

CHAPTER TWO

The Solution of Nonlinear Equations $f(x) = 0$

Objectives

- Speed of Convergence
- Accelerated Newton's Iteration for Multiple Roots

Speed of Convergence

- Order of convergence: measure of how rapidly a sequence converges.
- Assume:
 - Sequence $\{p_n\}$, (where $n = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$) converges to root p
 - Error $e_n = p - p_n$ for $n \geq 0$
 - Two positive constants $A \neq 0, R > 0$ exists

Speed of Convergence

- Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p - p_{n+1}|}{|p - p_n|^R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|^R} = A$$

- The sequence is said to converge to p with order of convergence R

$$|e_{n+1}| \cong A |e_n|^R$$

Speed of Convergence

- $R = 1 \rightarrow$ Linear Convergence
- $R = 2 \rightarrow$ Quadratic Convergence
- With larger R , the sequence will converge rapidly to p
- Example:
 - If $R = 2$, and $|e_n| \approx 10^{-2}$
 - $\rightarrow |e_{n+1}| \approx A \times 10^{-4}$

Convergence Rate for Newton's Iteration

- Suppose that Newton-Raphson iteration produces a sequence $\{p_n\}$, $(n = 0, 1, \dots, \infty)$ that converges to root p of $f(x)$

- If p is a simple root \rightarrow convergence is Quadratic ($R = 2$)

$$|e_{n+1}| \approx \frac{|f''(x)|}{2|f'(x)|} |e_n|^2$$

- If p is a multiple root of order $M \rightarrow$ convergence is Linear ($R = 1$)

$$|e_{n+1}| \approx \frac{M-1}{M} |e_n|$$

Convergence Rate for Newton's Iteration

- Example:
 - If $M=2$. What is the speed of convergence?
 - Answer: Double root, then convergence is linear.
- Note: we say that $f(x) = 0$ has a root of order M at $x = p$, if and only if $f(p) = 0, f'(p) = 0, f''(p) = 0, \dots, f^{(M)}(p) \neq 0$

Example – Simple Root

- Let $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2 = (x + 2)(x - 1)^2$.
- Start with $p_0 = -2.4$ to find the root $p = -2$ (Simple Root)

$$\bullet p_k = p_{k-1} - \frac{f(p_{k-1})}{f'(p_{k-1})} = p_{k-1} - \frac{p_{k-1}^3 - 3p_{k-1} + 2}{3p_{k-1}^2 - 3}$$

$$\bullet p_k = \frac{2p_{k-1}^3 - 2}{3p_{k-1}^2 - 3}$$

Example – Simple Root (cont'd)

- Now, check for quadratic convergence.

Table 2.5 Newton's Method Converges Quadratically at a Simple Root

k	p_k	$p_{k+1} - p_k$	$E_k = p - p_k$	$\frac{ E_{k+1} }{ E_k ^2}$
0	-2.400000000	0.323809524	0.400000000	0.476190475
1	-2.076190476	0.072594465	0.076190476	0.619469086
2	-2.003596011	0.003587422	0.003596011	0.664202613
3	-2.000008589	0.000008589	0.000008589	
4	-2.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	

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- $|p - p_3| = 0.000008589$
- $|p - p_2|^2 = 0.003596011^2 = 0.000012931$

Example – Simple Root (cont'd)

- $|p - p_3| = 0.000008589$
- $|p - p_2|^2 = 0.003596011^2 = 0.000012931$
- $A = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|f'''(-2)|}{|f'(-2)|} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|-12|}{|9|} = \frac{2}{3}$
- $A = \frac{|p-p_3|}{|p-p_2|^2} = 0.664202613 \approx \frac{2}{3}$

Example – Double Root

- Let $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2 = (x + 2)(x - 1)^2$.
- Start with $p_0 = 1.2$ to find the root $p = 1$ (Double Root)

$$\bullet p_k = p_{k-1} - \frac{f(p_{k-1})}{f'(p_{k-1})} = p_{k-1} - \frac{p_{k-1}^3 - 3p_{k-1} + 2}{3p_{k-1}^2 - 3}$$

$$\bullet p_k = \frac{2p_{k-1}^3 - 2}{3p_{k-1}^2 - 3}$$

Example – Double Root (cont'd)

Table 2.6 Newton's Method Converges Linearly at a Double Root

k	p_k	$p_{k+1} - p_k$	$E_k = p - p_k$	$\frac{ E_{k+1} }{ E_k }$
0	1.200000000	-0.096969697	-0.200000000	0.515151515
1	1.103030303	-0.050673883	-0.103030303	0.508165253
2	1.052356420	-0.025955609	-0.052356420	0.496751115
3	1.026400811	-0.013143081	-0.026400811	0.509753688
4	1.013257730	-0.006614311	-0.013257730	0.501097775
5	1.006643419	-0.003318055	-0.006643419	0.500550093
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots

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Example – Double Root (cont'd)

- $|p - p_5| = 0.006643419$

- $|p - p_4| = 0.013257730$

- $A = \frac{|p-p_5|}{|p-p_4|} = 0.501097775 \approx \frac{1}{2}$

- $A = \frac{M-1}{M} = \frac{1}{2}$

Accelerated Newton Iteration for Multiple Roots

- We hope there are a root-finding techniques which converge faster than linearly when p is a root of order M .
- Modify Newton's method to converge faster
 - Become quadratic at multiple root
- For root p of order $M > 1$, Modified Newton-Raphson formula is:

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

Now, the sequence will converge quadratically to p

Example – Double Root

- Let $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2 = (x + 2)(x - 1)^2$.
- Start with $p_0 = 1.2$ to find the root $p = 1$ (Double Root)
- Here, $M = 2$
- $$p_k = p_{k-1} - \frac{2f(p_{k-1})}{f'(p_{k-1})} = \frac{p_{k-1}^3 - 3p_{k-1} - 4}{3p_{k-1}^2 - 3}$$

Table 2.8 Acceleration of Convergence at a Double Root

k	p_k	$p_{k+1} - p_k$	$E_k = p - p_k$	$\frac{ E_{k+1} }{ E_k ^2}$
0	1.200000000	-0.193939394	-0.200000000	0.151515150
1	1.006060606	-0.006054519	-0.006060606	0.165718578
2	1.000006087	-0.000006087	-0.000006087	
3	1.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	

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