

Overview

- Sequence convergence acceleration
- Aitken acceleration
- Composite trapezoid + Aitken acceleration = Romberg quadrature

Recall definitions that characterize sequence convergence

Definition. $\{x_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ converges to x with rate $r\in(0,1)$ and order p if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|x_{n+1} - x|}{|x_n - x|^p} = r. \tag{1}$$

- If p is known, it can be used to construct a faster converging sequence $\{y_n\}$
- Write $x_n x \cong r(x_{n-1} x)^p$, $x_{n-1} x \cong r(x_{n-2} x)^p$, and take ratio

$$\frac{x_n - \bar{x}}{x_{n-1} - \bar{x}} = \left(\frac{x_{n-1} - \bar{x}}{x_{n-2} - \bar{x}}\right)^p. \tag{2}$$

- If p, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_n are known, then the above can be solved for \bar{x}
- The solution \bar{x} is taken as the $n^{ ext{th}}$ term $y_n = \bar{x}$ in a faster converging sequence
- Since it is based upon assumed behavior, this is called an extrapolation, understood as "going outside realm of known data"
- Other extrapolation example: Let $p_m(t)$ interpolate data $\mathcal{D} = \{(i\,h,\,y_i),\,i=0,\,1,\,...,\,m\}$. $p_m(j\,h)$ for $j\in[0,m]$ is interpolation, for j>m is an extrapolation.



• Extrapolation for p=1 is known as Aitken acceleration

$$\frac{x_n - \bar{x}}{x_{n-1} - \bar{x}} = \frac{x_{n-1} - \bar{x}}{x_{n-2} - \bar{x}}$$

Obtain

$$x_n x_{n-2} - (x_n + x_{n-2})\bar{x} = x_{n-1}^2 - 2x_{n-1}\bar{x} \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{x_n x_{n-2} - x_{n-1}^2}{x_n - 2x_{n-1} + x_{n-2}}.$$

• Set $y_n = \bar{x}$, rewritten as a correction to the x_n term

$$y_n = x_n - \frac{(x_n - x_{n-1})^2}{x_n - 2x_{n-1} + x_{n-2}}$$

• Example: L21.jl shows acceleration of forward finite difference approximation

$$f_0' \cong \frac{f(x_0 + h_n) - f(x_0)}{h_n}, h_n = 2^{-n}$$



• Consider problem of computing $I_{ab}(f) = \int_a^b f(t) dt$ by composite trapezoid with uniform partition of interval [a,b], $x_i = x_0 + i h_n$, $h_n = (b-a)/n$

$$I_{ab}(f) \cong Q_{ab}(f) = T(n) = (h_n/2) [f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + \dots + 2f_{n-1} + f_n]$$

• Introduce notation \sum'' to indicate that first, last terms in sum are halved

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} f_i = \frac{1}{2} f_0 + f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2} f_n, T(n) = h_n \sum_{i=0}^{n} f_i$$

• Recall: computational complexity of numerical quadrature given by number f evaluations. Consider T(n), T(2n), and let $f_i^{(n)} = f(ih_n)$



$$T(n) = h_n \cdot (f_0^{(n)} + f_1^{(n)} + \cdots + f_n^{(n)})$$

 $T(2n) = h_{2n} \cdot (f_0^{(n+1)} + f_1^{(n+1)} + f_2^{(n+1)} + \cdots + f_{2n}^{(2n)})$

ullet Many common points: exploit this to reduce f evaluations

• Consider T(n) to have been computed, e.g.,

$$T(1) = \frac{b-a}{2}(f(a) + f(b))$$

• Let h = (b-a)/(2n), express T(2n) in terms of previously computed T(n)

$$T(2n) = \frac{1}{2}T(n) + h\sum_{i=1}^{n} f_{2i-1}, f_j = f(jh), x_j = a + jh, j = 0, ..., 2n.$$

- The above allows construction of sequence $\{x_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$, $x_n=T(n)$.
- Recall composite trapezoid error formula

$$e_n = |I_{ab}(f) - T(n)| \le ||f''||_{\infty} \frac{b - a}{12} h_n^2$$

of second-order accuracy



• Idea #1: apply extrapolation acceleration to $\{x_n\}$ sequence

$$T(n) - I_{ab} \cong ||f''||_{\infty} \frac{b - a}{12} h_n^2, T(2n) - I_{ab} \cong ||f''||_{\infty} \frac{b - a}{12} h_{2n}^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{T_n - I_{ab}}{T_{2n} - I_{ab}} = 4 \Rightarrow I_{ab} = T(2n) + \frac{1}{4 - 1} [T(2n) - T(n)]$$

- Take $y_n = I_{ab} = T(2n) + \frac{1}{4-1}[T(2n) T(n)]$, which should now be faster-convergent, (third-order) sequence
- Idea #2: repeatedly apply extrapolation acceleration to $\{y_n\}$ sequence
- Introduce R(n,q), n= number of subintervals, q= number of times extrapolation acceleration has been applied
- Romberg relation

$$R(n,q) = R(n,q-1) + \frac{1}{4^q - 1} [R(n,q-1) - R(n-1,q-1)]$$



Organize computations as a table

- Choose n high enough to ensure *resolution*, i.e., function variation is captured
- Choose moderate q, $q\leqslant 4$, to avoid loss of precision due to floating point subtraction