

Numerical Analysis Notes 01/31/2022

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1 Announcements

Office Hours:

Tuesday: 7:00pm-9:00pm Via Zoom

Wednesday: 5:00pm-6:00pm, 2MTC room 872 with Professor Potter

Friday: 1:00pm-2:00pm, 2MTC room 858 with Mariana

Class time: 3:30pm-4:50pm

2 Note on Programming Homework 1

Brentq: A 'hybrid rootfinder' which implements Brent's method.

Brentq solves: "find $x \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x) = 0$ "

Signature: $x = brentq(f, a, b, tol = None)$

- tol: "tolerance," how accurately the root is found.
- f: An instance of something on Python which is callable. . . so if I write
- " $f(x)$ ", where x is a float, then $f(x)$ is a float
 - From `scipy.optimize.brentq`
 - From Ipython type ?`brentq` for docs or just google "brentq scipy"

Question: $p(x) = (x - 10^{-16})(x + 10^{-16}) = x^2 - 10^{-32} \approx x^2$

Question: how accurate does findroots need to be?

Answer: `roots = findroots(p,a,b,tol)` (where $tol > 0$)

Def: an open set E in R is a subset of the real line such that if $x \in E$, then there exists some $\epsilon > 0$ such that $B_\epsilon = \{y \in R : |x - y| < \epsilon\}$

Def: a set F $\subseteq R$ is closed if it's complement is open.

$$F^c = \{y \in R : y \notin F\}$$

e.g. Is the set $[1, \infty)$ closed?

well $[1, \infty)^c = (-\infty, 1)$...open

$\Rightarrow [1, \infty)$ is closed.

Note: For the contraction mapping theorem, the assumption on the interval $[a, b]$ is that it is closed AND bounded or compact

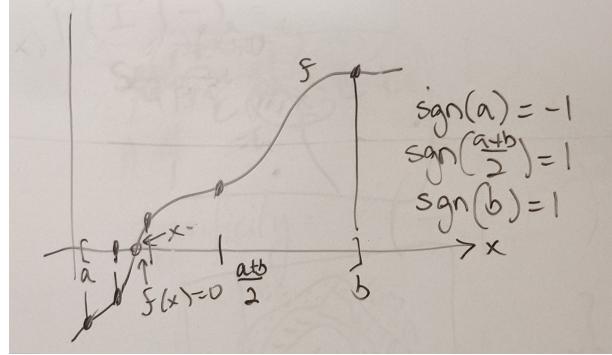
3 Iterative Solution of Equations

(or in 1D . . . "rootfinding".)

We want to solve $f(x) = 0$ for $f : R \rightarrow R$.

Let's just assume $f \in C^0([a, b])$ (this is closed and bounded)

Picture:



Last class : IVT (Intermediate Value Theorem)

$f \in C^0([a, b])$, $f(a) < 0$, $f(b) > 0$, then $\exists x \in E$ such that $f(x) = 0$.

Def: signum e.g. np.sign,

- $\text{sgn}(x) = 1$ if $x > 0$
- $\text{sgn}(x) = 0$ if $x = 0$
- $\text{sgn}(x) = -1$ if $x < 0$

3.1 Bisection

$$a_0, b_0 = a, b$$

$$k=0$$

while True:

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sign_left = np.sign(a_k)
sign_mid = np.sign((a_k+b_k)/2)
sign_right = np.sign(b_k)
#check if any of the signs ==0
if sign_left != sign_mid:
    a_{k+1}, b_{k+1} = a_k, (a_k+b_k)/2
    continue
if sign_mid != sign_right:
    a_{k+1}, b_{k+1} = (a_k+b_k)/2, b_k
    continue

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3.2 Time Complexity (How fast is this?)

$$\frac{|b_{k+1} - a_{k+1}|}{|b_k - a_k|} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow |b_k - a_k| = \frac{b-a}{2^k}$$

Accuracy:

for rootfinding (solving $f(x) = 0$) there are 2 options:

1. $x - x_k$
2. $f(x) - f(x_k)$ ('residual')

Question: how many steps to get $|x - x_k| < \epsilon$?

\Leftrightarrow how big does k need to be to get $|b_k - a_k| < \epsilon$

$$\epsilon = |b_k - a_k| = \frac{|b-a|}{2^k} \Rightarrow 2^k \epsilon = |b-a|$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \epsilon + k \log 2 = \log |b-a|$$

$$k = \frac{\log \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log |b-a|}{\log 2} = \log_2 \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log_2 |b-a|$$

$$k = O(\log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$$

$$\frac{\log 10^{10}}{\log 2} \approx 33$$

What should we assume about f ?

