

# Chapter 3

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**Problem 1.** Consider the nonlinear equation

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2 = 0.$$

- (a) With  $x_0 = 1$  as a starting point, what is the value of  $x_1$  if you use Newton's method for solving this problem?
- (b) With  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_1 = 2$  as starting points, what is the value of  $x_2$  if you use the secant method for the same problem?

*Solution.* (a)

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 1 - \frac{1 - 2}{2} = 1.5.$$

(b)

$$x_2 = x_1 - f(x_1) \frac{x_1 - x_0}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)} = 2 - 2 \frac{2 - 1}{2 - (-1)} = \frac{4}{3}.$$

□

**Problem 2.** Newton's method is sometimes used to implement the built-in root function on a computer, with the initial guess supplied by a lookup table.

- (a) What is the Newton iteration for computing the square root of a positive number  $y$  (i.e., for solving the equation  $f(x) = x^2 - y = 0$ , given  $y$ )?

*Solution.*

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - y}{2x_n} = \frac{x_n^2 + y}{2x_n}.$$

□

**Problem 3.** Express the Newton iteration for solving each of the following systems of nonlinear equations.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^2 + x_1 x_2^3 &= 9, \\ 3x_1^2 x_2 - x_2^3 &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

*Solution.* The Jacobian matrix is

$$J(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_2^3 & 3x_1x_2^2 \\ 6x_1x_2 & 3x_1^2 - 3x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have

$$J(x_1^{(n)}, x_2^{(n)}) \begin{bmatrix} s_1^{(n)} \\ s_2^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{f}(x_1^{(n)}, x_2^{(n)}).$$

So

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(n+1)} \\ x_2^{(n+1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(n)} \\ x_2^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} s_1^{(n)} \\ s_2^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(n)} \\ x_2^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_2^3 & 3x_1x_2^2 \\ 6x_1x_2 & 3x_1^2 - 3x_2^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(n)} \\ x_2^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Problem 4.** Suppose you are using the secant method to find a root  $x^*$  of a nonlinear equation  $f(x) = 0$ . Show that if at any iteration it happens to be the case that either  $x_k = x^*$  or  $x_{k-1} = x^*$  (but not both), then it will also be true that  $x_{k+1} = x^*$ .

*Solution.* • When  $x_k = x^*$ , knowing

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - f(x_k) \frac{x_k - x_{k-1}}{f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})} = x^* - f(x^*) \frac{x^* - x_{k-1}}{f(x^*) - f(x_{k-1})} = x^* - 0 = x^*.$$

• When  $x_{k-1} = x^*$ , knowing

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= x_k - f(x_k) \frac{x_k - x_{k-1}}{f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})} = x_k - f(x_k) \frac{x_k - x^*}{f(x_k) - f(x^*)} \\ &= x_k - f(x_k) \frac{x_k - x^*}{f(x_k)} = x_k - (x_k - x^*) \\ &= x^*. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Problem 5.** Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 1 &= 0, \\ x_1x_2 - 1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

For what starting point or points, if any, will Newton's method for solving this system fail? Why?

*Solution.* The Jacobian matrix is

$$J(x_1, x_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x_2 & x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

When  $x_1 = 0$ , it is singular, and Newton's method will fail.

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**Problem 6.** Given the three data points  $(-1, 1)$ ,  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$ , determine the interpolating polynomial of degree two:

- (a) Using the monomial basis
- (b) Using the Lagrange basis
- (c) Using the Newton basis

Show that the three representations give the same polynomial.

*Solution.* (a) Solving the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

get  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1$ , means the interpolating polynomial is

$$p_2(t) = t^2.$$

(b) By Lagrange interpolation polynomial, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_2(t) &= 1 \cdot \frac{(t-0)(t-1)}{(-1-0)(-1-1)} + 0 \cdot \frac{(t+1)(t-1)}{(0+1)(0-1)} + 1 \cdot \frac{(t+1)(t-0)}{(1+1)(1-0)} \\ &= \frac{t(t-1)}{2} + \frac{t(t+1)}{2} = t^2. \end{aligned}$$

(c) From the table of divided differences

$t$	$y$		
-1	1		
0	0	-1	
1	1	1	1

, and by Newton's formula we have polynomial

$$p_2(t) = 1 - (t+1) + (t+1)t = t^2.$$

It's obvious that the above three representations give the same polynomial.

