^2} \right)$$

$$p_n - 21^{1/3} = (p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3})^2 \left( \frac{2p_{n-1} + 21^{1/3}}{3p_{n-1}^2} \right)$$

Note that the above quantity is positive given  $2p_{n-1} + 21^{1/3}$  is positive. Since  $p_0 = 1$ , subsequent  $p_k - 21^{1/3} > 0$ . Therefore,  $p_n > 21^{1/3}$

$$\frac{p_n - 21^{1/3}}{(p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3})^2} = \frac{2}{3p_{n-1}} + \frac{21^{1/3}}{3p_{n-1}^2} < \frac{1}{21^{1/3}}$$

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Now we have  $|p_0 - 21^{1/3}| < 2$ . Thus,  $|p_n - 21^{1/3}| \rightarrow 0$  Next we find the order of convergence of the above method

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_n - 21^{1/3}|}{|p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3}|^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2}{3p_{n-1}} + \frac{21^{1/3}}{3p_{n-1}^2} \right) = \frac{1}{21^{1/3}}$$

Thus the order of convergence of the given method is 2

## Method 2

$$p_n = \left(\frac{21}{p_{n-1}}\right)^{1/2} \text{ and } p_0 = 1$$

$$\text{Claim: } p_n = 21^{\frac{2^n - 2^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n 2^0}{2^{n+1}}}$$

We will prove this via induction. We can see that it is true for  $n = 1$ . Let it be true for  $p_{n-1}$ . Thus, we have

$$p_n = \left(\frac{21}{p_{n-1}}\right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{21}{21^{\frac{2^{n-1} - 2^{n-2} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} 2^0}{2^n}}}\right)^{1/2} = 21^{\frac{2^n - 2^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n 2^0}{2^{n+1}}}$$

Now we can compute  $S = 2^n - 2^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n 2^0$  as the sum of a geometric series with common ratio as  $-2$ . It takes the following expression  $S =$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1+2^{n+1}}{3} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{-1+2^{n+1}}{3} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

In both cases we get,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 21^{\frac{S}{2^{n+1}}} = 21^{1/3}$$

Now that we have convergence, we find its order,

$$|p_n - 21^{1/3}| = \left| \left(\frac{21}{p_{n-1}}\right)^{1/2} - 21^{1/3} \right| = 21^{1/3} |21^{1/6} - p_{n-1}^{1/2}| = 21^{1/3} |21^{1/6} - p_{n-1}^{1/2}|$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|p_n - 21^{1/3}|}{|p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3}|} &= \frac{|(\frac{21}{p_{n-1}})^{\frac{1}{2}} - 21^{1/3}|}{|p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3}|} = \frac{21^{1/3}}{p_{n-1}^{1/2}} \frac{|21^{1/6} - p_{n-1}^{1/2}|}{|p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3}|} = \frac{21^{1/3}}{p_{n-1}^{1/2}} \frac{1}{|21^{1/6} + p_{n-1}^{1/2}|} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_n - 21^{1/3}|}{|p_{n-1} - 21^{1/3}|} &= \frac{21^{1/3}}{21^{1/6}} \frac{1}{2 \times 21^{1/6}} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the order of convergence for method 2 is 1

Since, we expect a sequence with a higher order of convergence to converge more rapidly than a sequence of lower order, the apparent speed of convergence of method 1 would be greater than that of method 2

**Problem 6):** Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 6$  and  $p_0 = 1$ . Use Newton's method to find  $p_3$ .

**solution):**  $f(x) = x^2 - 6$ ,  $p_0 = 1$ . Newton's method of iteration is (  $p_n$  be the  $n$ th iteration)

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

$$p_1 = p_0 - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)} = 1 - \frac{1 - 6}{2} = 3.5$$

$$p_2 = p_1 - \frac{f(p_1)}{f'(p_1)} = 3.5 - \frac{3.5^2 - 6}{2 * 3.5} = 2.6071$$

$$p_3 = p_2 - \frac{f(p_2)}{f'(p_2)} = 2.6071 - \frac{2.6071^2 - 6}{2 * 2.6071} = 2.4543$$

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We have  $f(p_0) = 3$ ;  $f(p_1) = -2$

$$p_2 = p_1 - \frac{f(p_1)(p_1 - p_0)}{f(p_1) - f(p_0)} = 2 - \frac{-2(2 - 3)}{(-2 - 3)} = 2.4$$

