

# HW05 Fixed-point Iteration and Brent's Method

## Problem 1 (5 points)

(Analytical) Use the theory of fixed-point iterations to determine under what conditions Newton's Method is exactly quadratically convergent.

### Solution

We have exact quadratic convergence when  $F'(\alpha) = 0, F''(\alpha) \neq 0$

$$F(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$$

$$F'(x) = 1 - \frac{f'(x)^2 - f''(x)f(x)}{f'(x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{f'(x)^2 - f'(x)^2 + f''(x)f(x)}{f'(x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{f''(x)f(x)}{f'(x)^2}$$

$$f(\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow F'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$F''(x) = \frac{(f''(x)f(x))'f'(x)^2 - 2f'(x)f''(x)(f''(x)f(x))}{f'(x)^4}$$

$$(f''(x)f(x))' = f'''(x)f(x) + f''(x)f'(x)$$

$$F''(x) = \frac{f(x)f'(x)^2f'''(x) + f'(x)^3f''(x) - 2f(x)f'(x)f''(x)^2}{f'(x)^4}$$

$$F''(\alpha) = \frac{0 \times f'(\alpha)^2 f'''(\alpha) + f'(\alpha)^3 f''(\alpha) - 2 \times 0 \times f'(\alpha) f''(\alpha)^2}{f'(\alpha)^4}$$

$$= \frac{f'(\alpha)^3 f''(\alpha)}{f'(\alpha)^4} = \frac{f''(\alpha)}{f'(\alpha)}$$

Thus, for exact quadratic convergence we have  $f'(\alpha) \neq 0, f''(\alpha) \neq 0$

## Problem 2 (5 points)

(Julia) Use Brent's method in the `Roots.jl` package in Julia to find the roots of

$$1. f(x) = x \cos(x)$$

$$2. f(x) = x^2 \ln(x)$$

$$3. f(x) = (x - 1)^2$$

Plot each curve to make sure your results are reasonable. If Brent's method fails, try another option. Give some thought to the accuracy.

### Solution

```
In [1]: using Roots
y = x -> x*cos.(x)
find_zero(y, (-(pi/2), (pi/2)), Roots.Brent())
```

Out[1]: 0.0

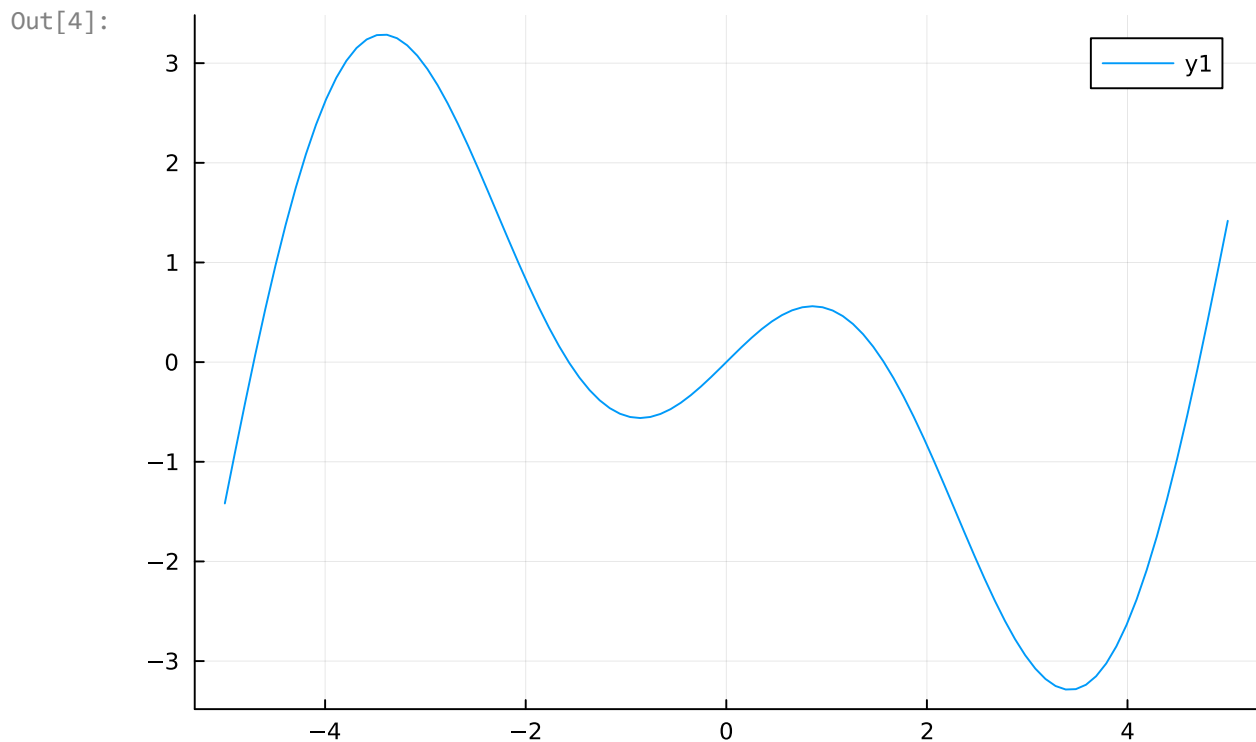
```
In [2]: r = find_zero(y, (-3, -1), Roots.Brent())
#-pi/2
```

