

**Problem Set 2** (9/11, 13, 16)

**Due on Fri, Sep 27**

- 1) Consider  $f(x) = x^2 - 5$ . Since  $f(2) = -1 < 0$  and  $f(3) = 4 > 0$ , it follows that  $f(x)$  has a root  $r$  in the interval  $[2, 3]$ . Compute an approximation to  $r$  and fill the following table. Take 10 steps in each case. Do the results agree with the theory discussed in class?

(a) Use bisection method with starting interval  $[a, b] = [2, 3]$ .

(b) Use fixed-point iteration with  $g_1(x) = 5/x$ ,  $g_2(x) = x - (x^2 - 5)$ ,  $g_3(x) = x - \frac{1}{3}(x^2 - 5)$ ,  $x_0 = 2.5$ .

(c) Use Newton's method with  $x_0 = 2.5$ .

$n$	$x_n$	$ r - x_n $
1	*	*
2	*	*
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

- 2) Let us consider the equation of state of chlorine gas. The ideal gas law is given by

$$PV = nRT,$$

where  $P$  is pressure,  $V$  is volume,  $T$  is temperature,  $n$  is the number of moles, and  $R$  is the gas constant ( $R = 0.08206 \text{ atm} \cdot \text{liter}/(\text{mole} \cdot \text{K})$ ). We get van der Waals equation by improving the left-hand side as

$$\left(P + \frac{n^2 a}{V^2}\right)(V - nb) = nRT,$$

where  $a = 6.29 \text{ atm} \cdot \text{liter}^2/\text{mole}^2$  (accounts for intermolecular attractive forces), and  $b = 0.0562 \text{ liter}/\text{mole}$  (accounts for size of gas molecules). Let us find  $V$  by Newton's method when  $n = 1$  mole,  $P = 2 \text{ atm}$ , and  $T = 313 \text{ K}$ . We give the starting guess  $V_0$  by the ideal gas law. We introduce  $f(V)$  as

$$f(V) = \left(P + \frac{n^2 a}{V^2}\right)(V - nb) - nRT.$$

(a) Find  $f'(V)$ .

(b) Find  $V_0$ .

(c) Find  $V_1, V_2$ .

(d) We infer that  $V_0$  has 2 correct digits and  $V_1$  has 5 correct digits. Compute  $V_3$ .

How many correct digits does  $V_2$  have? Explain your answer.

- 3) Consider the following system of nonlinear equations.

$$\begin{cases} f(x, y) = (x - 1)^2 + y^2 - 4 = 0, \\ g(x, y) = xy - 1 = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

This corresponds to finding the intersection of a circle and a hyperbola. Find an approximate solution using Newton's method for systems. Take two steps starting from  $(x_0, y_0) = (3, 0)$ . Present the iterates  $(x_i, y_i)$  and residual values  $f(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $g(x_i, y_i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$ . Present also intermediate calculations.

- 4) Let us solve the system (1) by Matlab. By using the Matlab code below as a template, write your own code and find a solution. The solution must have at least 4 significant digits. For  $i = 1, 2$ , do  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $f(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $g(x_i, y_i)$  agree with the values found in 2)? If so, it seems that the Matlab code is working correctly.

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% Template for Problem 4)
%
function Newton
clear; format long;
x = 3.0; y = 0.0; % initial guess
nmax = 2; % number of iterations (Choose a suitable number)
for n = 1:nmax
    result(n,1) = n-1;
    result(n,2) = x;
    result(n,3) = y;
    result(n,4) = f(x,y);
    result(n,5) = g(x,y);
    answer = [x; y] - jacobian(x,y)\[f(x,y); g(x,y)];
    x = answer(1); y = answer(2);
end
result
%
function ffun = f(x,y)
ffun = % fill in 1st function
%
function gfun = g(x,y)
gfun = % fill in 2nd function
%
function j = jacobian(x,y)
j11 = % fill in 11 element
j12 = % fill in 12 element
j21 = % fill in 21 element
j22 = % fill in 22 element
j = [j11 j12; j21 j22];
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