

# More Than Newton Iterations Generalized from Zhang Neural Network for Constant Matrix Inversion Aided with Line-Search Algorithm

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**Abstract**—Since 12 March 2001, Zhang *et al* have proposed a special class of recurrent neural networks for online time-varying problems solving, especially for matrix inversion. For possible hardware (e.g., digital-circuit) realization, such Zhang neural networks (ZNN) could also be reformulated in the discrete-time form, which incorporates Newton iteration as a special case. In this paper, for constant matrix inversion, we generalize and investigate more discrete-time ZNN models (which could also be termed as ZNN iterations) by using multiple-point backward-difference formulas. For fast convergence to the theoretical inverse, a line-search algorithm is employed to obtain an appropriate step-size value (in each iteration). Computer-simulation results demonstrate the efficacy of the presented new discrete-time ZNN models aided with a line-search algorithm, as compared to Newton iteration.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The problem of linear matrix equations solving is considered to be a very fundamental problem widely encountered in science and engineering fields. Being a sub-topic of linear matrix equation solving, online matrix inversion is usually viewed as an essential part of many solutions; e.g., robot control [1]-[3], signal processing [4], [5] and statistics [4], [6]. In mathematics, matrix inversion could be generally formulated as  $AX = I$ , where coefficient matrix  $A \in R^{n \times n}$ , identity matrix  $I \in R^{n \times n}$ , and  $X \in R^{n \times n}$  is the unknown matrix to be obtained. In recent decades, the neural-dynamic approach based on recurrent neural networks (RNN) has been viewed as a powerful alternative to online linear matrix equations solving (including matrix inversion), owing to its potential high-speed parallel-processing nature [1], [7]-[9].

Since 12 March 2001 [10]-[14], Zhang *et al* have formally proposed a special class of recurrent neural networks for online time-varying problems solving (e.g., matrix inversion). Differing from scalar-valued norm-based energy-functions widely used in conventional gradient-based neural networks (GNN) [1], [7], [8], the design of Zhang neural network (ZNN) is based on a matrix-valued error-function [10]-[12], [15]-[18]. Note that, such a ZNN design method aims at making every entry of the matrix-valued error function converge to zero [10]-[12], [15], [17], [18]. In addition, ZNN models are depicted generally in implicit dynamics, instead of explicit dynamics usually associated with GNN and/or Hopfield-type neural networks [1], [7], [8], [19], [20].

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Moreover, for the purpose of possible hardware (e.g., digital-circuit) realization, the discrete-time ZNN models for matrix inversion are developed and investigated in [15]-[17]. It is worth mentioning that Newton iteration (or to say, method) could be viewed as a special case of the discrete-time ZNN model, when linear activation functions and step-size  $h \equiv 1$  are used [15]-[17]. Recalling the effectiveness and efficiency of ZNN models on linear matrix equations solving (including constant and time-varying ones) [10]-[18], in this paper, we further develop and investigate more ZNN iterations using equally-spaced multiple-point backward-difference formulas [21] for constant matrix inversion. In addition, the line-search algorithm [6], [22] is adopted as well to obtain an appropriate step-size value for the discrete-time ZNN models. In view of the link between Newton iteration and discrete-time ZNN models, numerical simulations are performed comparatively for the efficacy of these models on constant matrix inversion.

## II. ZNN MODEL AND NEWTON ITERATION

To solve for the inverse of time-varying nonsingular matrix  $A(t) \in R^{n \times n}$ , the neural-network design methods are usually based on the definition equation,  $A(t)X(t) - I = 0$ .

Firstly, instead of using a scalar-valued norm-based positive energy-function  $\|AX - I\|^2/2$  usually associated with GNN [1], [7], [8], the following matrix-valued indefinite error-function [10]-[12], [15], [17] could be defined to monitor online the time-varying matrix-inversion process:

$$E(X(t), t) := A(t)X(t) - I, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (1)$$

Secondly, to make the error function  $E(X(t), t)$  converge to zero [i.e., every entry  $e_{ij}(t)$  of  $E(X(t), t)$  converges to zero,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ], the ZNN design formula [10]-[12], [15], [17], [18] can be described as

$$\frac{dE(X(t), t)}{dt} = -\Gamma \mathcal{F}(E(X(t), t)), \quad (2)$$

where  $\Gamma \in R^{n \times n}$  (usually  $\Gamma = \gamma I$ ) is a positive-definite matrix used to scale the convergence rate of the neural-network solution, and  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot) : R^{n \times n} \rightarrow R^{n \times n}$  denotes a matrix-valued activation-function array of neural networks. The processing array  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$  here is made of  $n^2$  monotonically-increasing odd activation-functions  $f(\cdot)$  [14]. Generally speaking, any monotonically-increasing odd activation-function could be used for ZNN construction. We have generally discussed four basic types of activation functions, i.e., linear activation function, bipolar sigmoid activation function, power activation function, and power-sigmoid activation function [13]-[18].