Out[2]: -1.5707963267948966

```
In [3]: r = find_zero(y, (1, 3), Roots.Brent())
#pi/2
```

Out[3]: 1.5707963267948966

```
In [4]: using Plots
x = range(-5, 5, length=100)
plot(x,y)
```

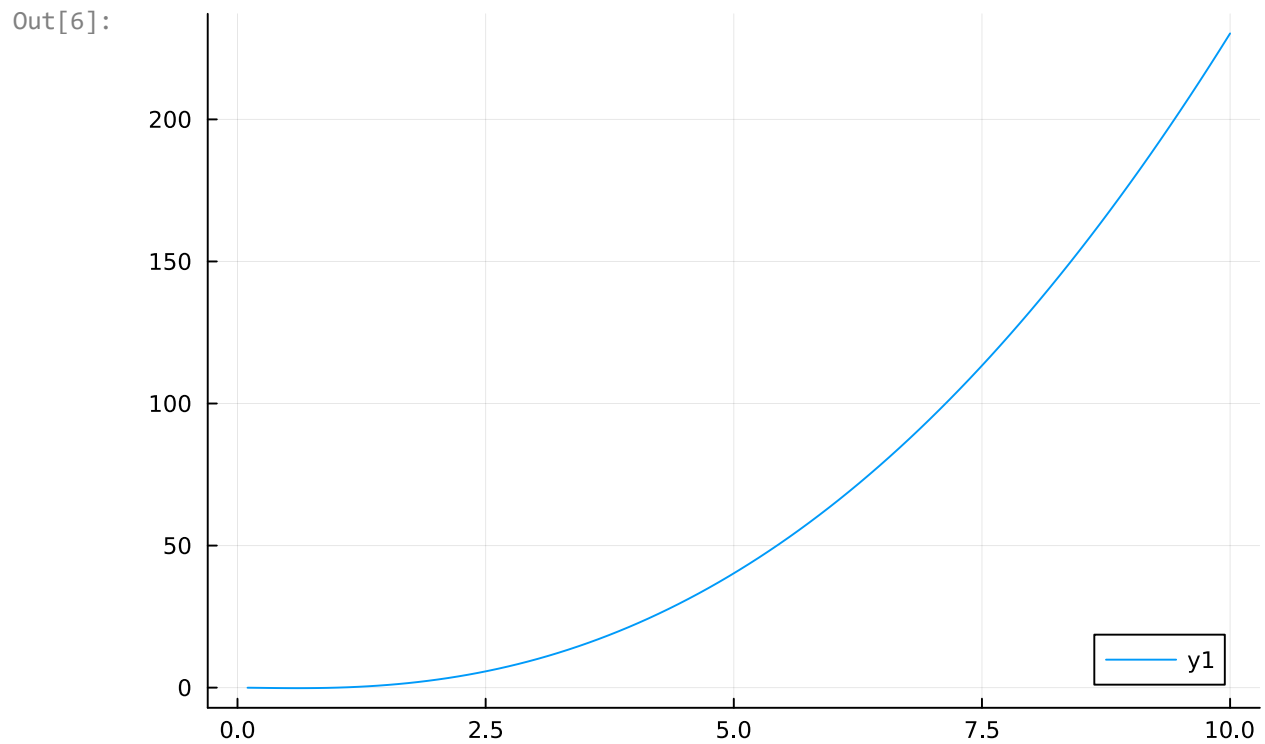


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In [5]: y = x -> x.^2 * log.(x)
```

Out[5]: #5 (generic function with 1 method)

Brent's doesn't work here because  $y$  has  $f(x) = x^2 \ln(x)$  has no roots. It is undefined when  $x \leq 0$ , and positive when  $x > 0$

```
In [6]: x = range(0, 10, length=100)
        plot(x,y)
```



```
In [7]: y = x -> (x - 1).^2
```

Out[7]: #7 (generic function with 1 method)

```
In [8]: find_zero(y, (0, 2), Roots.Brent())
```

ArgumentError: The interval [a,b] is not a bracketing interval.  
 You need f(a) and f(b) to have different signs (f(a) \* f(b) < 0).  
 Consider a different bracket or try fzero(f, c) with an initial guess c.

Stacktrace:

```
[1] assert_bracket
  @ ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/Bracketing/bracketing.jl:52 [inlined]
[2] init_state
  @ ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/Bracketing/brent.jl:34 [inlined]
[3] init_state(M::Roots.Brent, F::Roots.Callable_Function{Val{1}, Val{false}, var"#7#8", Nothing}, x::Tuple{Int64, Int64})
  @ Roots ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/Bracketing/bracketing.jl:6
[4] #init#42
  @ ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/find_zero.jl:299 [inlined]
[5] init
  @ ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/find_zero.jl:289 [inlined]
