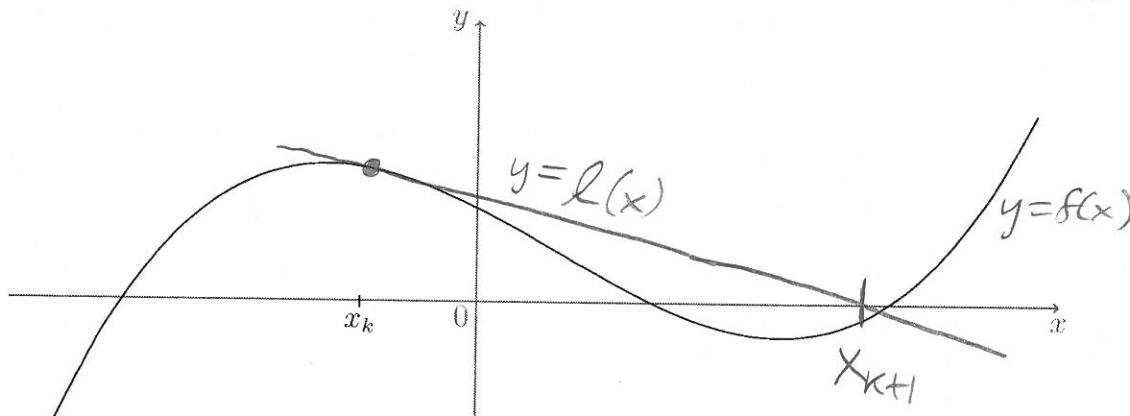


Midterm Exam

In class. No book, electronics, or notes. 95 minutes maximum. 115 points possible.

1. (a) (5 pts) A differentiable function $f(x)$ and an iterate x_k are shown on the axes below. Sketch, with appropriate labeling, how Newton's method determines the next iterate x_{k+1} .



- (b) (10 pts) Suppose $\ell(x)$ is the linearization of $f(x)$ at x_k . Give a formula for $\ell(x)$ and then a formula for where it crosses the x -axis. Write the result as Newton's method in the box below.

$$\ell(x) = f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x - x_k)$$

$$\ell(x) = 0 \iff 0 = f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x - x_k)$$

$$\iff x - x_k = \frac{-f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

$$\iff x = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

2. (a) (10 pts) Consider the equation $x^3 - 3x + 1 = 0$ and suppose $a_0 = -1$ and $b_0 = 1$ is a bracket. Apply two steps of the bisection method, reporting the bracket at the end of each step.

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$$

$$f(a_0) = f(-1) = +3, \quad f(b_0) = f(1) = -1$$

$$\underline{[a_0, b_0] = [-1, +1]} : \quad c = 0, \quad f(c) = +1$$

$$\underline{[a_1, b_1] = [0, +1]} : \quad c = \frac{1}{2}, \quad f(c) = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{2} + 1 < 0$$

$$\underline{[a_2, b_2] = [0, \frac{1}{2}]}$$

(b) (10 pts) For the same equation as in (a), with $x_0 = -1$ and $x_1 = 1$, apply one step of the secant method.

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{\left\{ \frac{f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})}{x_k - x_{k-1}} \right\}} \leftarrow \text{secant slope}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{\left\{ \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \right\}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{-1}{\left\{ \frac{-1 - (3)}{1 - (-1)} \right\}} = 1 - \frac{-1}{\left(\frac{-4}{2} \right)} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

3. (15 pts) Solve the following system by Gauss elimination and back-substitution:

$$3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 11$$

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 = 14$$

$$-3x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 = 1$$

Show your steps in an organized way. It must be clear that you are following the algorithm we considered in class. (Hints: Pivoting is not requested. The numbers are integers at every stage if you follow the algorithm.)

G.E.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 11 \\ R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1 \quad 3x_2 - x_3 = 3 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_1 \quad 6x_2 = 12 \end{array} \right\} \text{Stage 1}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 11 \\ 3x_2 - x_3 = 3 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_2 \quad 2x_3 = 6 \end{array} \right\} \text{Stage 2}$$

B.S.

$$x_3 = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$x_2 = \frac{3 + x_3}{3} = 2$$

$$x_1 = \frac{11 - x_2 - 2x_3}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

$$\therefore \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. (5 pts) Suppose we have used Gauss elimination with partial pivoting to factor some matrix A , so that $PA = LU$. Here P is a known permutation matrix, L is a known lower-triangular matrix, and U is a known upper-triangular matrix. Explain how to use this factorization to easily solve $Ax = b$, assuming b is also given, and identify what algorithms are needed.

$$Ax = b \iff PAx = Pb \iff LUx = Pb$$

so ① solve $Ly = Pb$ by forward substitution

② solve $Ux = y$ by back substitution

5. (10 pts) Consider lower-triangular matrices with unit diagonal:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ l_{2,1} & 1 & 0 & & 0 \\ l_{3,1} & l_{3,2} & 1 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{n,1} & l_{n,2} & \dots & l_{n,n-1} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ly = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Write a MATLAB/OCTAVE code, or a complete pseudocode, to solve systems $Ly = b$, with L in the above form, by forward substitution.