Thirdly, by expanding ZNN design formula (2), the following ZNN model could be established:

$$A(t)\dot{X}(t) = -\dot{A}(t)X(t) - \Gamma\mathcal{F}(A(t)X(t) - I), \quad (3)$$

where  $X(t)$ , starting from initial condition  $X(0) := X_0 \in R^{n \times n}$ , is the activation state matrix corresponding to the time-varying theoretical inverse  $A^{-1}(t)$ ,  $\dot{X}(t)$  and  $\dot{A}(t)$  denote the time-derivatives of  $X(t)$  and  $A(t)$ , respectively. It is worth mentioning that the matrix-valued design-parameter  $\Gamma \in R^{n \times n}$  could be set as large as the hardware permits [23] or selected appropriately for experimental purpose [13], [15], [17]. For simplicity, we could assume  $\Gamma = \gamma I$  with the scalar-valued design parameter  $\gamma > 0$ . In addition, by considering the constant matrix inversion only [i.e., the time-derivative  $\dot{A}(t) \equiv 0$ ], ZNN model (3) reduces to

$$A\dot{X}(t) = -\gamma\mathcal{F}(AX(t) - I). \quad (4)$$

Evidently, the above two continuous-time ZNN models are depicted in implicit dynamics [10]-[12], [15], [17], instead of explicit dynamics [1], [7], [8].

From the analysis results of [10]-[12], [15], [17], the following general observation on global exponential convergence can be summarized and presented for ZNN model (4).

**Lemma 1:** *Given a nonsingular matrix  $A \in R^{n \times n}$ , if a monotonically-increasing odd function array  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$  is used, the state matrix  $X(t)$  of ZNN model (4), starting from any initial state  $X_0 \in R^{n \times n}$ , converges to the theoretical inverse  $A^{-1}$  of matrix  $A$ . Moreover, if linear activation function  $f(u) = u$  is used, the global exponential convergence with rate  $\gamma$  could be achieved for ZNN model (4).*

In addition, for the purpose of possible hardware implementation via digital circuits, it might be more preferable to discretize the continuous-time ZNN model (4) by employing the Euler forward-difference formula [15]-[17],  $\dot{X}(t = k\tau) \approx (X((k+1)\tau) - X(k\tau))/\tau$ , where  $\tau > 0$  denotes the sampling gap, and  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . In general, we have  $X_k = X(t = k\tau)$  for presentation convenience [24]. Thus the presented ZNN model (4) could be reformulated as

$$AX_{k+1} = AX_k - h\mathcal{F}(AX_k - I),$$

where  $X_k$  corresponds to the  $k$ th iteration/sampling of  $X(t = k\tau)$ , and  $h = \tau\gamma > 0$  is the step-size which should be selected appropriately for the convergence of  $X_k$  to the theoretical inverse  $A^{-1}$ . As matrix  $A$  is nonsingular, the above-mentioned implicit discrete-time ZNN model is

$$X_{k+1} = X_k - hA^{-1}\mathcal{F}(AX_k - I), \quad (5)$$

In view of the fact that the state  $X(t)$  of ZNN model (4) converges to  $A^{-1}$ , the state  $X_k$  of discrete-time ZNN model (5) could be very close to  $A^{-1}$  after an appropriate number of iterations. Thus,  $A^{-1}$  in (5) could be replaced with  $X_k$ , which yields the following explicit equation [15]-[17]:

$$X_{k+1} = X_k - hX_k\mathcal{F}(AX_k - I). \quad (6)$$

When linear activation function  $f(u) = u$  is used, the discrete-time ZNN model (6) reduces to

$$X_{k+1} = X_k - hX_k(AX_k - I). \quad (7)$$

In addition, for  $h \equiv 1$ , ZNN (7) could further reduce to

$$X_{k+1} = 2X_k - X_kAX_k, \quad (8)$$

which is exactly the Newton iteration for matrix inversion [15]-[17]. In other words, ZNN model (6) incorporates Newton iteration (8) as a special case for constant matrix inversion. For Newton iteration [as well as for ZNN models (6) and (7)], we have the following lemma [15], [17].

