

Error Estimation of the Iterative Process (11)

Since iterative process is an asymptotic process (infinite process). But in practical situation, we have to stop at a certain stage. This gives the error in the approximate root of the iterative equation

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x_{n+p} - x_n} &= (x_{n+p} - x_{n+p-1}) + (x_{n+p-1} - x_{n+p-2}) + \dots \\ &\dots + (x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}) + (x_{n+1} - x_n) \end{aligned}$$

taking the modulus on both sides and using the triangular inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |x_{n+p} - x_n| &\leq |x_{n+p} - x_{n+p-1}| + |x_{n+p-1} - x_{n+p-2}| + \dots \\ &\dots + |x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| + |x_{n+1} - x_n| \end{aligned}$$

using the result $|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq q^n |x_1 - x_0| \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |x_{n+p} - x_n| &\leq q^{n+p-1} |x_1 - x_0| + q^{n+p-2} |x_1 - x_0| + \dots \\ &\dots + q^{n+1} |x_1 - x_0| + q^n |x_1 - x_0| \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x_{n+p} - x_n| \leq q^n |x_1 - x_0| (q^{p-1} + q^{p-2} + \dots + q + 1)$$

$$\leq q^n |x_1 - x_0| \frac{1 - q^p}{1 - q}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x_{n+p} - x_n| \leq \frac{q^n}{1 - q} |x_1 - x_0| (1 - q^p) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Now

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+p} = \lim_{n+p \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+p} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+p}$$

taking the limit on both sides of equation (1), we have

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} |x_{n+p} - x_n| \leq \frac{q^n}{1-q} |x_1 - x_0| \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (1 - q^p)$$

$$|x_{\infty} - x_n| \leq \frac{q^n}{1-q} |x_1 - x_0|$$

$$\therefore q < 1$$

From the above result it is clear that the convergence of the iteration process will be faster, smaller the number q is.

Convergence of Newton-Raphson method is Quadratic
 OR Convergence is of order two for Newton-Raphson Method (16)

The Newton-Raphson method is given by

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Let the error at the n th step be e_n and ξ be the root of the equation $f(x) = 0$ i.e. $f(\xi) = 0$

then

$$x_n - \xi = e_n \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

$$x_{n+1} - \xi = e_{n+1} \quad \text{--- (**)}$$

From equation (1)

$$\xi + e_{n+1} = \xi + e_n - \frac{f(\xi + e_n)}{f'(\xi + e_n)}$$

$$e_{n+1} = e_n - \frac{f(\xi + e_n)}{f'(\xi + e_n)}$$

$$= \frac{e_n f'(\xi + e_n) - f(\xi + e_n)}{f'(\xi + e_n)}$$

$$= \frac{e_n [f'(\xi) + e_n f''(\xi) + \dots] - [f(\xi) + e_n f'(\xi) + \frac{e_n^2}{2!} f''(\xi) + \dots]}{f'(\xi) + e_n f''(\xi) + \frac{e_n^2}{2!} f'''(\xi) + \dots}$$

If e_n is very small we neglect higher powers of e_n

$$e_{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{2} e_n^2 \frac{f''(\xi)}{f'(\xi)}$$

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$$\text{Let } C = \frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(\xi)}{f'(\xi)} = \text{Constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow e_{n+1} \leq C e_n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow e_{n+1} \propto e_n^2$$

i.e. the error at $(n+1)$ th step is proportional to the square of the error at the n th step.

The convergence is quadratic. This means that the no. of correct decimals is approximately doubled at every iteration at least. If the factor $\frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(\xi)}{f'(\xi)}$ is not too large.

SOME SPECIAL CASES OF NEWTON'S METHOD

Case (A) Determination of square roots

Let C be a given number and let $f(x) = x^2 - C$ ($C > 0$)

We want to solve the equation $f(x) = 0$

i.e. to compute $x = \sqrt{C}$

Newton method take the form

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

$$= x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - c}{2x_n} \quad (18)$$

$$= x_n - \frac{x_n^2}{2x_n} + \frac{c}{2x_n}$$

$$= x_n - \frac{1}{2}x_n + \frac{c}{2x_n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x_n + \frac{c}{2x_n}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(x_n + \frac{c}{x_n} \right), \quad c > 0$$

$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

EXERCISE

Determine $\sqrt{10}$, with $x_0 = 3$ correct to 8 decimal places.

