

NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

Exam II

Math 4364 (Fall 2011)

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This exam has 4 questions, for a total of 120 points.  
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35 points

1. In some early computers, which lacked division in hardware, the division  $1/c$  of any given floating-point number  $c (\neq 0)$  was computed by the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = x_n(2 - cx_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{1}$$

using only multiplication and addition.

- 10 / a) Show that, if the sequence  $x_n$  generated by (1) converges to  $1/c$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - 1/c|}{|x_n - 1/c|^2} = c$$

- b) The division  $1/c$  satisfies the equation

10 / 
$$f(x) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad f(x) = x^{-1} - c.$$

Show that Newton's method for this equation gives the iteration (1).

- 10 / c) For  $c = 3$  and  $x_0 = 0.3$ , use Newton's method to find first two iterates  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .  
5 / d) Given that  $1/3 \approx 0.3333333333333333 \dots$ . What can you say, based on your calculation in c), about the number of the correct digits for the third and fourth iterates  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ ?

1. a) Iteration (i)

$$x_{n+1} = x_n (2 - cx_n)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + x_n (1 - cx_n)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$-x_{n+1} = -x_n - x_n (1 - cx_n)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$-cx_{n+1} = -cx_n - cx_n (1 - cx_n)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$1 - cx_{n+1} = (1 - cx_n) - cx_n (1 - cx_n)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$1 - cx_{n+1} = (1 - cx_n)^2$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{c} - x_{n+1} = c \left( \frac{1}{c} - x_n \right)^2$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{c} - x_{n+1}}{\left( \frac{1}{c} - x_n \right)^2} = c$$

Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - 1/c|}{|x_n - 1/c|^2} = c$$

i.e.,  $x_n \rightarrow 1/c$  quadratically

### Alternative Solution

Iteration (i)

$$(*) \quad x_{n+1} = g(x_n) \quad \text{where } g(x) = x(2 - cx)$$

$$\text{We have } g'(x) = 2 - 2cx, \quad g''(x) = -2c$$

$$\text{Thus } g'(1/c) = 0, \quad g''(1/c) = -2c$$

$$\text{Also we have } 1/c = g(1/c) \quad (**)$$

From (\*) and (\*\*),

$$x_{n+1} - 1/c = g(x_n) - g(1/c) = g'(1/c)(x_n - 1/c) + \frac{1}{2} g''(\xi_n)(x_n - 1/c)^2$$

with  $\xi_n$  between  $x_n$  and  $1/c$ .

Then

$$\frac{x_{n+1} - \frac{1}{c}}{(x_n - \frac{1}{c})^2} = \frac{1}{2} g''(f_n) = -c$$

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - \frac{1}{c}|}{|x_n - \frac{1}{c}|^2} = c$

i.e.  $x_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{c}$  quadratically.

1. b)  
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Newton's method for equation  $f(x) = x^{-1} - c = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \\ &= x_n - \frac{(x_n^{-1} - c)}{(-x_n^{-2})} \\ &= x_n + x_n^2(x_n^{-1} - c) \\ &= x_n + x_n(1 - cx_n) \end{aligned}$$

$f'(x) = -x^{-2}$

Thus

$$x_{n+1} = x_n(2 - cx_n)$$

Newton's method becomes iteration (1)

1. c)

$$x_1 = x_0(2 - 3x_0) = 0.33000\dots, \quad x_2 = x_1(2 - 3x_1)$$

10/  $x_0 = 0.3$

2 digits correct

$$= 0.33330000$$

4 digits correct

1. d)  $x_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \approx 0.333333\dots$  quadratically implies that

5/ if  $x_n$  has  $t$  correct digits,  $x_{n+1}$  has  $2t$  correct digits.

Then based on c)  $x_3$  has 8 correct digits  
 $x_4$  has 16 correct digits.

30 points

2. Consider the fixed point problem  $x = g(x)$  where  $g \in C^2[a, b]$  such that  $g(x) \in [a, b]$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Suppose that a positive constant  $k < 1$  exists with  $|g'(x)| \leq k$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . Denote by  $p$  the unique fixed point in  $[a, b]$ . Prove that, if  $g'(p) = 0$ , then for any  $p_0 \neq p$  in  $[a, b]$ , the sequence

$$p_n = g(p_{n-1}), \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

converges *quadratically* to  $p$ .

Proof: (i)  $g \in C^2[a, b]$ , then Taylor expansion gives

$$\forall x \in [a, b], \quad g(x) = g(p) + g'(p)(x-p) + \frac{1}{2} g''(\xi) (x-p)^2$$

where  $\xi$  lies between  $x$  and  $p$ .

