

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 ?)

(0) ERROR ESTIMATE $\geq TOL \rightarrow$ REL ERROR?

$$|r - x_n| \leq \left| \frac{(b_n - a_n)}{2} \right| = \frac{(b_{n-1} - a_{n-1})}{4} = \dots = \frac{(b - a)}{2^{n-1}}$$

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

(0) $|f(x_n)| \geq TOL$ \rightarrow depends on f'

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

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

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

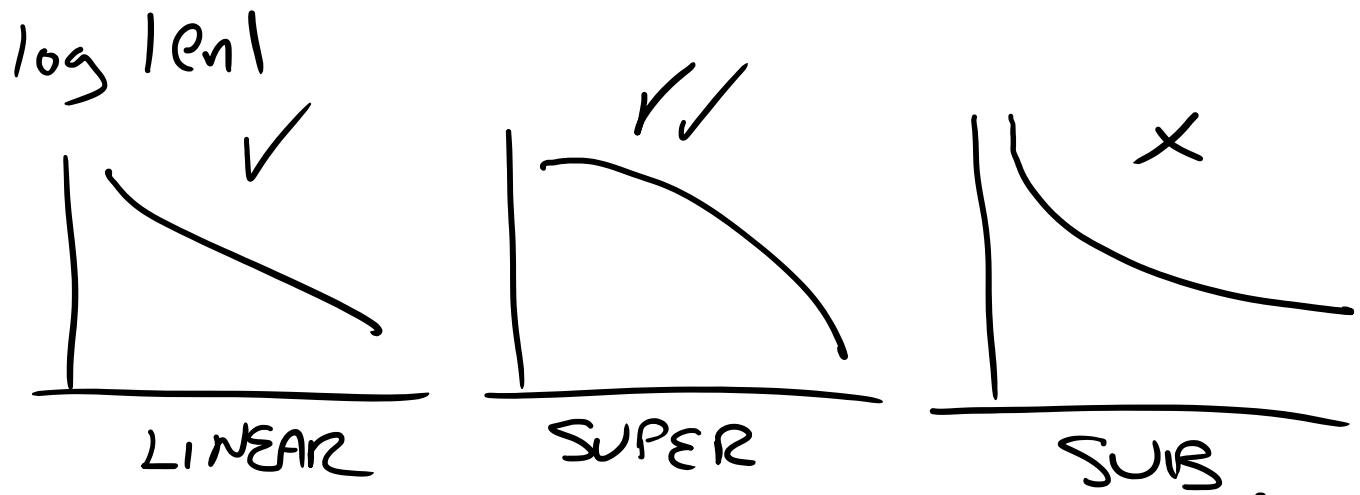
$$n > \lceil \log_2 \left(\frac{b-a}{TOL} \right) - 1 \rceil$$

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

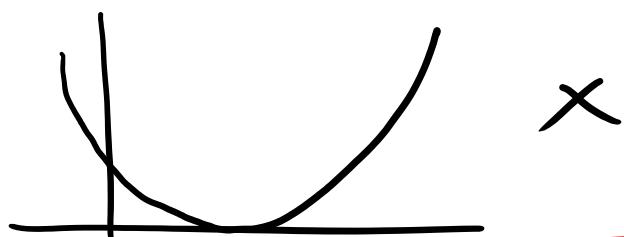
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|} = C \rightarrow C \in (0,1) \quad \text{LINEAR}$$

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

$C < 1$ LINEAR
 $C = 0$ SUPERLINEAR
 $C = 1$ SUBLINEAR



FIXED POINT METHODS:



- Given a function $g(x)$, r is a fixed point of g IF $\underline{g(r)=r}$.

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

• UNSTABLE → I get repelled.

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

...
 $\underline{x_n = g(x_{n-1})}$ "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

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

Example: $g(r) = r + f(r) \checkmark$

$$\boxed{g_c(r) = r + c f(r) \checkmark \\ (c \neq 0)}$$

$$\boxed{g_c(r) = r + c(r) f(r) \checkmark \\ (c(r) \neq 0)}$$