We have  $f(p_1) = -2$ ;  $f(p_2) = -.24$

$$p_3 = p_2 - \frac{f(p_2)(p_2 - p_1)}{f(p_2) - f(p_1)} = 2.4 - \frac{-.24(2.4 - 2)}{(-.24 + 2)} = 2.4545$$

We have  $f(p_2) = -.24$ ;  $f(p_3) = .0248$

$$p_4 = p_3 - \frac{f(p_3)(p_3 - p_2)}{f(p_3) - f(p_2)} = 2.4545 - \frac{.0248(2.4545 - 2.4)}{(.0248 + .24)} = 2.4494$$

**Problem 8):** Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 6$ . Use the method of false position to find  $p_4$ , with  $p_0 = 3$  and  $p_1 = 2$ .

**solution):**  $f(x) = x^2 - 6$ ,  $p_0 = 3$ ;  $p_1 = 2$ . method of false position of iteration is ( $p_n$  be the  $n$ th iteration) exactly the Secant method and only difference here is we will check the interval where at the end points given function has opposite sign. We have:

$$f(p_0) = f(3) = 3; f(p_1) = f(2) = -2 \implies f(p_0) * f(p_1) < 0$$

Now we use secant method in the interval  $[p_1, p_0]$ . So using first iteration in false position method we get,

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$$f(p_2) = f(2.4) = -.24 \implies f(p_2) * f(p_1) > 0; f(p_2) * f(p_0) < 0$$

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$$f(p_3) = f(2.444) = -\frac{2}{81} = -.0247 \implies f(p_3) * f(p_2) > 0; f(p_3) * f(p_0) < 0$$



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**Problem 9):** An object falling vertically through air is faces various resistance as well as gravitational force. Assume that an object with mass  $a$  is dropped from a height  $d_0$  and that the height of the object after  $t$  seconds is

$$d_t = d_0 - \frac{ag}{k}t + \frac{a^2g}{k^2}\left(1 - e^{-\frac{kt}{a}}\right)$$

Where  $g = 9.80665 \text{ m/s}^2$  and  $k = .24 \text{ kg/m}$  represents the coefficient of air resistance. If an object of mass  $.25 \text{ kg}$  is dropped from a height of  $300 \text{ meters}$  then find, to within  $.01$  error, the time it takes this object to hit the ground.

**solution):** We need to determine  $t$  such that  $d_t = 0$ .

$$\text{Consider } f(t) = d_0 - \frac{ag}{k}t + \frac{a^2g}{k^2}\left(1 - e^{-\frac{kt}{a}}\right)$$

We need to find  $t'$  such that  $f(t') = 0$ . The first derivative of  $f(t)$  gives us  $f'(t) = \frac{ag}{k}\left(e^{-\frac{kt}{a}} - 1\right) \implies \text{for } t > 0, f'(t) < 0 \implies f(t) \text{ is strictly decreasing } \forall t \in [0, \infty)$

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$$\text{As } e^{-\frac{kt}{a}} \leq 1 \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

So by Intermediate value theorem  $f(t)$  attains a root in the interval  $\left[0, \frac{d_0 + 3\frac{a^2g}{k^2}}{\frac{ag}{k}}\right]$ , and the root is unique (as  $f(t)$  is strictly decreasing). First we will solve  $f(t) = 0$  ignoring the exponential term. It gives:

$$d_0 - \frac{ag}{k}t + \frac{a^2g}{k^2} = 0 \implies 300 + \frac{.25^2 * 9.80665}{.24^2} = \frac{.25 * 9.80665}{.24}t \implies t = 30.4095$$

Consider the interval  $[30.40, 30.41]$ . We have,  $f(30.40) = .096$ ;  $f(30.41) = -.0052 \implies f(30.40)f(30.41) < 0$ . So our required root will be in the interval  $[30.40, 30.41]$ .

Using Bisection method we can choose

$$p_1 = \frac{30.40 + 30.41}{2} = 30.405$$

Now our root( $t'$ ) either lies in the interval  $[30.40, 30.405]$ , or in the interval  $[30.405, 30.41]$ . In either case as length of both the two intervals is .005 and  $p_1 = 30.405$ , we can conclude

$$|t' - p_1| \leq .005 < .01$$

So  $p_1 = 30.405$  is our required root, within .01 error.