**Lemma 2:** *For a general constant nonsingular matrix  $A \in R^{n \times n}$ , we could choose initial state  $X_0 = \alpha A^T$  with  $\alpha = 2/\text{tr}(AA^T)$  for ZNN model (8) which, starting with  $\|AX_0 - I\|_2 < 1$ , quadratically converges to the inverse  $A^{-1}$ .*

### III. NEW ZNN ITERATIONS AIDED WITH LINE-SEARCH ALGORITHM

In this section, more discrete-time ZNN models, which are different from Newton iteration (8) and ZNN models (6)-(7), are presented by employing more equally-spaced multiple-point backward-difference formulas [21]. Furthermore, the line-search algorithm [6], [22] is also used to obtain the appropriate step-size  $h$  for fast convergence.

#### A. More Iterations Generalized from ZNN Models

Based on the polynomial-interpolation theory [25], the Lagrange interpolating polynomial could be constructed by using corresponding discrete-time values of a target function. Then, the approximate first-order numerical-differentiation formulas could be derived in terms of multiple sampling-nodes [21]. In addition, the relatively high computational-precision of the numerical-differentiation approximation to  $\dot{X}(t)$  could be achieved via the equally-spaced difference formulas involving multiple sampling-nodes [21]. To the best of the authors' knowledge, the approximation-precision order of the numerical-differentiation could be  $\mathcal{O}(\tau^{n-1})$  [21], where  $\tau$  is the sampling period of time, and  $n$  denotes the number of sampling-nodes. It is worth noting that the aforementioned Euler forward-difference formula  $\dot{X}(t = k\tau) \approx (X((k+1)\tau) - X(k\tau))/\tau$  only has the precision order  $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$  for approximating  $\dot{X}(t)$  [which might imply that the approximation-precision order of Newton iteration (8) is  $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ , as compared with the original continuous-time ZNN dynamics (4)]. To obtain higher approximation-precision [e.g., order  $\mathcal{O}(\tau^2)$ ] and to further investigate ZNN models, many more new ZNN iterations generalized from continuous-time ZNN model (4) are presented below via equally-spaced multiple-point backward-difference formulas.

According to [21], [25], the equally-spaced three-point backward-difference formula can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X}((k+2)\tau) &\approx \frac{3X((k+2)\tau) - 4X((k+1)\tau) + X(k\tau)}{2\tau}, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\tau$  is the sampling gap, and  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . It is worth mentioning here that  $\dot{X}(t = (k+2)\tau)$  denotes the current state value for presentation convenience. As seen from (9), it has a precision order  $\mathcal{O}(\tau^2)$  for approximating the

corresponding derivative  $\dot{X}(t)$  [25]. This means that formula (9) might be (much) better than the Euler forward-difference formula when we derive the discrete-time ZNN models. Thus we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 1:** Given a nonsingular matrix  $A \in R^{n \times n}$ , if a monotonically-increasing odd function array  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$  is used, a new iteration model (involving three sampling-nodes and with two initial states  $X_0$  and  $X_1$ ) generalized form ZNN model (4) for the inverse of matrix  $A$  could be written as

$$X_{k+2} = \frac{4}{3}X_{k+1} - \frac{1}{3}X_k - hX_{k+1}\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+1} - I), \quad (10)$$

where  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .  $h > 0$  denotes a suitable step-size.

**Proof:** From the continuous-time ZNN model (4), we have

$$A\dot{X}((k+2)\tau) = -\gamma\mathcal{F}(AX((k+2)\tau) - I), \quad (11)$$

where  $k, \tau, \gamma, \mathcal{F}(\cdot)$  and  $I$  are defined as before. By using the presented backward-difference formula (9), we could discretize the continuous-time ZNN model (11) as

$$A(3X_{k+2} - 4X_{k+1} + X_k) = -2\gamma\tau\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+2} - I), \quad (12)$$

where  $X_{k+2} := X((k+2)\tau)$  with  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