(B) Finding the roots of arbitrary order

To determine p th root of "c" (170). We must solve $x^p = c$ or $f(x) = x^p - c = 0$

Now the Newton-Raphson method

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

$$= x_n - \frac{x_n^p - c}{px_n^{p-1}}$$

$$= \frac{px_n^p - x_n^p - c}{px_n^{p-1}} = \frac{c + (p-1)x_n^p}{px_n^{p-1}}$$

$p \geq 2$
 $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

EXERCISE

Determine cube root of 7 i.e. $\sqrt[3]{7}$ correct to four decimal places with $x_0 = 2$. (19)

① Finding reciprocals with division

We want to determine the solution of the eqn

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - c = 0, \quad \text{for } c > 0$$

Newton's method yields

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

$$= x_n - \frac{\frac{1}{x_n} - c}{-\frac{1}{x_n^2}}$$

$$= x_n + x_n - cx_n^2$$

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

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

EXERCISE

To calculate e^{-1} with $e = 2.71828183$ starting with $x_0 = 0.3$

We shall now prove a theorem which tells us that under what conditions the iteration process converges.

THEOREM: Let a function $\phi(x)$ be defined and differentiable in an interval (a, b) with all values $\phi(x) \in [a, b]$, then if there exists a proper fraction q ($0 < q < 1$) such that

$$|\phi'(x)| \leq q < 1 \quad \forall \quad a < x < b$$

then the process of iteration described above converges irrespective of the choice of initial approximation $x_0 \in [a, b]$. Moreover, the limiting value ξ of x_n is the only root of $x = \phi(x)$ in $[a, b]$.

Proof:

We know that the equation of iteration is given by

$$x_{n+1} = \phi(x_n) \quad \text{and} \quad x_n = \phi(x_{n-1})$$

Subtracting, we get $x_{n+1} - x_n = \phi(x_n) - \phi(x_{n-1})$

Applying the Mean Value theorem to $\phi(x)$ in $[x_{n-1}, x_n]$ we get,

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = (x_n - x_{n-1}) \phi'(c) \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

where $c \in (x_{n-1}, x_n)$

obviously $c \in [a, b]$

Taking modulus on both sides of (A), we get

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| = |x_n - x_{n-1}| |\varphi'(c)| \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Let } |\varphi'(c)| \leq q < 1 \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq q |x_n - x_{n-1}| \quad \text{--- (C)}$$

Putting $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ in (C), we get

$$|x_2 - x_1| \leq q |x_1 - x_0|,$$

$$|x_3 - x_2| \leq q |x_2 - x_1| \leq q \cdot q |x_1 - x_0|$$

$$\Rightarrow |x_3 - x_2| \leq q^2 |x_1 - x_0|$$

Continuing in this way, we get

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq q^n |x_1 - x_0| \quad \text{--- (D)}$$

Consider now the series

$$x_0 + (x_1 - x_0) + (x_2 - x_1) + (x_3 - x_2) + \dots + (x_n - x_{n-1}) + (x_{n+1} - x_n) + \dots \quad \text{--- (E)}$$

For series (E) the $(n+1)$ th partial sum equals x_n .

$$\text{Hence i.e. } S_{n+1} = x_n$$

Therefore the series (E) is convergent

$$\text{i.e. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \xi.$$

Hence the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is convergent

Moreover, $x = \varphi(x)$ is the root of the function, all of whose values lie in $[a, b]$ and so $\xi \in [a, b]$

or in application.

Now to prove that ξ is a root of equation $x = \varphi(x)$. (10)

taking the limit on both side of

$$x_n = \varphi(x_{n-1})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x_{n-1})$$

$$= \varphi\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n-1}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi = \varphi(\xi)$$

Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \xi$ is a root of $x = \varphi(x)$ in $[a, b]$.

Now remain to show that ξ is the only root of $x = \varphi(x)$ in $[a, b]$.

Let $\bar{\xi} \in [a, b]$ be an other root of $x = \varphi(x)$ then $\bar{\xi} = \varphi(\bar{\xi})$. Subtracting this equation from the equation $\xi = \varphi(\xi)$, we get

$$\xi - \bar{\xi} = \varphi(\xi) - \varphi(\bar{\xi})$$

applying the mean value theorem we get

$$\xi - \bar{\xi} = (\xi - \bar{\xi}) \varphi'(d)$$

where $d \in (\bar{\xi}, \xi)$
obviously $d \in [a, b]$

$$(\xi - \bar{\xi})(1 - \varphi'(d)) = 0$$

Since $|\varphi'(d)| < 1 \forall d \in [a, b]$ therefore, we have

$$\xi - \bar{\xi} = 0, \text{ since } 1 - \varphi'(d) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi = \bar{\xi}$$

Hence ξ is only root of $x = \varphi(x)$ in $[a, b]$.