- 1) Completely problem dependent
- 2) Easy Rootfinding problem

- Exercise: 1) how to solve $p(x) = 0$, if $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

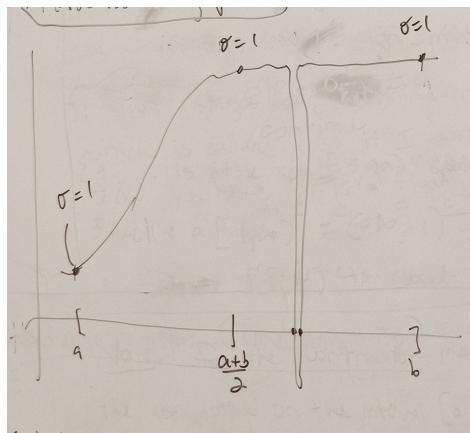
- Answer: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Let's say $f(x) = p(x) + \epsilon(x)$

What can we say about solving $f(x) = 0$?

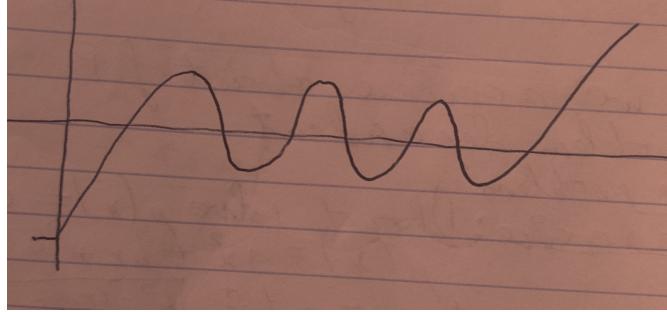
Professor's point: if $\epsilon(x)$ is small . . . then no need for bisection algorithm
. . . just use the quadratic formula.

3.3 Hard rootfinding problem



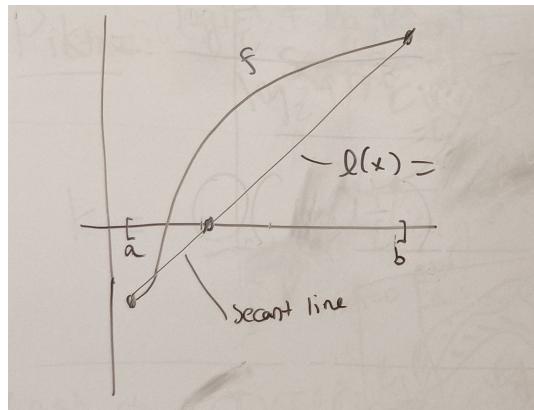
Also look at Weierstrass Monster function and the solution of a stochastic dif-

ferential equation ('stock price graph')
e.g. This is a polynomial graph:



Then: Sturm's theorem gives us global information to guide our search . . .

How do we make bisection go faster . . . assuming we have a reasonable problem to solve?



Exercise: what is $f(x)$? // Secant method:// $x_0 = a$
 $x_1 = b$

$k = 2$

while true:

$$x_k = x_{k-1} - f_k \left(\frac{x_k - x_{k-1}}{f_k - f_{k-1}} \right)$$

check if $|x_{k+1} - x_k| < tol$

Question: time complexity?

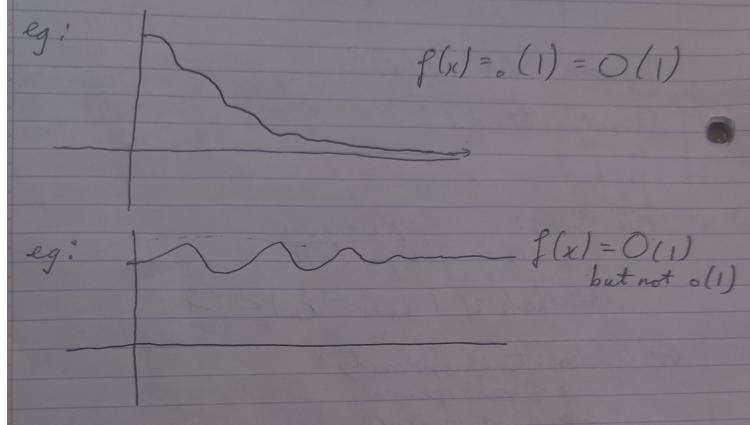
- rate of convergence
- orders of convergence

Landau notation: big O notation . . .

Def: $f(x) = O(g(x))$ [as $x \rightarrow x$]

$$\text{if } : \lim_{x_0} \frac{|f(x)|}{|g(x)|} = 0$$

Some examples:



