

## Newton's Method in 2 Dimensions<sup>1</sup>

The ordinary Newton's Method uses the linear approximation to find an approximate solution to an equation of the form  $f(x) = 0$ . Basically, if  $x_0$  is an initial approximation to the solution, then the tangent line to  $y = f(x)$  at  $x = x_0$  intersects the  $x$ -axis at a point  $(x_1, 0)$ , and  $x_1$  is usually a better approximation to the solution than  $x_0$ . So the process can be iterated using  $x_1$ , and a short derivation shows that at each stage,

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

This may be automated in Maple by defining the function

```
> newt:= x -> evalf(x-f(x)/Df(x));
```

Here is a full example. We will plot the curve to estimate a starting value  $x_0$ - Here, after viewing the plot, we decide on  $x_0 = 0.8$ . (Note about typing the for loop: Use the shift then enter keys to get a new line without Maple evaluating the expression).

```
> Digits:=16;
> f:=x-> cos(x)-x;
> Df:=D(f);
> newt:= x -> evalf(x-f(x)/Df(x));
> plot(f(x),x=-Pi..Pi);
> t:=1.2;
> for i from 1 to 4 do
    y:=newt(t);
    if abs(y-t)<10^(-8)
    then printf("Done on iterate %d", i);
        printf(" and the solution is %f\n", y);
        break;
    else
        t:=y;
    end
od;
```

*NOTES:* New in Maple- The  $D$  command, and look over the "for loop", which is ended by the `od` line. There is also an `if` statement.

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<sup>1</sup>Adopted from *CalcLabs with Maple for Stewart's Multivariate Calculus*, P.B. Yasskin and A. Belmonte

## Two dimensional Newton's Method

The two dimensional Newton's Method works in the same way- We are looking for an ordered pair  $(x, y)$  that solves the pair of equations

$$f(x, y) = 0 \quad g(x, y) = 0$$

If  $(x_0, y_0)$  is an initial approximation to the solution, then the tangent plane to  $z = f(x, y)$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  and the tangent plane to  $z = g(x, y)$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  intersect the  $xy$ -plane at a common point,  $(x_1, y_1, 0)$ . Hopefully  $(x_1, y_1)$  is a better approximation to the solution than  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

## Lab Questions

1. Derive equations for  $x_{i+1}$  and  $y_{i+1}$  like we had for the original Newton's Method. Your solutions will depend on  $f, f_x, f_y, g, g_x, g_y$ , all evaluated at  $(x_i, y_i)$ . Your answer should be in the form:

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad y_{i+1} = y_i - \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

2. Construct a single Maple function, `newt2d` which acts on an initial approximation and produces the next approximation. Here is a simple example of a function that takes in two numbers and produces two numbers for iteration:

```
> newtex:=(x,y)->(3*x-5*y, 2*x+y);  
> g:=newtex(1,2);  
> newtex(g);
```

3. Use your Maple function to find all solutions to each of the following pairs of equations. You will need to plot the two equations using `implicitplot` to get an initial approximation to each solution. Iterate enough so that the maximum difference between two successive iterations is no more than  $10^{-10}$ . You can use `fsolve` to check your solutions.

- (a)  $x + y - \cos(x) + \sin(y - 1) = 0$  and  $x^4 + y^4 - 2xy = 0$
- (b)  $5x - 3y = -2$  and  $2x - 2y = -3$
- (c)  $y^3x - x^3y + x^2y^2 = 7$  and  $2x^4 + 3y^4 = 74$