As matrix  $A$  is nonsingular (i.e., invertible), the discrete-time ZNN model (12) could be written in the following form:

$$3X_{k+2} = 4X_{k+1} - X_k - 2\gamma\tau A^{-1}\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+2} - I). \quad (13)$$

In view of the convergence of  $X(t)$  to  $A^{-1}$  in (11) based on Lemma 1 [in other words,  $X(t) \approx A^{-1}$  for time instant  $t$  being large enough], we may simply replace  $A^{-1}$  in ZNN model (13) with  $X_{k+2}$ . Then, we have

$$3X_{k+2} = 4X_{k+1} - X_k - 2\gamma\tau X_{k+2}\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+2} - I). \quad (14)$$

However,  $X_{k+2}$  in (14) is the unknown matrix to be iteratively solved. In order to make (14) computable, similar to the idea of Gauss-Seidel method [25], it seems reasonable that  $X_{k+2}$  on the right hand side of (14) be replaced by  $X_{k+1}$ . Thus, discrete-time ZNN model (14) becomes

$$X_{k+2} = \frac{4}{3}X_{k+1} - \frac{1}{3}X_k - hX_{k+1}\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+1} - I), \quad (15)$$

where  $h = 2\gamma\tau/3 > 0$  denotes the step-size, which would be selected appropriately via the line-search algorithm [6], [22] (presented in the ensuing subsection) for the convergence to the theoretical inverse  $A^{-1}$ . Thus the proof is complete.  $\square$

For presentation convenience, (15) is called in this paper a three-point ZNN iteration model. In addition, if the linear activation function  $f(u) = u$  is used, the three-point discrete-time ZNN model (15) reduces to

$$X_{k+2} = \frac{4}{3}X_{k+1} - \frac{1}{3}X_k - hX_{k+1}(AX_{k+1} - I). \quad (16)$$

Evidently, the three-point ZNN iteration model (16) [as a sub-case of (15)] is different from Newton iteration (8), in the sense that (16) is a three-point iteration while Newton iteration (8) is two-point iteration. It is worth mentioning here that, the two initial states  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  of the presented three-point ZNN iteration model (16) [or (15)] could be

chosen respectively as  $X_0 = 2A^T/\text{tr}(AA^T)$  [15], [17] and  $X_1 = 2X_0 - X_0AX_0$  [of which the latter, for simplicity, is generated directly from Newton iteration (8) with  $k = 0$ ].

Furthermore, by employing more equally-spaced multiple-point backward-difference formulas [21], we could have the following proposition for constant matrix inversion.

**Proposition 2:** Given a nonsingular matrix  $A \in R^{n \times n}$ , if a monotonically-increasing odd function array  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$  is used, many more iteration models (involving multiple sampling-points) generalized form ZNN model (4) for the inverse of matrix  $A$  could be achieved, such as

- the four-point ZNN iteration model (or termed the generalized four-point Newton iteration)

$$X_{k+3} = \frac{18}{11}X_{k+2} - \frac{9}{11}X_{k+1} + \frac{2}{11}X_k - hX_{k+2}\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+2} - I),$$

- the five-point ZNN iteration model (or termed the generalized five-point Newton iteration)

$$X_{k+4} = \frac{48}{25}X_{k+3} - \frac{36}{25}X_{k+2} + \frac{16}{25}X_{k+1} - \frac{3}{25}X_k - hX_{k+3}\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+3} - I),$$

- the six-point ZNN iteration model (or termed the generalized six-point Newton iteration)

$$X_{k+5} = \frac{300}{137}X_{k+4} - \frac{300}{137}X_{k+3} + \frac{200}{137}X_{k+2} - \frac{75}{137}X_{k+1} + \frac{12}{137}X_k - hX_{k+4}\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+4} - I),$$

- and the seven-point ZNN iteration model (or termed the generalized seven-point Newton iteration)

$$X_{k+6} = \frac{360}{147}X_{k+5} - \frac{450}{147}X_{k+4} + \frac{400}{147}X_{k+3} - \frac{225}{147}X_{k+2} + \frac{72}{147}X_{k+1} - \frac{10}{147}X_k - hX_{k+5}\mathcal{F}(AX_{k+5} - I).$$

**Proof:** Following the similar proof procedure of Proposition 1, with the aid of the equally-spaced multiple-point backward-difference formulas shown in Appendix.  $\square$

The above-mentioned multiple-point ZNN iterations [including three-point iteration (16)], which are generalized from continuous-time ZNN model (4), are clearly different from Newton iteration (8). Before ending this subsection, it is worth mentioning that the initial values of the above multiple-point ZNN iteration models could normally be chosen via Newton iteration (8) starting from  $X_0 = 2A^T/\text{tr}(AA^T)$ .

