

## Bisection method (Part 2) / Fixed Point Iteration

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**Recall:** Last time, we introduced the **rootfinding problem** as a general framework to solve one nonlinear equation in one variable. We then came up with the **bisection method**, which is guaranteed to work to find a root of a function  $f(x)$  on an interval  $[a, b]$  assuming  $f$  is continuous and  $f(a)f(b) < 0$ .

We derived a pseudocode for the method and talked about termination criteria. In this lecture, we continue our discussion and perform error / convergence analysis on the bisection method.

WARM UP: Termination criteria & Error analysis

WHILE (  $n \leq n_{\max}$  AND           ? )

(o) ERROR ESTIMATE  $\geq \text{TOL}$   $\rightarrow$  REL ERROR?  
 $|r - x_n| \leq \left\lfloor \frac{(b_n - a_n)}{2} \right\rfloor = \frac{(b_{n-1} - a_{n-1})}{4} = \dots = \frac{(b - a)}{2^{n+1}}$

(o) CONVERGENCE  $\rightarrow |x_n - x_{n-1}| \geq \text{TOL}$

(o)  $|f(x_n)| \geq \text{TOL}$   $\rightarrow$  depends on  $f'$

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$$|r - x_n| = |e_n| \leq \frac{(b - a)}{2^{n+1}} < \text{TOL}$$

$$2^{n+1} > \frac{(b - a)}{\text{TOL}}$$

$$n+1 > \log_2 \left( \frac{b - a}{\text{TOL}} \right)$$

$$n > \left\lceil \log_2 \left( \frac{b - a}{\text{TOL}} \right) - 1 \right\rceil$$

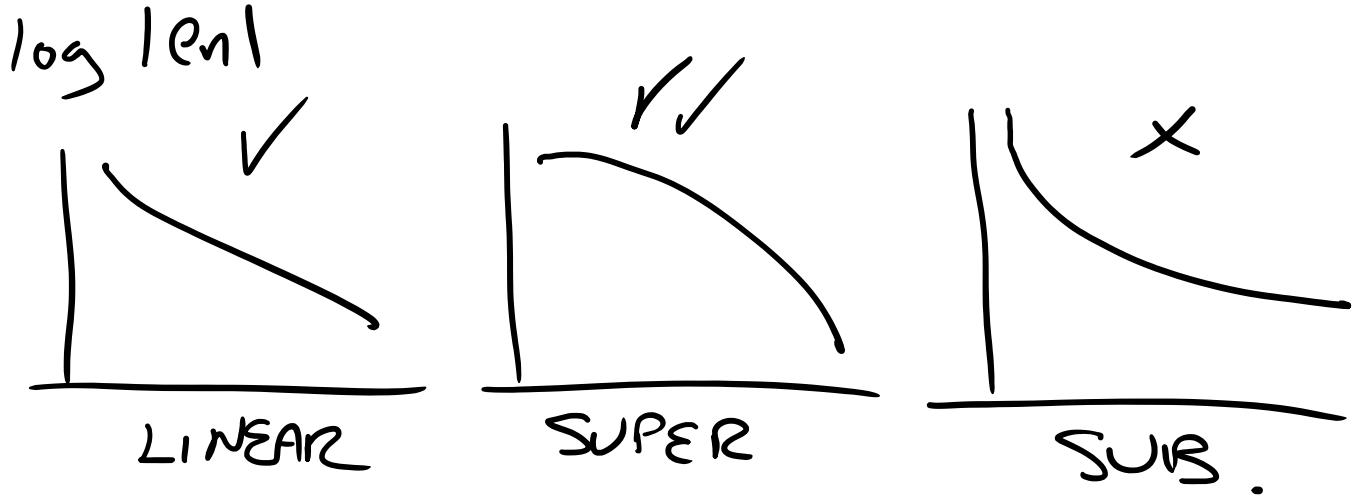
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$$e_{n+1} = r - x_{n+1} \approx \underline{\underline{0.5 e_n}} = 0.5 (r - x_n) \quad \text{"RATE"}$$

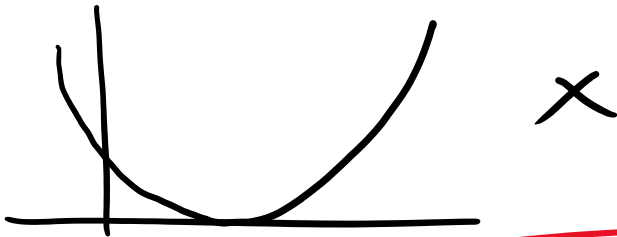
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|} = C \rightarrow C \in (0, 1) \quad \text{LINEAR}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |e_{n+1}|}{\log |e_n|} = C$$

$\rightarrow C \in (0, 1)$  LINEAR  
 $\rightarrow C = 0$  SUPERLINEAR  
 $\rightarrow C = 1$  SUBLINEAR



## FIXED POINT METHODS:



- Given a function  $g(x)$ ,  $r$  is a **FIXED POINT** of  $g$  IF  $g(r) = r$ .

• **STABLE**: If I start a bit away from it, I get drawn towards it.

• **UNSTABLE**  $\rightarrow$  I get repelled.

Take  $x_0$ ,  $x_1 = g(x_0)$ ,  $x_2 = g(x_1) = g(g(x_0))$ ,

...  $x_n = g(x_{n-1})$  "FIXED POINT  
ITERATION"

I want to solve find  $r$  s.t.  $f(r) = 0$

say  $f(x) = x + \cos x - 3$ .

Find  $g$  such that

$$\boxed{f(r) = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad g(r) = r}$$

Example:  $g(r) = r + f(r)$  ✓

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} g_c(r) = r + c f(r) \quad \checkmark \\ (c \neq 0) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} g_c(r) = r + c(r) f(r) \quad \checkmark \\ (c(x) \neq 0) \end{array} \right.$$