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**Problem 7.** Write a formal algorithm for evaluating a polynomial at a given argument using Horner's nested evaluation scheme

- (a) For a polynomial expressed in terms of the monomial basis
- (b) For a polynomial expressed in Newton form

*Solution.* (a)

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**算法 1** Evaluate a polynomial expressed in monomial basis form

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1:  $y \leftarrow 0$ 
2: for  $i = n$  to 1 do
3:    $y \leftarrow ty + a_i$ 
4: end for
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(b)

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**Problem 8.** Use Lagrange interpolation to derive the formulas given in Section 5.5.5 for inverse quadratic interpolation.

**算法 2** Evaluate polynomial expressed in Newton form

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1:  $y \leftarrow 0$ 
2: for  $i = n$  to 1 do
3:    $y \leftarrow (t - t_i)y + a_i$ 
4: end for

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*Solution.* The interpolation condition is

$$p_2(f_a) = a, \quad p_2(f_b) = b, \quad p_2(f_c) = c.$$

Applying the Lagrange interpolation polynomial gets

$$p_2(y) = a \frac{(y - f_b)(y - f_c)}{(f_a - f_b)(f_a - f_c)} + b \frac{(y - f_a)(y - f_c)}{(f_b - f_a)(f_b - f_c)} + c \frac{(y - f_a)(y - f_b)}{(f_c - f_a)(f_c - f_b)},$$

Replace with  $y = 0$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
p_2(0) &= a \frac{f_b f_c}{(f_a - f_b)(f_a - f_c)} + b \frac{f_a f_c}{(f_b - f_a)(f_b - f_c)} + c \frac{f_a f_b}{(f_c - f_a)(f_c - f_b)} \\
&= b + \frac{v(w(u - w)(c - b) - (1 - u)(b - a))}{(w - 1)(u - 1)(v - 1)} \quad \text{by definecolor of } p, q \\
&= b + p/q,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$u = \frac{f_b}{f_c}, \quad v = \frac{f_b}{f_a}, \quad w = \frac{f_a}{f_c}.$$

□

**Problem 9.** Prove that the formula using divided differences given in Section 7.3.3,

$$x_j = f[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_j],$$

indeed gives the coefficient of the  $j$ th basis function in the Newton polynomial interpolant.

*证明.* We utilize a mathematical induction on  $j$ .

- For  $j = 1$ , the interpolating polynomial is

$$p_1(t) = x_1 = f(t_1).$$

- Suppose the conclusion is true for all integers less than  $n$ , we show that it holds for  $n + 1$  as well.

By our inductive hypothesis, we know that the polynomial interpolating

$$p_n(t_1) = f(t_1), \quad p_n(t_2) = f(t_2), \quad p_n(t_n) = f(t_n)$$

is given by

$$p_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (t - t_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n f[t_1, \dots, t_i] \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (t - t_j).$$

Similarly,

$$q_n(t_2) = f(t_2), \quad q_n(t_3) = f(t_3), \quad q_n(t_{n+1}) = f(t_{n+1})$$

is given by

$$q_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \prod_{j=2}^i (t - t_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n f[t_2, \dots, t_{i+1}] \prod_{j=2}^i (t - t_j).$$

Therefore from the uniqueness of the interpolating polynomial, we know that the polynomial for interpolating

$$p_{n+1}(t_1) = f(t_1), \quad p_{n+1}(t_2) = f(t_2), \quad p_{n+1}(t_n) = f(t_n), \quad p_{n+1}(t_{n+1}) = f(t_{n+1})$$

is given by

$$p_{n+1}(t) = \frac{t - t_{n+1}}{t_1 - t_{n+1}} p_n(t) + \frac{t - t_1}{t_{n+1} - t_1} q_n(t)$$

Comparing the coefficient of the highest-order term of the above two polynomials gives

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{f[t_2, t_3, \dots, t_{n+1}] - f[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]}{t_{n+1} - t_1} = f[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{n+1}],$$

where the second equality follows from the definition of divided differences. Therefore we have shown that the conclusion holds for  $n + 1$ , which completes the inductive proof. □

**Problem 10.** Verify the properties of B-splines enumerated in Section 7.4.3.

*Solution.* 1 By mathematical induction

- For  $k = 0$ ,  $B_i^0(t) = 0$  is obvious.
- Assuming for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ ,  $t < t_i$  or  $t > t_{i+k+1}$  imply  $B_i^k = 0$ . By induction hypothesis, we have  $B_i^n(t) = 0, B_{i+1}^n(t) = 0$ , so

$$B_i^{n+1}(t) = v_i^{n+1}(t)B_i^n(t) + v_{i+1}^{n+1}(t)B_{i+1}^n(t) = 0.$$

Therefore we have  $B_i^k(t) = 0, t < t_i$  or  $t > t_{i+k+1}$ .