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function y = forwardsub(L,b)
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n = length(b);
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[optional check on inputs:
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is L lower-triangular?
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is L the right size?
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diag(L) == 1?
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y = zeros(n, 1);
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y(1) = b(1);
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for i = 2:n
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    s = b(i);
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    for j = 1:i-1
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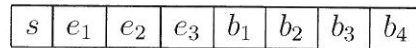
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        s = s - L(i,j) * y(j);
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    end
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    y(i) = s;
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end
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6. Suppose that the IEEE standard for floating point representation discussed in class had an 8 bit version. It might look like this:



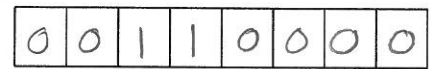
These 8 bits would represent the number

$$x = (-1)^s (1.b_1b_2b_3b_4)_2 \times 2^{(e_1e_2e_3)_2 - 3}$$

However, normal numbers would not use exponents $(000)_2$ nor $(111)_2$, which have special uses.

(a) (5 pts) What is the representation of 1 (one) in this system? (Give all the bits.)

$$1 = (-1)^0 (1.0000)_2 \times 2^{(011)_2 - 3}$$



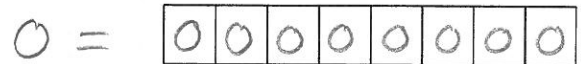
(b) (5 pts) What is the largest number that this system can represent?

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (-1)^0 (1.1111)_2 \times 2^{(110)_2 - 3} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16}\right) \times 2^{6-3} = \left(2 - \frac{1}{16}\right) \times 2^3 \\ &= 2^4 - \frac{1}{2} = 15.5 \end{aligned}$$

(c) (5 pts) What is the value of "machine epsilon" in this system?

$$\epsilon = (1.0001)_2 - (1.0000)_2 = \frac{1}{16}$$

(d) (3 pts) How would zero be represented? (Give all the bits.)



(e) (2 pts) Give the bits of a nonzero subnormal number. (Just pick one.)



7. (a) (5 pts) Find all the fixed points x_* of $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}$. (Hint: There are two.)

$$x = \varphi(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$4x = x^2 + 3x - 2$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x_* = -1, +2$$

$$\varphi'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{4}$$

- (b) (10 pts) Recall Theorem 4.5.1:

Theorem. Assume that $\varphi \in C^1$ and $|\varphi'(x)| < 1$ in some interval $[x_* - \delta, x_* + \delta]$ around a fixed point x_* of φ . If x_0 is in this interval then the fixed point iteration converges to x_* .

For the same function $\varphi(x)$ as in part (a), will the iteration

$$x_{k+1} = \varphi(x_k)$$

converge to each fixed point x_* for all x_0 near x_* ? (Hint: Consider each x_* in turn.)

$$\underline{x_* = -1:} \quad \varphi'(-1) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$|\varphi'(-1)| < 1$ so the iteration

converges if x_0 is close to -1

$$\underline{x_* = +2:} \quad \varphi'(2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{3}{4} = 1.75$$

$|\varphi'(2)| > 1$ so the iteration

does not have to converge if

x_0 is close to $+2$

8. (a) (5 pts) State Taylor's theorem with remainder in the $n = 2$ case. Be sure to include the assumptions about the function $f(x)$.

Theorem.

If f has three continuous derivatives on an interval including a and x then there is ξ between a and x so that

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(\xi)}{3!}(x-a)^3$$

- (b) (5 pts) Using the Theorem above, find the quadratic (degree two) Taylor polynomial for $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ using basepoint $a = 4$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sqrt{x} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} \\ f''(x) &= -\frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2} \\ f'''(x) &= +\frac{3}{8}x^{-5/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_2(x) &= f(4) + f'(4)(x-4) + \frac{f''(4)}{2}(x-4)^2 \\ &= 2 + \frac{1}{4}(x-4) - \frac{1}{64}(x-4)^2 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (5 pts) The result of (b) is a polynomial $P_2(x)$ such that $f(x) \approx P_2(x)$. Use the Theorem in (a) to estimate the size of the error $|P_2(x) - f(x)|$ for all x in the interval $[3, 5]$.

$$|P_2(x) - f(x)| = \left| \frac{f'''(\xi)}{3!} (x-4)^3 \right| \quad \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ -1 \leq x-4 \leq 1 \end{array}$$

$$\leq \frac{\frac{3}{8}(3)^{-5/2}}{6} \cdot 1^3 = \frac{3}{8 \cdot 6 \cdot 3^{5/2}} = \frac{3}{8 \cdot 6 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3^{1/2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{144\sqrt{3}}$$

Extra Credit. (3 pts) Do one step of Newton's method to find the first-quadrant intersection of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ and the graph $y = e^x$. Start from $(x_0, y_0) = (1, 2)$, which is not too far from the intersection.

[one way!]
$$\vec{x}_{k+1} = \vec{x}_k + \vec{s}$$

$$J(\vec{x}_k) \vec{s} = -\vec{F}(\vec{x}_k)$$
} Newton's method for systems

$$\vec{F}(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4 \\ x_2 - e^{x_1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad J(\vec{x}) = \left(\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} \right) = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 2x_1 & 2x_2 \\ \hline -e^{x_1} & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\vec{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \vec{F}(\vec{x}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 - e \end{bmatrix}, \quad J(\vec{x}_0) = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 4 \\ \hline -e & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} 2 & 4 \\ \hline -e & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ e - 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{s} = \begin{bmatrix} (7 - 4e)/(2 - 4e) \\ (3e - 4)/(2 - 4e) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}_1 = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{s} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + (7 - 4e)/(2 - 4e) \\ 2 + (3e - 4)/(2 - 4e) \end{bmatrix}$$