

Numerical Analysis
Day 6.Last Time Bisection method.

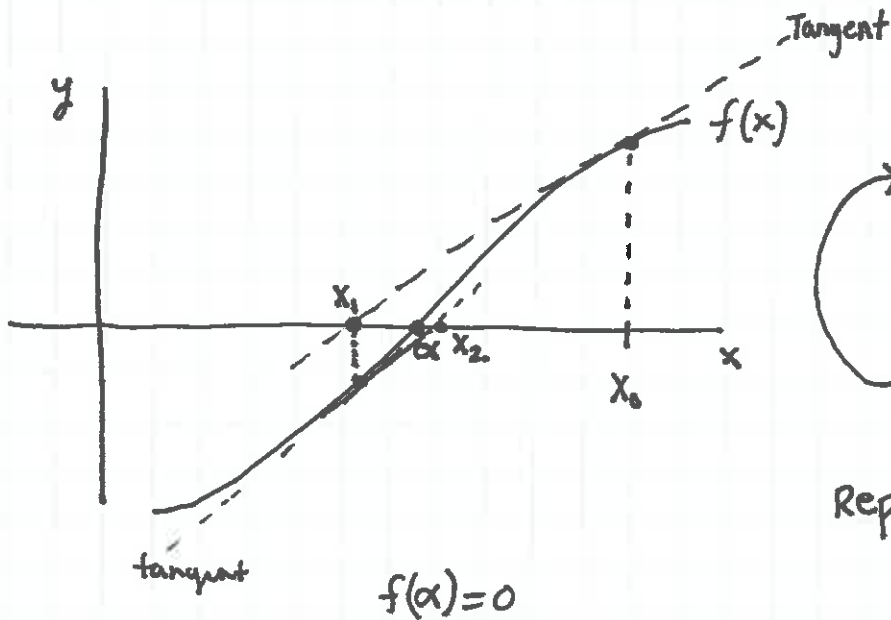
1. choose a starting range $[a, b]$
 2. check $f(a)f(b) < 0$
 3. bisect the region $c = (a+b)/2$ • this is our guess at the root.
 4. choose which side $[a, c]$ or $[c, b]$ the root is on.
 5. set the new range
- repeat
- if $b-a < \epsilon$
then we stop.

Also know: $\text{Error} = |\alpha - c_n| \leq \frac{1}{2^n} (b-a)$

- * This converges faster than just marching along the x-axis.
- * We still have problems with FUZZY DATA.

- zoom in too much we get $f(c)f(b) > 0$
and $f(a)f(c) > 0$ no root?

