

MATH661 HW10 - Nonlinear operators

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The simplest nonlinear operator is a scalar function $f(x)$, and a basic problem is to find the null set of f , those values x for which $f(x) = 0$, known as the roots of f .

Consider $f(x) = p_8(x) = \sum_{i=0}^8 a_i x^i$, an eighth degree polynomial with $\mathbf{a} = [a_0 \dots a_8]$

$$\mathbf{a} = [40320 \quad -109584 \quad 118124 \quad -67284 \quad 22449 \quad -4536 \quad 546 \quad -36 \quad 1].$$

1 Track 1

Implement each of the following methods to find a root of p_8 .

1. Seek a root $r \in [5.5, 6.5]$ using the bisection algorithm (see course webpage).
2. Seek r by the secant method.
3. Seek r by Newton's method.
4. Seek r by Steffensen's method.
5. Change $a_7 = -36 - 10^{-3}$ and repeat the above

2 Track 2

1. Prove that Steffensen's method is of second order.
2. Implement Steffensen's and find $r \in [5.5, 6.5]$, a root of a perturbed $\tilde{p}_8(t)$, where $\tilde{a}_2 = a_2 + \varepsilon_k$, $\varepsilon_k = 2^{-k}$, $k \in \{15, 14, \dots, 10\}$. Comment on what you observe.
3. Apply the vector-valued version of Newton's method

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{J}_n^{-1} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n), \tag{1}$$

where \mathbf{J}_n is the Jacobian

$$\mathbf{J}_n = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{x}_n) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_n),$$

to find a root of

$$\begin{cases} uv - w^2 = 1 \\ uvw - u^2 + v^2 = 2 \\ e^u - e^v + w = 3 \end{cases}$$

Implementation notes:

- As usual, \mathbf{J}^{-1} is implemented as linear system solve

$$\mathbf{J}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n) \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{s}$$

- An initial guess is typically obtained by linearization of the system.