

CE 601: Numerical Methods

Lecture 11

Secant Method and Muller's Method

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- Convergence criteria in N-R method

- $e_{i+1} = x_{i+1} - \alpha$

As $x_{i+1} = x_i - f(x_i)/f'(x_i) = g(x_i)$ (say)

- For convergence we now require $|g'(\zeta)| < 1$

$$g(x) = x - f(x)/f'(x)$$

So, $g'(x) = f(x)f''(x)/(f'(x))^2$

- At exact convergence i.e. at $x = \alpha$, we have

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - f(x_i)/f'(x_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{i+1} - \alpha = x_i - \alpha - f(x_i)/f'(x_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow e_{i+1} = e_i - f(x_i)/f'(x_i)$$

- Again using Taylor's series expression for $f(\alpha)$ w.r.t. x_i .

$$f(\alpha) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)(\alpha - x_i) + (\frac{1}{2}) f''(\zeta) (\alpha - x_i)^2 = 0, \quad x_i \leq \zeta \leq \alpha$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(x_i) = -e_i f'(x_i) - (\frac{1}{2}) f''(\zeta) e_i^2$$

So, $e_{i+1} = e_i - f(x_i)/f'(x_i)$ becomes

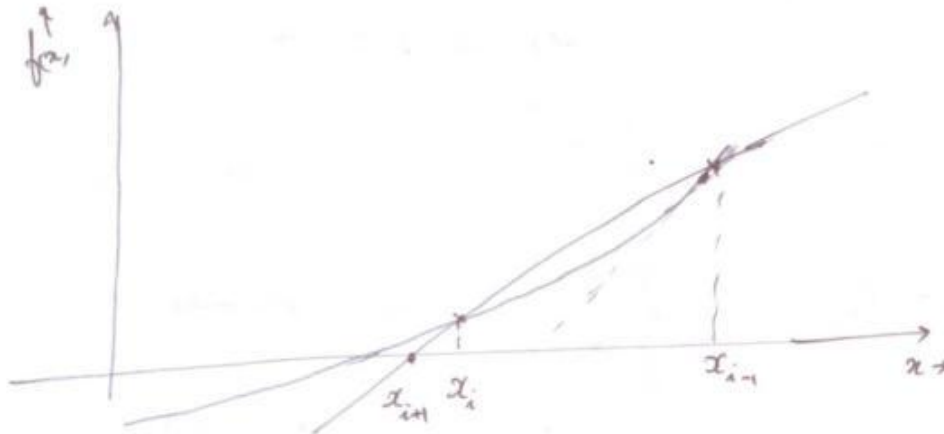
$$\Rightarrow e_{i+1} = e_i - (e_i f'(x_i) - (\frac{1}{2}) f''(\zeta) e_i^2)/f'(x_i)$$

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- You can see that error reduces quadratically at every iteration. Therefore it is faster.
- Q. What happens if $f'(x) = 0$ while using N-R method?
- Then, Newton-Raphson method will not be suitable to obtain solutions.
- In that case, we need to go for another method called Secant Method.

- Secant method

- Instead of a tangential line, we will be drawing a secant line passing through $(x_i, f(x_i))$.



- Here $x_{i+1} = x_i - f(x_i) / g'(x_i)$. $g'(x_i) \rightarrow$ slope of the secant line.

Now $g'(x_i) \neq f'(x_i)$

$$g'(x_i) = (g(x_i) - g(x_{i-1})) / (x_i - x_{i-1}) = (f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})) / (x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$g'(x_{i+1}) = (g(x_{i+1}) - g(x_i)) / (x_{i+1} - x_i) = -f(x_i) / (x_{i+1} - x_i)$$

Equating $(f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})) / (x_i - x_{i-1}) = -f(x_i) / (x_{i+1} - x_i)$

Or, $x_{i+1} = x_i - f(x_i) (x_i - x_{i-1}) / (f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}))$

- In the secant method, the improved value of x will be

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - f(x_i) (x_i - x_{i-1}) / (f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}))$$