### B. Line-Search Algorithm

As mentioned before, the step-size  $h$  should be selected appropriately for the convergence of  $X_k$  to the theoretical inverse  $A^{-1}$ . In this subsection, the line-search algorithm [6], [22] is presented to obtain the appropriate step-size value of  $h$  for the discrete-time ZNN models [e.g., (16)].

The line-search algorithm is mainly about the determination of the search-direction and the appropriate step-size. In other words, in each iteration, a search direction is obtained first, and then different step lengths are tried along the direction for a better solution point [6], [22]. The line-search algorithm employed in this paper could thus be divided into the following two main steps.

*Step 1. Search-direction determination:* According to ZNN design formula (2) [10]-[12], [15], [17], we could obtain the search-direction as the convergence-direction of the matrix-valued error  $E = AX(t) - I$ . This would guarantee that the state matrix  $X(t)$  of (4) [as well as (16)] converges to the theoretical inverse  $A^{-1}$ . Therefore, the step-size  $h$  could be searched along this convergence-direction for the above presented multiple-point ZNN iteration models.

*Step 2. Appropriate step-size determination:* Along the search-direction determined in Step 1, the appropriate step-size  $h$  is obtained by trying different step lengths via multiplication and/or division technique. That is, when the error  $E$  decreases, the step-size is multiplied by a real number  $\eta > 1$ ; when  $E$  increases, the step-size is divided by  $\eta > 1$ . For example,  $\eta$  could be 2 or  $2n$ , where  $n$  is the dimension of matrix  $A$ . Note that, in this paper, we prefer the latter; i.e.,  $\eta = 2n$  is selected.

In detail, the following computation procedure is used to obtain the appropriate step-size in the  $k$ th iteration for the three-point ZNN iteration model (16), as an example.

- If the  $k$ th iteration-error  $\|E_{k+1}\|_F$  decreases (i.e.,  $\|E_{k+1}\|_F < \|E_k\|_F$ , where  $\|\cdot\|_F$  denotes the Frobenius norm [14]), the current state-values  $\|E_{k+1}\|_F$ ,  $X_{k+1}$  and  $h$  are saved, and then step-size  $h$  is multiplied by  $\eta$ . The computation procedure used to determine the appropriate step-size  $h$  could be described as follows.

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While 1
  h = h × η
  Calculate Xk+1, Ek+1
  if Ek+1 ≤ bestERR
    Save to bestERR, bestX, bestH
  else
    Restore bestERR, bestX, bestH
  break
end
end

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- If  $\|E_{k+1}\|_F$  increases (i.e.,  $\|E_{k+1}\|_F \geq \|E_k\|_F$ ), the step-size  $h$  is divided by  $\eta > 1$ . It is worth mentioning that, when the step-size  $h$  is divided by  $\eta$  for too many times, it would make  $h \rightarrow 0$  and may yield wrong information. Thus, to avoid this undesired result, we restore the already saved best values “bestERR”, “bestX”, “bestH” if  $h \leq 10^{-20}$ . The computation procedure could be shown in the box on next column.

Following the above discussion and analysis, the appropriate step-size  $h$  could be obtained in each iteration for the three-point ZNN iteration model (16) (as well as

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While 1
  h = h ÷ η
  Calculate Xk+1, Ek+1
  if Ek+1 ≤ bestERR
    Save to bestERR, bestX, bestH
  break
end
if h ≤ 10-20
  Restore bestERR, bestX, bestH
  break
end
end

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other multiple-point ZNN iteration models). In the ensuing section, four different-dimensional matrices are simulated to demonstrate the performance of the presented ZNN iteration model (16) aided with line-search algorithm.

#### IV. ILLUSTRATIVE SIMULATION RESULTS

For illustrative purposes, computer-verification examples are conducted and discussed to show the convergence of the presented three-point discrete-time ZNN model (16) aided with line-search algorithm for online matrix inversion. For comparison, Newton iteration (8) is simulated as well.

