

# Numerical Analysis Notes 01/31/2022

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## 1 Announcements

### Office Hours:

Tuesday: 7:00pm-9:00pm Via Zoom

Wednesday: 5:00pm-6:00pm, 2MTC room 872 with Professor Potter

Friday: 1:00pm-2:00pm, 2MTC room 858 with Mariana

**Class time: 3:30pm-4:50pm**

## 2 Note on Programming Homework 1

Brentq: A 'hybrid rootfinder' which implements Brent's method.

Brentq solves: "find  $x \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(x) = 0$ "

Signature:  $x = \text{brentq}(f, a, b, \text{tol} = \text{None})$

- tol: "tolerance," how accurately the root is found.
- f: An instance of something on Python which is callable. . . so if I write
- " $f(x)$ ", where  $x$  is a float, then  $f(x)$  is a float  
From `scipy.optimize` import `brentq`  
From `ipython` type `?brentq` for docs or just google "brentq scipy"

Question:  $p(x) = (x - 10^{-16})(x + 10^{-16}) = x^2 - 10^{-32} \approx x^2$

Question: how accurate does `findroots` need to be?

Answer: `roots = findroots(p,a,b,tol)` (where `tol > 0`)

Def: an open set  $E$  in  $R$  is a subset of the real line such that if  $x \in E$ , then there exists some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\epsilon = \{y \in R : |x - y| < \epsilon\}$

Def: a set  $F \subseteq R$  is closed if its complement is open.

$F^c = \{y \in R : y \notin F\}$

e.g. Is the set  $[1, \infty)$  closed?

well  $[1, \infty)^c = (-\infty, 1) \dots \text{open}$

$\Rightarrow [1, \infty)$  is closed.

Note: For the contraction mapping theorem, the assumption on the interval  $[a, b]$  is that it is closed AND bounded or compact

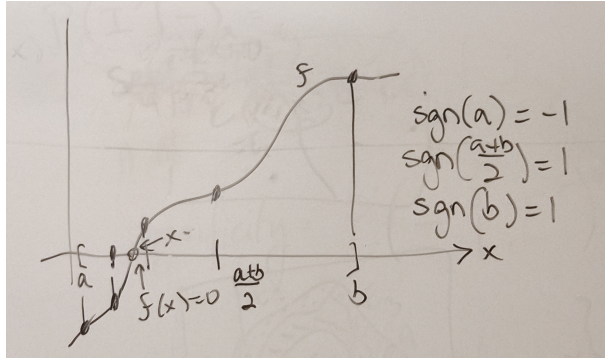
### 3 Iterative Solution of Equations

(or in 1D . . . "rootfinding".)

We want to solve  $f(x) = 0$  for  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Let's just assume  $f \in C^0([a, b])$  (this is closed and bounded)

Picture:



Last class : IVT (Intermediate Value Theorem)

$f \in C^0([a, b])$ ,  $f(a) < 0$ ,  $f(b) > 0$ , then  $\exists x \in E$  such that  $f(x) = 0$ .

Def: signum e.g. np.sign,

- $\text{sgn}(x) = 1$  if  $x > 0$
- $\text{sgn}(x) = 0$  if  $x = 0$
- $\text{sgn}(x) = -1$  if  $x < 0$

#### 3.1 Bisection

$a_0, b_0 = a, b$

$k=0$

while True:

$\text{sign\_left} = \text{np.sign}(a_k)$

$\text{sign\_mid} = \text{np.sign}(\frac{a_k+b_k}{2})$

$\text{sign\_right} = \text{np.sign}(b_k)$

    #check if any of the signs ==0

    if  $\text{sign\_left} \neq \text{sign\_mid}$ :

$a_{k+1}, b_{k+1} = a_k, \frac{a_k+b_k}{2}$

        continue

    if  $\text{sign\_mid} \neq \text{sign\_right}$ :

$a_{k+1}, b_{k+1} = \frac{a_k+b_k}{2}, b_k$

        continue

### 3.2 Time Complexity (How fast is this?)

$$\frac{|b_{k+1} - a_{k+1}|}{|b_k - a_k|} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow |b_k - a_k| = \frac{b-a}{2^k}$$

Accuracy:

for rootfinding (solving  $f(x) = 0$ ) there are 2 options:

1.  $x - x_k$
2.  $f(x) - f(x_k)$  ('residual')

Question: how many steps to get  $|x - x_k| < \epsilon$ ?

$\Leftrightarrow$  how big does  $k$  need to be to get  $|b_k - a_k| < \epsilon$

$$\epsilon = |b_k - a_k| = \frac{|b-a|}{2^k} \Rightarrow 2^k \epsilon = |b-a|$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \epsilon + k \log 2 = \log |b-a|$$

$$k = \frac{\log \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log |b-a|}{\log 2} = \log_2 \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log_2 |b-a|$$

$$k = O(\log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$$

$$\frac{\log 10^{10}}{\log 2} \approx 33$$

What should we assume about  $f$ ?