2 Similarly assuming  $B_i^k(t) > 0$  as in 1 in different domain, we have  $B_i^k(t) > 0, t \in [t_i, t_{i+k+1}]$ .

- 3 – For  $k = 0, \forall t, \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} B_i^0(t) = 1$  is obvious.
- Assuming for  $k = n, \forall t$ , the assumption is right.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} B_i^{n+1}(t) &= \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} (v_i^{n+1}(t)B_i^n(t) + v_{i+1}^{n+1}(t)B_{i+1}^n(t)) \\ &= \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} B_i^n(t)(v_i^{n+1}(t) + (1 - v_i^{n+1}(t))) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} B_i^n(t) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

4 We prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** For  $k \geq 2$ , we have,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} B_i^k(t) = \frac{k B_i^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k} - t_i} - \frac{k B_{i+1}^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k+1} - t_{i+1}}. \quad (3.1)$$

For  $k = 1$ , (3.1) holds for all  $t$  except at the three knots  $t_i, t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}$ , where the derivative of  $B_i^1$  is not defined.

*Proof of Theorem.* We first show that (3.1) holds for all  $t$  except at the knots  $t_j$ .

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{t_i, t_{i+1}, t_{i+2}\}, \quad \frac{d}{dt} B_i^1(t) = \frac{1}{t_{i+1} - t_i} B_i^0(t) - \frac{1}{t_{i+2} - t_{i+1}} B_{i+1}^0(t).$$

Hence the induction hypothesis holds. Now suppose (3.1) holds  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{t_i, \dots, t_{i+k+1}\}$ . apply the induction hypothesis (3.1), and we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} B_i^{k+1}(t) = \frac{B_i^k(t)}{t_{i+k+1} - t_i} - \frac{B_{i+1}^k(t)}{t_{i+k+2} - t_{i+1}} + kC(t) \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) &= \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+k+1} - t_i} \left[ \frac{B_i^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k} - t_i} - \frac{B_{i+1}^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k+1} - t_{i+1}} \right] + \frac{t_{i+k+2} - t}{t_{i+k+2} - t_{i+1}} \left[ \frac{B_{i+1}^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k+1} - t_{i+1}} - \frac{B_{i+2}^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k+2} - t_{i+2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{t_{i+k+1} - t_i} \left[ \frac{(t - t_i)B_i^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k} - t_i} + \frac{(t_{i+k+1} - t)B_{i+1}^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k+1} - t_{i+1}} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{t_{i+k+2} - t_{i+1}} \left[ \frac{(t - t_{i+1})B_{i+1}^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k+1} - t_{i+1}} + \frac{(t_{i+k+2} - t)B_{i+2}^{k-1}(t)}{t_{i+k+2} - t_{i+2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{B_i^k(t)}{t_{i+k+1} - t_i} - \frac{B_{i+1}^k(t)}{t_{i+k+2} - t_{i+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

Then (3.2) can be written as

$$\frac{d}{dt} B_i^{k+1}(t) = \frac{(k+1)B_i^k(t)}{t_{i+k+1} - t_i} - \frac{(k+1)B_{i+1}^k(t)}{t_{i+k+2} - t_{i+1}},$$

which completes the inductive proof of (3.1) except at the knots. Since  $B_i^1(t)$  is continuous, an easy induction shows that  $B_i^k$  is continuous for all  $k \geq 1$ . Hence the right-hand side of (3.1) is continuous for all  $k \geq 2$ . Therefore, if  $k \geq 2$ ,  $\frac{d}{dt} B_i^k(t)$  exists for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

The proof follows from the above theorem and a simple induction on  $k$ .

5 By Theorem 2.1 and assume there is  $c_i$  such that

$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} c_i B_i^k(t) = 0.$$

We have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} c_i B_i^k(t) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{c_i - c_{i-1}}{t_{i+k} - t_i} B_i^{k-1}(t) \right) = 0.$$

Combining with mathematical induction and obvious situation  $k = 0$ , which means  $B_i^{k-1}$  is linearly independent. So we have the coefficients  $\forall i, \frac{c_i - c_{i-1}}{t_{i+k} - t_i} = 0 \Rightarrow c_i = C$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} C B_i^{k-1}(t) = 0$$

is contradiction with property 3.

6 Since there is  $(k+1)*2$  coefficient unknowns in two spline functions have  $k-1$  times continuous differentiable. And in other side there is  $k-1$  continuous differentiable condition equations and  $k+2$  independent B-splines coefficients (By property 1, 5), At last there is one value condition in  $t_i$ . So  $(k+1)*2 = (k-1) + (k+2) + 1$  imply there always is a unique solution. Which also means  $B_i^k, i \in N$  is a basis span the  $k-1$  times continuous differentiable spline function.  $\square$