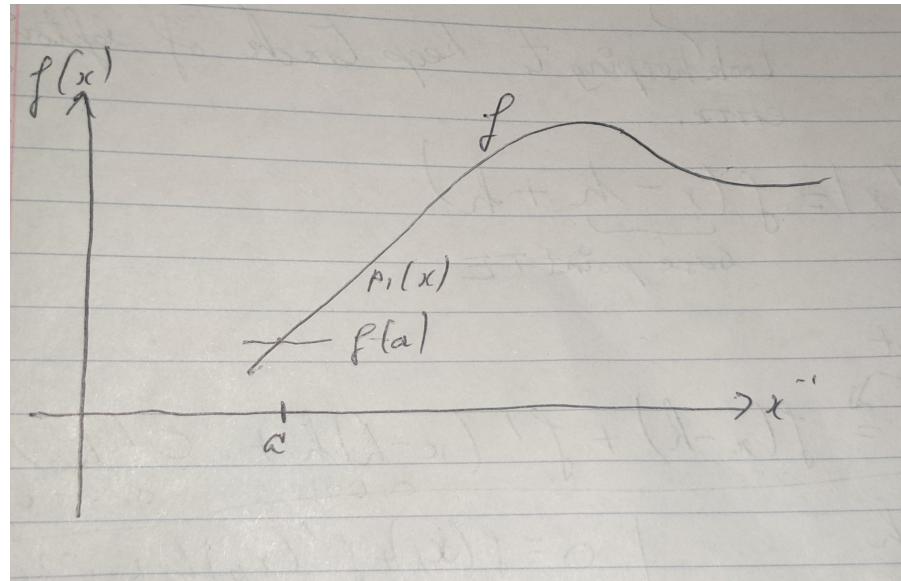
Def: let $f: R \rightarrow R$ be a C^∞ (infinitely differentiable function) in a ball surrounding a point $a \in R$. Then there exists a polynomial (called the Taylor polynomial of order k).

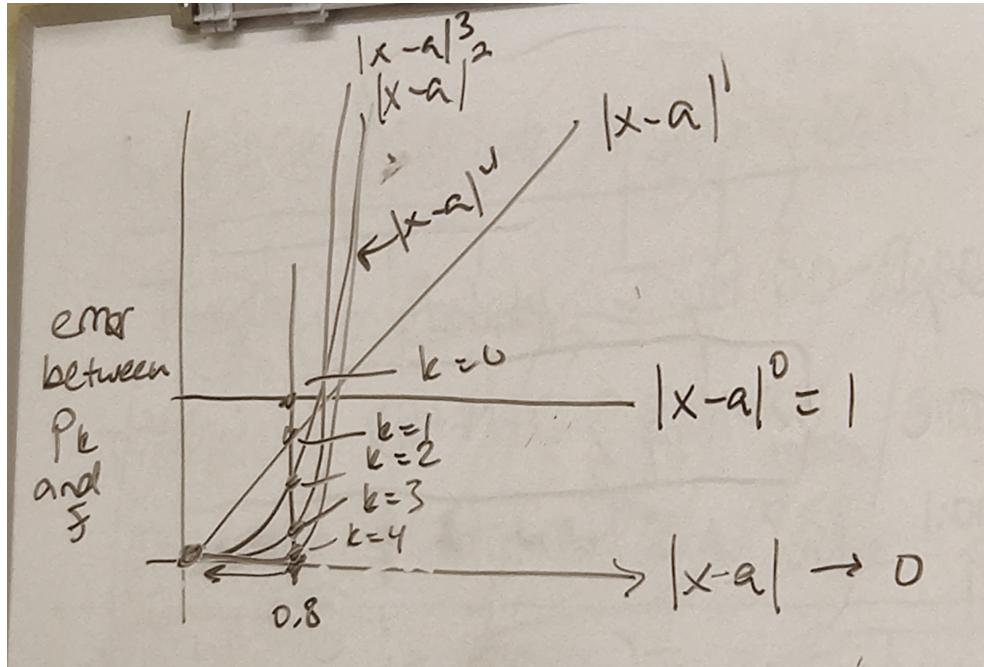
$$p_k(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x - a)^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}}{3!}(x - a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(k)}}{k!}(x - a)^k$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^k \frac{f^{(m)}}{m!}(x - a)^m$$

Such that: the remainder

$$R_k(x) = f(x) - p_k(x) = O(|x - a|^k) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow a$$





More useful forms of Taylor Expansions (TEs) for our purposes:

$$f(x + h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + f''(x)\frac{h^2}{2} + O(h^3) \text{ [or } o(h^2)]$$

- $O(h^3)$ is for bookkeeping to keep track of leftover error

$$O = f(x) = f(x - h + h)$$

- $x - h$ is the base point TE

$$\text{linearizing } f \text{ about } x - h = f(x - h) + f'(x - h)h + O(h^2)$$

$$\text{Relabel: } x_k = x - h$$

$$x_{k+1} - x_k = x - x + h - h$$

- Δx_k is used as 'the step'

$$O = f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k + (x_{k+1} - x_k)^2) + O|x_{k+1} - x_k|^2$$

Rearrange:

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

1. Started with the thing we are solving
2. Taylor expanded it in a sensible way
3. Converted it into an iteration
4. Therefore we Taylor Expanded, we have an estimate of the error (more or less).

Exercise: In the derivation of Newton's method what happens if $f'(x_k) \sim x_{k+1} - x_k$