- 1) Completely problem dependent
- 2) Easy Rootfinding problem

- Exercise: 1) how to solve  $p(x) = 0$ , if  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

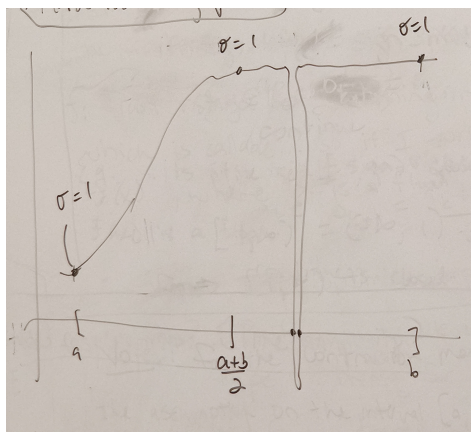
- Answer:  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Let's say  $f(x) = p(x) + \epsilon(x)$

What can we say about solving  $f(x) = 0$ ?

Professor's point: if  $\epsilon(x)$  is small . . . then no need for bisection algorithm . . . just use the quadratic formula.

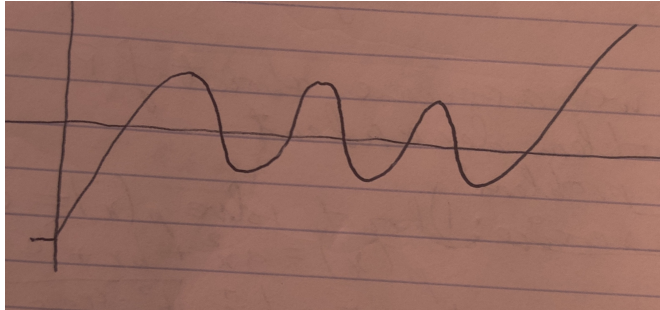
### 3.3 Hard rootfinding problem



Also look at Weierstrass Monster function and the solution of a stochastic dif-

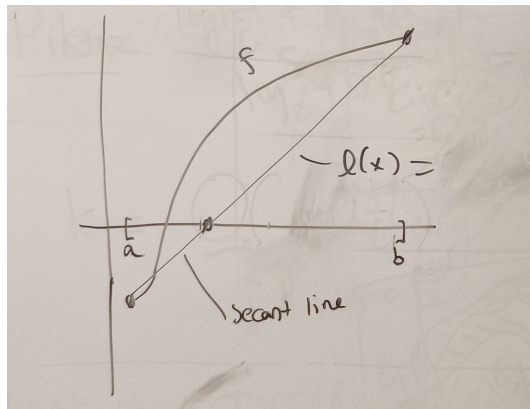
ferential equation ('stock price graph')

e.g. This is a polynomial graph:



Then: Sturm's theorem gives us global information to guide our search . . .

How do we make bisection go faster . . . assuming we have a reasonable problem to solve?



Exercise: what is  $l(x)$ ? // Secant method: //  $x_0 = a$

$$x_1 = b$$

$$k = 2$$

while true:

$$x_k = x_{k-1} - f_k \left( \frac{x_k - x_{k-1}}{f_k - f_{k-1}} \right)$$

# check if  $|x_{k+1} - x_k| < tol$

Question: time complexity?

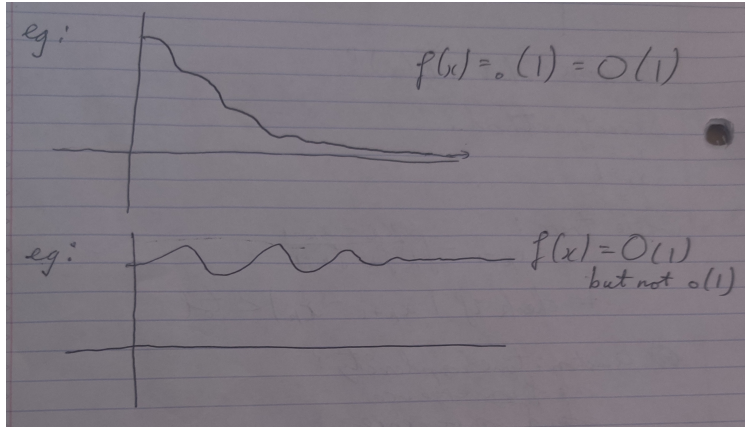
- rate of convergence
- orders of convergence

Landau notation: big O notation . . .