[6] solve(FX::ZeroProblem{var"#7#8", Tuple{Int64, Int64}}, M::Roots.Brent, p::Nothing; verbose::Bool, kwargs::Base.Pairs{Symbol, Roots.NullTracks, Tuple{Symbol}, NamedTuple{(:tracks,), Tuple{Roots.NullTracks}}})
  @ Roots ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/find_zero.jl:491
[7] find_zero(f::Function, x0::Tuple{Int64, Int64}, M::Roots.Brent, p::Nothing; p::Nothing, verbose::Bool, tracks::Roots.NullTracks, kwargs::Base.Pairs{Symbol, Union{(), Tuple{()}, NamedTuple{(), Tuple{()}}}})
  @ Roots ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/find_zero.jl:220
[8] find_zero
  @ ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/find_zero.jl:210 [inlined]
[9] find_zero(f::Function, x0::Tuple{Int64, Int64}, M::Roots.Brent)
  @ Roots ~/.julia/packages/Roots/BMiNe/src/find_zero.jl:210
[10] top-level scope
  @ In[8]:1
```

Brent's doesn't work because you cannot have a bracketing interval, since  $(x - 1)^2 \geq 0 \forall x$

We can use Newton's Method

$f'(x) = 2(x - 1)$  which has the same zero (the solution of  $x - 1 = 0$ ), which we pretend not to know...

Thus, we can use Newton's Method on  $f'(x)$  with the same results.

```
In [9]: y = x -> 2*(x-1)
        yp = x -> 2
```

```
Out[9]: #11 (generic function with 1 method)
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```
In [10]: function newton(x)
          return x - (y(x))/(yp(x))
        end
```

```
Out[10]: newton (generic function with 1 method)
```

```
In [11]: a = 2
```

```
for i = 1:12
    a = newton(a)
end
a
```

Out[11]: 1.0

```
In [12]: y = x->(x-1).^2
x = range(-5, 5, length=100)
plot(x,y)
```

Out[12]:

