

## Homework Exercises: Set 2 DUE FRIDAY, Feb 13th

1. Suppose we wish to use Newton's Method to solve for a root of function  $f(x)$ , and say that root is  $x = r$ .

The iteration is then:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \doteq N(x_n)$$

From this formula, it is not clear that if  $r$  is a double root for  $f$ , then do we even have convergence?

HOMEWORK: Show that if  $f$  has a root of multiplicity 2 at  $x = r$ , then Newton's Method will still converge locally to the root, but only linearly. HINT: Use the new form of  $f$ , then show that  $N'(r) = 1/2$ .

2. Consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{5}(x+3)(x-2)^2$$

Apply Newton's Method to each root.

- For the root  $x = -3$ , confirm the quadratic convergence by finding (book notation):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_{n+1}}{e_n}$$

and compare it to the theoretical limit.

- For the root  $x = 2$ , show that the convergence is indeed only linear. Use the speed-up shown in class and show that you now get quadratic convergence. ("Show" in this case means to compute  $e_{n+1}/e_n^2$  or  $e_{n+1}/e_n$ , and see that the limit is approaching what it is supposed to approach).
3. (Ex 7, p 16) Let  $fl(x)$  be defined as the floating point representation of  $x$ . Show that

$$(fl(7/3) - fl(4/3)) - 1$$

is machine epsilon, not zero. Verify your answer on Matlab.

4. Consider the following Matlab code:

```
y=1;  
n=15;  
  
z=input('Enter z: ');  
  
for i=1:n  
    y = 2*y/3 + z/( 3*y^2 );  
end
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Although we can run the code, we want to use our theory to prove whether or not this algorithm will converge, what it will converge to, and for what  $z$ . (HINT: Think FPI, where  $z$  is a constant)

5. Look up the `input` command, and run the code for  $z = 123$ . Before you run it, modify the code to keep track of  $e_{n+1}/e_n$ , and verify that it goes to  $|g'(r)|$ .