Def:  $f(x) = O(g(x))$  [as  $x \rightarrow x$ ]

$$if : \lim_{x_0} \frac{|f(x)|}{|g(x)|} = 0$$

Some examples:



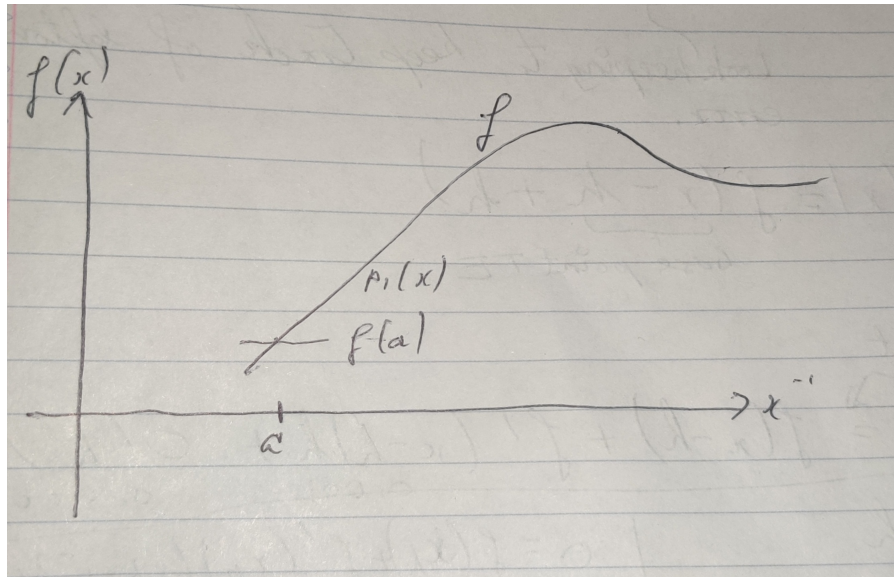
Def: let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^\infty$  (infinitely differentiable function) in a ball surrounding a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then there exists a polynomial (called the Taylor polynomial of order  $k$ ).

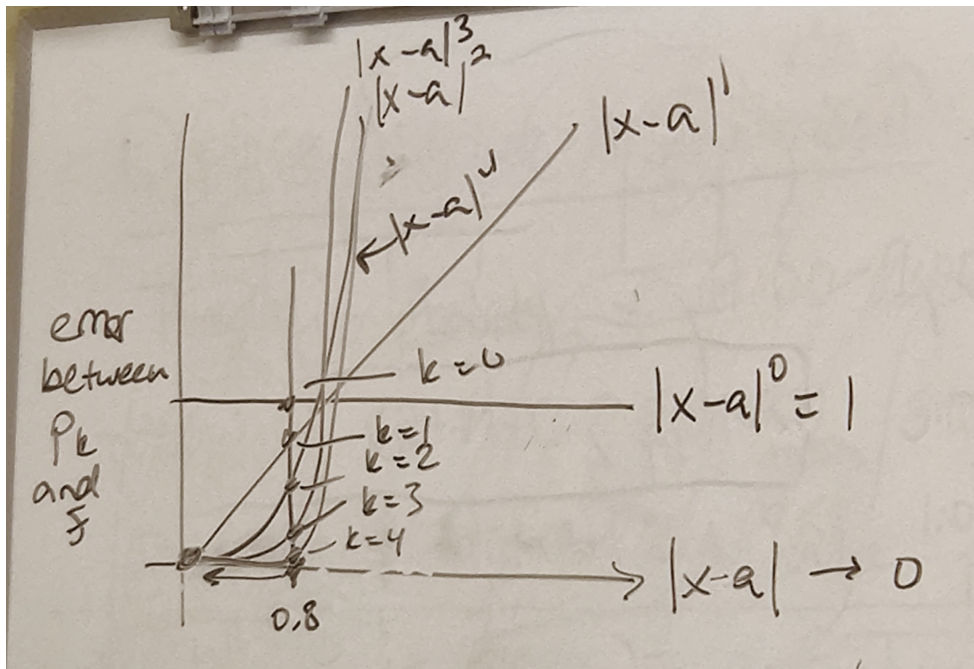
$$p_k(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!}(x-a)^k$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^k \frac{f^{(m)}(a)}{m!}(x-a)^m$$

Such that: the remainder

$$R_k(x) = f(x) - p_k(x) = O(|x-a|^k) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow a$$





More useful forms of Taylor Expansions (TEs) for our purposes:  
 $f(x+h) = f(x) + f'(x)h + f''(x)\frac{h^2}{2} + O(h^3)$  [or  $o(h^2)$ ]

- $O(h^3)$  is for bookkeeping to keep track of leftover error

$$O = f(x) = f(x-h+h)$$

- $x-h$  is the base point TE

linearizing  $f$  about  $x-h = f(x-h) + f'(x-h)h + O(h^2)$

Relabel:  $x_k = x-h$

$$x_{k+1} - x_k = x - x + h - h$$

- $\Delta x_k$  is used as 'the step'

$$O = f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) + O|x_{k+1} - x_k|^2$$

Rearrange:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} + O|x_{k+1} - x_k|^2$$

1. Started with the thing we are solving
2. Taylor expanded it in a sensible way
3. Converted it into an iteration
4. Therefore we Taylor Expanded, we have an estimate of the error (more or less).

Exercise: In the derivation of Newton's method what happens if  $f'(x_k) \sim x_{k+1} - x_k$