Let us consider the matrix inversion problem  $AX = I$  with the following matrix  $A \in R^{3 \times 3}$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & -5 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By simple algebraic manipulations, we could obtain the theoretical inverse as

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.333 & 5.000 & -1.667 \\ 2.667 & 11.000 & -3.333 \\ 1.667 & 7.000 & -2.333 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is given for comparative purposes (or to say, to check the correctness of neural-network solutions).

For the simulation of ZNN (16), the two initial states (i.e.,  $X_0$  and  $X_1$ ) and the initial step-size  $h$  are chosen respectively as  $X_0 = 2A^T / \text{tr}(AA^T)$ ,  $X_1 = 2X_0 - X_0AX_0$  and  $h = 1$ . In addition, the real-number  $\eta = 2n$  is set for adjusting the value of  $h$ . Fig. 1 illustrates the state matrix  $X_i$  (i.e., the  $i$ th state-value, where  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) of ZNN (16) aided with line-search algorithm. It can be seen that the neural-network state  $X_i$  of the three-point ZNN iteration model (16) converges to the theoretical inverse  $A^{-1}$ . For comparison, Newton iteration (8) is employed as well to solve the same matrix-inversion problem with the initial state  $X_0 = 2A^T / \text{tr}(AA^T)$ . Its convergent performance could also be seen in Fig. 1, which shows that the neural state  $X_i$  of Newton iteration (8) could also converge to the theoretical inverse  $A^{-1}$ . It is worth noting here that, at a beginning stage [e.g.,  $i \in (0, 15)$ ], ZNN iteration model (16) has (much) superior convergence, as compared to Newton iteration (8). This could also be seen in Fig. 2, which illustrates the residual-errors  $\|AX_i - I\|_F$  of the above two models [i.e., ZNN iteration model (16) and Newton iteration (8)].

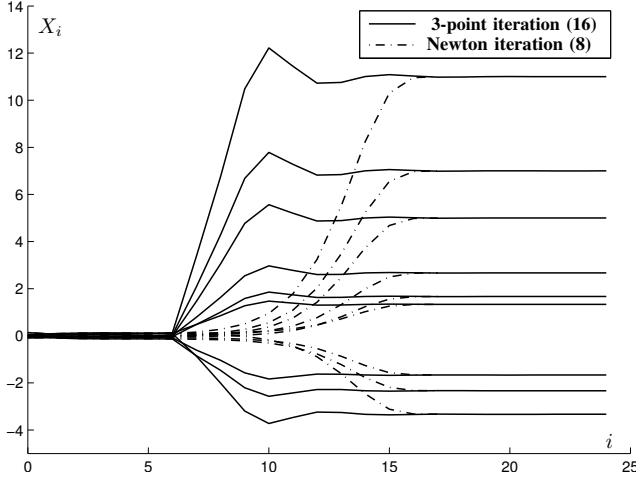


Fig. 1. State trajectories synthesized by three-point ZNN iteration model (16) and Newton iteration (8) for constant matrix inversion.

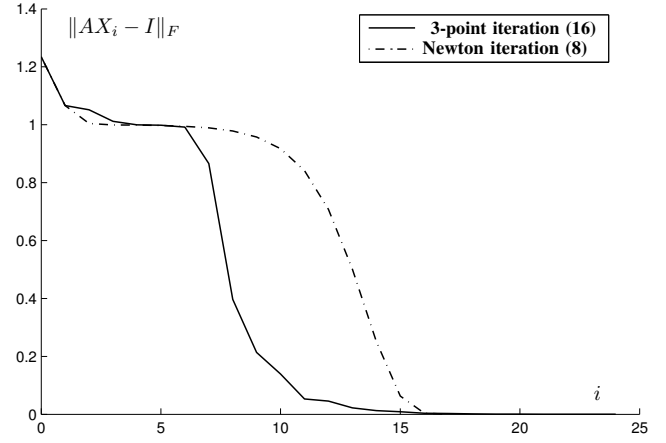


Fig. 2. Comparison of residual-errors  $\|AX_i - I\|_F$  synthesized by three-point ZNN model (16) and Newton iteration (8) for matrix inversion.