3.2 Newtons Method.



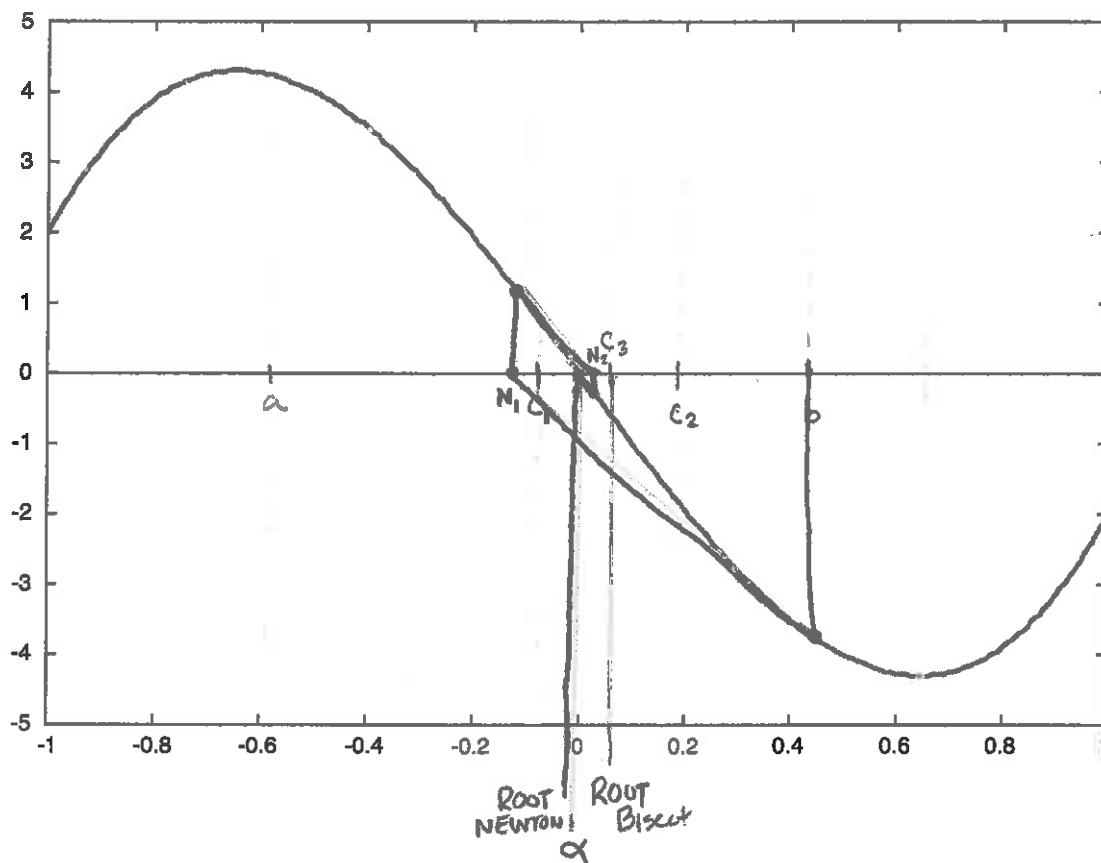
1. Choose a starting point close to α . Call this x_0 .
2. Find the tangent line at $f(x_0)$.
3. Look for the root of the tangent line. x_1 .
4. x_1 is our new guess at the root.

Repeat until you are within the error tolerance.

COMPARE... Bisection and Newtons Method.

$$f(x) = 8x^3 - 10x$$

Do three iterations of each
method by hand.
What do you find?



Let's think about what we are doing Mathematically:

Given a function $f(x)$ with at least one real root at $f(\alpha) = 0$.

1. Assume x_0 is sufficiently close to α .

on the picture could we pick a bad x_0 ?

2. Find the line tangent to $f(x)$ at x_0 .

slope: $f'(x_0)$ point: $(x_0, f(x_0))$

$$\text{Tangent Line} = y_1 = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

3. Find the root of the tangent line.

$$f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0) = 0$$

$$x = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

4. call this x_1 our new guess at α

IN GENERAL:

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

This is
NEWTON - RAPHSON
METHOD

LAST TIME — Bisection Method

to find the root of $f(x) = x^6 - x - 1$
 $\alpha \sim 1.134724138$

it took around $n=10$ iterations

to get $C_{10} = 1.338$ $\epsilon = .001$
 $\alpha - C_{10} = 9.24 \times 10^{-4}$

YOU TRY — Newtons Method

1. Choose an x_0 try $x_0 = 1.5$

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

Write your
PSEUDO CODE.

$$f(x) = x^6 - x - 1$$

$$f'(x) = 6x^5 - 1$$

You calculate
these by hand.

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^6 - x_n - 1}{6x_n^5 - 1}$$

How many iterations
to do better than
 $\alpha - x_n = 9.24 \times 10^{-4}$

An Interesting Application...

Division is computationally SLOW!
Think about doing Long Division by hand.

Computers use Newton's Method to speed things up.

SAY we want $a/b = a \cdot (\frac{1}{b})$

multiplication is a faster operation.

We use a trick to find $(\frac{1}{b})$

$$b - \frac{1}{x} = 0 \quad \text{the root of this is } \frac{1}{b}.$$

plug $f(x) = b - \frac{1}{x}$ into NEWTON'S METHOD.

$$f(x_n) = b - \frac{1}{x_n} \quad f'(x_n) = \frac{1}{x_n^2}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{b - \frac{1}{x_n}}{\frac{1}{x_n^2}} = x_n - b x_n^2 + x_n$$

or

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

all easy calculations
and fast convergence.