- Recall this particular expression
 - Compare with Regula-Falasi method
 - Identify what are the differences?
 - The students are requested to work out the examples on this topic

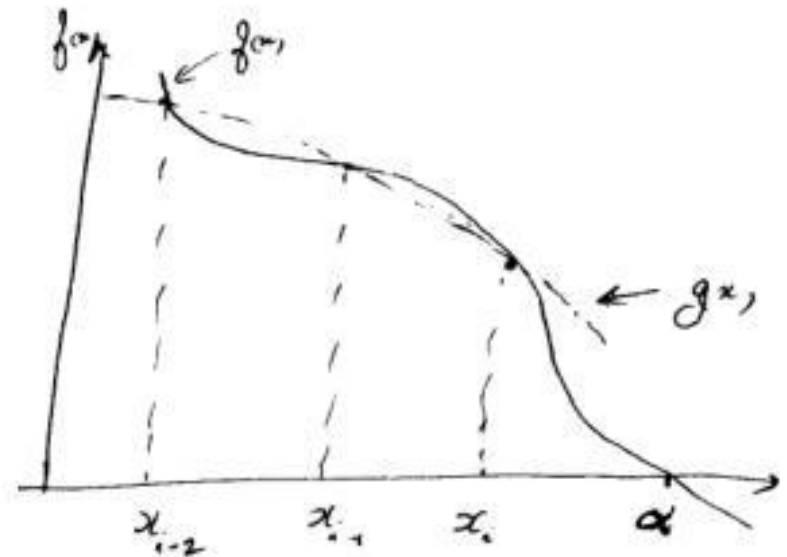
- Muller's method

→ In Newton's method and Secant method we approximated the non-linear function $f(x) \approx g(x)$ a straight line. A straight line is a first degree equation.

→ On a similar note we can approximate $f(x) \approx g(x)$, where $g(x)$ will be quadratic.

→ To form a quadratic function, you require at least three known points.

→ At any $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ iteration you need to utilize x_{i-1} , x_{i-2} , and x_i .



→ Here $f(x) \approx g(x) = a(x - x_i)^2 + b(x - x_i) + c$

→ The known points are: $(x_i, f(x_i))$, $(x_{i-1}, f(x_{i-1}))$ and $(x_{i-2}, f(x_{i-2}))$.
Also these three points the quadratic function $g(x)$ also passes

$$\text{i.e. } g(x_i) = a \times 0 + b \times 0 + c = c = f(x_i)$$

$$g(x_{i-1}) = a(x_{i-1} - x_i)^2 + b(x_{i-1} - x_i) + c = f(x_{i-1})$$

$$g(x_{i-2}) = a(x_{i-2} - x_i)^2 + b(x_{i-2} - x_i) + c = f(x_{i-2})$$

From these three relationships, we get $c = f(x_i)$.

Again symbolical term $\Delta x_1^{(i)} = x_{i-1} - x_i$, $\Delta x_2^{(i)} = x_{i-2} - x_i$,

$$\delta f_1^{(i)} = f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i), \quad \delta f_2^{(i)} = f(x_{i-2}) - f(x_i),$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i) = a(x_{i-1} - x_i)^2 + b(x_{i-1} - x_i)$$

$$\text{or, } \delta f_1^{(i)} = a(\Delta x_1^{(i)})^2 + b \Delta x_1^{(i)} \dots\dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } \delta f_2^{(i)} = a(\Delta x_2^{(i)})^2 + b \Delta x_2^{(i)} \dots\dots (2)$$

→ Similarly we get,

$$a = (\delta f_1 \Delta x_2 - \delta f_2 \Delta x_1) / (\Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 (\Delta x_1 - \Delta x_2))$$

$$\text{and } b = (\delta f_2 \Delta x_1^2 - \delta f_1 \Delta x_2^2) / (\Delta x_1 \Delta x_2 (\Delta x_1 - \Delta x_2))$$

$$\text{So, } g(x) = a (x - x_i)^2 + b(x - x_i) + c$$

At x_{i+1} , we are expecting convergence.