To further investigate ZNN iteration model (16) and its performance for matrix inversion, illustrative examples based on three randomly-generated matrices with different dimensions (i.e.,  $A \in R^{5 \times 5}$ ,  $R^{30 \times 30}$  or  $R^{100 \times 100}$ ) are conducted. The simulation-results are shown in Fig. 3, which further demonstrates the superior convergence of ZNN iteration model (16) aided with a line-search algorithm.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

For the purpose of hardware (e.g., digital-circuit) realization, from the continuous-time ZNN model (4) we could generalize the discrete-time ZNN models [e.g., (6)], which incorporates Newton iteration (8) as a special case. By employing more equally-spaced multiple-point backward-difference formulas, the new multiple-point ZNN iterations have been developed and investigated for online constant matrix inversion. In addition, to obtain the appropriate step-size, the line-search algorithm is employed. Computer-simulation results via different-dimensional matrices have demonstrated the effectiveness of the presented ZNN iterations aided with a line-search algorithm (which may thus be termed the generalized multiple-point Newton iterations).

## APPENDIX

It follows from [21] that the equally-spaced multiple-point backward-difference formulas could be formulated as follows (which involve three to seven sampling-points):

- the three-point backward-difference formula

$$\dot{X}((k+2)\tau) \approx \frac{1}{2\tau} \left( 3X((k+2)\tau) - 4X((k+1)\tau) + X(k\tau) \right),$$

- the four-point backward-difference formula

$$\dot{X}((k+3)\tau) \approx \frac{1}{6\tau} \left( 11X((k+3)\tau) - 18X((k+2)\tau) + 9X((k+1)\tau) - 2X(k\tau) \right),$$

- the five-point backward-difference formula

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X}((k+4)\tau) &\approx \frac{1}{12\tau} \left( 25X((k+4)\tau) - 48X((k+3)\tau) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 36X((k+2)\tau) - 16X((k+1)\tau) + 3X(k\tau) \right), \end{aligned}$$

- the six-point backward-difference formula

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X}((k+5)\tau) &\approx \frac{1}{60\tau} \left( 137X((k+5)\tau) \right. \\ &\quad - 300X((k+4)\tau) + 300X((k+3)\tau) \\ &\quad \left. - 200X((k+2)\tau) + 75X((k+1)\tau) - 12X(k\tau) \right), \end{aligned}$$

- and the seven-point backward-difference formula

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X}((k+6)\tau) &\approx \frac{1}{60\tau} \left( 147X((k+6)\tau) \right. \\ &\quad - 360X((k+5)\tau) + 450X((k+4)\tau) \\ &\quad - 400X((k+3)\tau) + 225X((k+2)\tau) \\ &\quad \left. - 72X((k+1)\tau) + 10X(k\tau) \right). \end{aligned}$$

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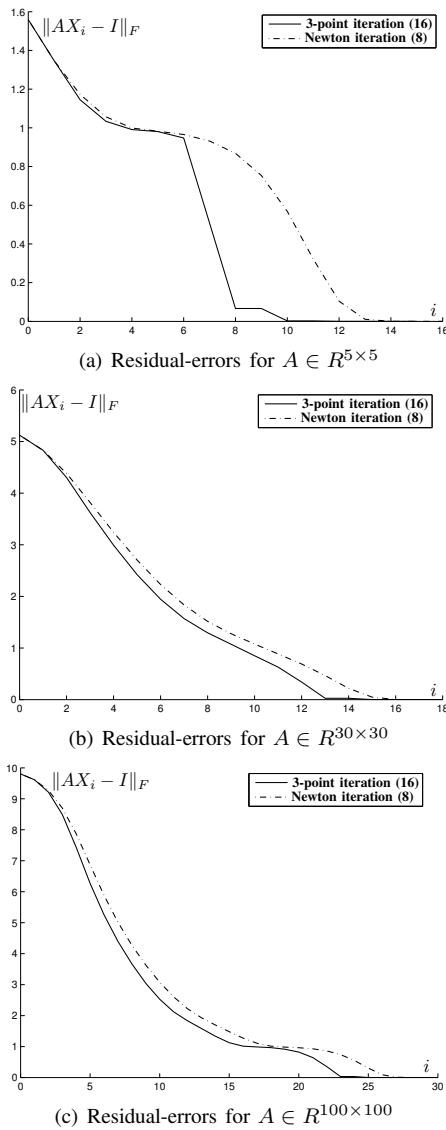


Fig. 3. Comparison of residual-errors synthesized by ZNN iteration model (16) and Newton iteration (8) for matrix inversion with different dimensions.

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