Only Problem... This could introduce ERROR
but HOW MUCH?

ERROR ANALYSIS NEWTON'S METHOD. — we need to understand the error.

Assume that $f'(x) \neq 0$

we have to be
careful in cases
where $f(x)$ is tangent
at the root!

Consider the Taylor expansion
of $f(x)$ near $x = x_n$ and

use this to approximate $f(x)$.

$$f(x) = f(x_n) + (x - x_n) f'(x_n) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(x - x_n)^2 f''(c_x)}_{\text{Remainder.}}$$

Newton's
Method
is a linear
approximation.

"Use what we know at $x = x_n$ to approximate $f(x)$ "

BUT we also know that $f(\alpha) = 0 \dots$ we are looking for the root

$$0 = f(x_n) + (\alpha - x_n)f'(x_n) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - x_n)^2 f''(c_x)$$

divide by $f'(x_n)$ because $(\alpha - x_n)$ is my error.

$$0 = \underbrace{\frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}} + (\alpha - x_n) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - x_n)^2 \frac{f''(c_x)}{f'(x_n)}$$

replace with the method. $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$

$$0 = x_n - x_{n+1} + \alpha - x_n + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - x_n)^2 \frac{f''(c_x)}{f'(x_n)}$$

x_n 's cancel... solve for $\alpha - x_n$

$$\alpha - x_{n+1} = (\alpha - x_n)^2 \left[\frac{-f''(c_x)}{2f'(x_n)} \right]$$

What do we learn... error in the next step is proportional to the error in the previous step.

convergence or decrease in error depends on the curvature and slope of $f(x)$ near $\alpha = x$.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK:

$$\frac{-f''(c_x)}{2f'(x_n)} \approx \frac{-f''(\alpha)}{2f'(\alpha)} \equiv M$$

as long as x_n is close to α

$$\text{then } \alpha - x_{n+1} \approx M(\alpha - x_n)^2$$

$$\text{OR } M(\alpha - x_{n+1}) \approx [M(\alpha - x_n)]^2 \approx [M(\alpha - x_{n-1})]^4 \dots$$

$$\text{so } M(\alpha - x_{n+1}) \approx [M(\alpha - x_0)]^{2^n}$$

What do we need for the method to converge or error to decrease.

We must have $|M(\alpha - x_0)| < 1$

otherwise error will grow.

Expand this a bit $|\alpha - x_0| < \frac{1}{|M|} = \left| \frac{2f'(\alpha)}{f''(\alpha)} \right|$

What did we learn...

- We have to pick x_0 sufficiently close to α for the method to converge.
- How close depends on $f'(\alpha)$ and $f''(\alpha)$
 - * The smaller the slope $f'(\alpha)$ the better we need to guess x_0 for the method to converge.

ERROR ESTIMATION

- we can't actually use this definition of error in our code.
- We don't know α .
- Clunky to divide by $f''(\alpha)$ etc...

USE THIS IN CODE !!

We can estimate the error:

$$\alpha - x_n \approx x_{n+1} - x_n$$

the error in the n^{th} step

$\approx$ the difference between this step and the next.

MATHEMATICALLY:

$$f(x_n) = f(x_n) - f(\alpha) = f(x_n) - \underbrace{f(x_n) - (\alpha - x_n)f'(c_x)}_{\text{Taylor's thm for } f(\alpha)}$$

or

$$f(x_n) = f'(c_x)(x_n - \alpha)$$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha - x_n}{x_{n+1} - x_n} \right) = \frac{-f(x_n)}{f'(c_x)} \approx \frac{-f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

assuming x_n is close to α
 c_x is between x_n and α .

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

so

$$(\alpha - x_n) \approx (x_{n+1} - x_n)$$