$$\text{i.e. } g(x_{i+1}) = 0 = a (x_{i+1} - x_i)^2 + b (x_{i+1} - x_i) + c$$

$$\text{i.e. } (x_{i+1} - x_i) [a (x_{i+1} - x_i) + b] = -c$$

$$\text{We have, } x_{i+1} - x_i = (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}) / 2a$$

$$\text{We can wait, } (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}) / 2a$$

$$= (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}) (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}) / 2a (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})$$

$$= -2c / (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})$$

$$\text{So, } x_{i+1} = x_i + -2c / (-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})$$

$$\text{where } c = f(x_i), a = (\delta f_1^{(i)} \Delta x_2^{(i)} - \delta f_2^{(i)} \Delta x_1^{(i)}) / (\Delta x_1^{(i)} \Delta x_2^{(i)} (\Delta x_1^{(i)} - \Delta x_2^{(i)}))$$

$$\text{and } b = (\delta f_2^{(i)} (\Delta x_1^{(i)})^2 - \delta f_1^{(i)} (\Delta x_2^{(i)})^2) / (\Delta x_1^{(i)} \Delta x_2^{(i)} (\Delta x_1^{(i)} - \Delta x_2^{(i)}))$$

→ Convergence criteria: $|x_{i+1} - x_i| \leq \varepsilon$ or, $|f(x_{i+1})| \leq \varepsilon$.

- Solutions of Polynomials

- You have linear and non-linear polynomials

$P_n(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$ is an n^{th} degree polynomial.

→ For any n^{th} degree polynomial, you can have n roots.

→ Roots may be real or complex.

→ The roots can be single or multiple.

→ Using open domain methods like – Newton, Secant, Muller etc we can find roots.

→ Recall that Newton's method converge quadratic ally.

$$e_{i+1} = (1/2) f''(\zeta) e_i^2 / f'(\zeta)$$

→ Let we use Newton's method to find the roots of the polynomial.

- Example: $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 2 = P_3(x)$
- $f(x) = f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 2$ and $f'(x) = P_3'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 4$
- $x_{i+1} = x_i - f(x_i)/f'(x_i)$
- Let us start with $x_0 = 2.0000$.

i	x_i	$f(x_i)$	$f'(x_i)$	Error
0	2.00000	2.00000	4.00000	2.00000
1	1.50000	0.62500	1.75000	0.62500
2	1.14286	0.14578	1.06123	0.14578
3	1.00549	0.00549	1.00009	0.00549
4	1.00000	0.00000		0.00000

- The solution is $\alpha = 1.0000$. This is our root. There are still two roots. How will we find them?

- Use polynomial Deflation.
- Any nth degree polynomial

$$P_n(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n$$

say if it is having a root $x = \alpha$, then we can write

$$P_n(x) = (x - \alpha) Q_{n-1}(x)$$

where $Q_{n-1}(x)$ is an $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ degree polynomial.

$$Q_{n-1}(x) = b_1 + b_2x + b_3x^2 + \dots + b_n x^{n-1}$$

you can see that

$$b_n = a_n$$

$$b_i = a_i + \alpha b_{i+1}; i = n-1, n-2, \dots, 1$$

So, in the given problem. $P_3(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 2$

i.e. $a_0 = -2, a_1 = 4, a_2 = -3$ and $a_3 = 1$.

$\alpha = 1.00000$ is an root.

So, $P_3(x) = (x - 1.00000)Q_2(x)$

Where $Q_2(x) = b_1 + b_2x + b_3x^2$

Now, $b_3 = a_3 = 1.00000$

$$b_2 = a_2 + \alpha b_3 = -3 + 1.00 \times 1.00 = -2.00000$$

$$b_1 = a_1 + \alpha b_2 = 4 + 1.00 \times -2.00 = 2.00000$$

So, $Q_2(x) = 2 - 2x + x^2$

→ The second degree polynomial can be again subjected to Newton's method to obtain the solution.