

Answer to question 1 part (a)

Solving $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ using quadratic equation

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Assume $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = A$. Then taking limits on given equation gives

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k^2 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ax_k^2 - c}{2ax_k + b}$$

$$A = \frac{aA^2 - c}{2aA + b}$$

$$2aA^2 + bA = aA^2 - c$$

$$aA^2 + bA = -c$$

$$aA^2 + bA + c = 0$$

Using the quadratic equation

$$A = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Answer to question 1 part (b)

Solving $x^2 - a = 0$ gives

$$x = \pm\sqrt{a}$$

Assume $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = A$. Then taking limits on given equation gives

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow k} x_k^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow k} \frac{3x_k^2 + a}{4x_k}$$

$$A = \frac{3A^2 + a}{4A}$$

$$4A^2 = 3A^2 + a$$

$$A^2 = a$$

$$A = \pm\sqrt{a}$$

Answer to question 2 part (a)

Non-linear equation

$$e^x = x + 2$$

Iterative method

$$x_{k+1} = e^{x_k} - 2$$

Guaranteed to converge?

$$|g'(x)| = |e^{x_k}| < 1$$

It is guaranteed to converge in the interval $(-\infty, 0)$

Converge to a solution of the given equation?

Assume $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = A$. Then taking limits on given equation gives

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e^{x_k} - 2$$

Since $x_k = x_{k+1}$ when $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$A = e^A - 2$$

$$e^A = A + 2$$

Putting back in original equation, we can see that equation still holds so it does converge to a solution of the given equation.

Answer to question 2 part (b)

Non-linear equation

$$x^3 = x^2 + 1$$

Iterative method

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{x_k}{1 + x_k^2}$$

Guaranteed to converge?

$$|g'(x)| = \left| \frac{1 - x^2}{(1 + x^2)^2} \right| < 1$$

It is guaranteed to converge on the interval $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

Converge to a solution of the given equation?

Assume $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = A$. Then taking limits on given equation gives

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_k}{1 + x_k^2}$$

Since $x_k = x_{k+1}$ when $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$A = \frac{A}{1 + A^2}$$

$$A = 0$$

Putting back in original equation, we can see that equation does not hold so it does not converge to a solution of the given equation.

Answer to question 3 part (a)

$$\sqrt[3]{a} = x$$

Non-linear equation

$$f(x) = x^3 - a = 0$$

According to the Newton's method, the iterative solution is

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} \\&= x_k - \frac{x_k^3 - a}{3x_k^2} \\&= \frac{2x_k^3 + a}{3x_k^2}\end{aligned}$$

Answer to question 3 part (b)

$$\ln a = x$$

Non-linear equation

$$f(x) = e^x - a = 0$$

According to the Newton's method, the iterative solution is

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} \\&= x_k - \frac{e^{x_k} - a}{e^{x_k}} \\&= \frac{e^{x_k}x_k - e^{x_k} + a}{e^{x_k}}\end{aligned}$$

Answer to question 3 part (c)

$$\arctan x = a$$

$$\tan a = x$$

Non-linear equation

$$f(a) = \tan a - x = 0$$

According to the Newton's method, the iterative solution is

$$a_{k+1} = a_k - \frac{f(a_k)}{f'(a_k)}$$

$$= a_k - \frac{\tan a_k - x}{\sec^2 a_k}$$

Since $\frac{1}{\sec^2 x} = \cos^2 x$

$$= a_k - (\tan a_k - x)(\cos^2 a_k)$$

Answer to question 4 part (a)

$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$
$$x_{k+1} = \frac{x_k + \hat{x}_{k+1}}{2}$$

So,

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{x_k + x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}}{2}$$

Assume $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = A$. Then taking limits on given equation gives

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k^2 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_k + x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}}{2}$$
$$A = \frac{A + A - \frac{f(A)}{f'(A)}}{2}$$

$$2A = 2A - \frac{f(A)}{f'(A)}$$

$$\frac{f(A)}{f'(A)} = 0$$

$$f(A) = 0$$

It will converge to a solution of $f(x) = 0$

Answer to question 4 part (b)

We know convergence is guaranteed and Newton's method is a contraction if

- $f(a) = 0$, i.e., a is a solution of $f(x) = 0$,
- $f'(a) \neq 0$, and
- f'' is bounded near a (f'' is continuous)

then,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g'(x) = \frac{f(a)f''(a)}{[f'(a)]^2} = 0$$

We know that convergence is guaranteed from part (a).

This method converges under the same conditions as Newton's method:

- $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable
- $f'(x_k) \neq 0$
- It has a second derivative

Answer to question 4 part (c)

If the function is continuously differentiable and its derivative is not 0 at α and it has a second derivative at α then the convergence is quadratic.

So,

Order of convergence, $d = 2$.