(ii) Since  $g(p) = p$  and  $g'(p) = 0$ ,

$$g(x) = p + \frac{1}{2} g''(\xi) (x-p)^2$$

(iii) Since  $g(x) \in [a, b]$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,

thus  $p_n \in [a, b]$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1$ , and, set  $x = p_n$  in (ii),

$$p_{n+1} = g(p_n) = p + \frac{1}{2} g''(\xi_n) (p_n - p)^2$$

where  $\xi_n$  lies between  $p_n$  and  $p$ .

Therefore

$$p_{n+1} - p = \frac{1}{2} g''(\xi_n) (p_n - p)^2$$

(iv) Since  $|g'(x)| \leq k < 1$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ , it follows

from the Fixed-point Theorem that  $p_n \rightarrow p$ .

As  $\xi_n$  is between  $p_n$  and  $p$ , so  $\xi_n \rightarrow p$ , and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^2} = \frac{1}{2} |g''(p)|.$$

i.e.  $p_n \rightarrow p$  quadratically.

35 points

3. Show that the sequence  $x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\ddots}}}$  generated by the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{x_n}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

with  $x_0 = 1$  converges linearly to the golden ratio  $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

Proof. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is generated by the fixed-point iteration

$$x_{n+1} = g(x_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where  $g(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$

The golden ratio  $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  is a fixed-point of  $g$ .

i.e.  $\phi = g(\phi) \Leftrightarrow \phi = 1 + \frac{1}{\phi} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= 1 + \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5}} = 1 + \frac{2(\sqrt{5}-1)}{4} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

We have ①  $g \in C^1[1, 2]$

②  $g(x) \in [1, 2], \forall x \in [1, 2]$

$$\Downarrow \forall x \in [1, 2] \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq x \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow 1 \geq \frac{1}{x} \geq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow 2 \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow g(x) \in [1, 2]$$

③  $|g'(x)| \leq k < 1, \forall x \in [1, 2]$

$$\Downarrow \forall x \in [1, 2] \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq x \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow 1 \geq \frac{1}{x} \geq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow 1 \geq \frac{1}{x^2} \geq \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow |g'(x)| = \frac{1}{x^2} \leq k < 1, \forall x \in [1, 2]$$

④  $\phi \in [1, 2]$  and  $g'(\phi) \neq 0$

It follows from the Fixed-Point Theorem  
that the sequence  $x_n$  converges  
linearly to  $\varphi$ .

20 points 4. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that

a)  $\det(A + xy^t) = (1 + y^t A^{-1} x) \det(A)$ ;

b) if  $A^{-1}$  exists and  $1 + y^t A^{-1} x \neq 0$ , then  $(A + xy^t)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1} x y^t A^{-1}}{1 + y^t A^{-1} x}$ .

Hint: Use the following results in Test 5: Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $I$  be the identity matrix. Then we have

1)  $\det(I + uv^t) = 1 + v^t u$ ;

2) if  $1 + v^t u \neq 0$ , then  $(I + uv^t)^{-1} = I - \frac{uv^t}{1 + v^t u}$

Proof

a)  $\det(A + xy^t) = \det \left[ A \left( I + \underbrace{A^{-1}x}_u \underbrace{y^t}_v \right) \right]$   
 $= \det[A(I + uv^t)] = \det(A) \det(I + uv^t)$

Result  
1)  $\Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow (1 + v^t u) \det(A) = (1 + y^t A^{-1} x) \det(A)$   
 $u = A^{-1}x$   
 $v = y$

b) if  $A^{-1}$  exists, and  $1 + y^t A^{-1} x \neq 0$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$   
 then it follows from a) that  $\det(A + xy^t) \neq 0$ ,  
 thus  $(A + xy^t)^{-1}$  exists.

$(A + xy^t)^{-1} = \left[ A \left( I + \underbrace{A^{-1}x}_u \underbrace{y^t}_v \right) \right]^{-1} = (I + uv^t)^{-1} A^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \left( I - \frac{uv^t}{1 + v^t u} \right) A^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{uv^t A^{-1}}{1 + v^t u}$

$\Rightarrow A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1} x y^t A^{-1}}{1 + y^t A^{-1} x}$

Result  
2)  $\Rightarrow$   
 $u = A^{-1}x$   
 $v = y$

When you finish this exam, you should go back and reexamine your work for any errors that you may have made.