1 Fixed point iterations

Consider the following nonlinear equation

$$
f(x) = x \exp(x) - 1 = 0 \tag{1}
$$

Like in the lecture, we consider the three fixed point equations

$$
x = \phi_1(x) \text{ with } \phi_1(x) = \exp(-x) \tag{2}
$$

$$
x = \phi_2(x) \text{ with } \phi_2(x) = \frac{x^2 \exp(x) + 1}{\exp(x)(1+x)}\tag{3}
$$

$$
x = \phi_3(x) \text{ with } \phi_3(x) = x + 1 - x \exp(x) \tag{4}
$$

- 1. Show analytically that the three fix point equations are consistent with [\(1\)](#page-0-0) by rearranging the equations (2) to (4) to the form of (1) .
- 2. For each of the iterative formulas [\(2\)](#page-0-1)-[\(4\)](#page-0-2) try to find a fixed point using an iteration of the form $x^{k+1} = \phi_i(x^k)$ with $i = 1, 2, 3$ and ${\rm k}$ denoting the k -th iteration :
	- Use a starting guess x_0 between 0 and 1
	- Loop while abs($x_k x_{k-1}$) > 1e-8 calculate the next x value
	- Store all values that you calculate in a vector xvec
	- Also terminate the while-loop if 1e5 iterations are exceeded
- 3. For each formula, say if the fixed point iteration converges or not? Provide the answers using an if block in your code.
- 4. Compare your results with those, which can be obtained by using fsolve for each of the cases [\(1\)](#page-0-0) to [\(4\)](#page-0-2). Could you improve your results by using a different maximal error (tolerance level)?
- 5. Estimate the convergence orders p and the rates of convergence C for the formulas which have a fixed point (keep in mind that the following formulas cannot be applied to the first and last elements of your x^k vectors).
	- Define xstar based on the last iteration value or the solution from fsolve
	- Calculate the vector eps = abs(xvec xstar)
	- Use the results in to determine p and C according to [\(5\)](#page-0-3) and [\(6\)](#page-0-4), plot the results (p and C vs k) using subplot and interpret them.

$$
p = \frac{\log(\epsilon^{k+1}) - \log(\epsilon^k)}{\log(\epsilon^k) - \log(\epsilon^{k-1})}
$$
(5)

$$
C = \frac{\epsilon^{k+1}}{(\epsilon^k)^p} \tag{6}
$$

2 Nonlinear Equations

The steady state heat flux Q of a CSTR for a first order, irreversible reaction is given by

$$
Q = \frac{\eta \kappa(\theta)}{1 + \kappa(\theta)} + 1 - \theta + K^{C}(\theta^{C} - \theta) = 0
$$

$$
\kappa(\theta) = \kappa_0 \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{\theta}\right)
$$
 (7)

- 1. Plot the total heat flow Q from and to the reactor [\(7\)](#page-1-0) vs. the dimensionless reactor temperature θ , for θ between 0.9 and 1.25
	- Use α =49.46; κ_0 =2.17×10²⁰; K^C=0.83; η =0.33; θ ^C=0.9;
- 2. Implement and use the secant method in a function to find the three steady state temperatures of the CSTR.
	- Your function file header should read something like function $[x, xvec] = secantRoot(f, x0)$ where f is a function handle to the function that is to be solved, and $x0$ is an initial guess.
	- Store and return all x-values calculated in a vector xvec.
	- The calculation steps of the secant method read

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

$$
f'(x_k) \approx \frac{f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})}{x_k - x_{k-1}}
$$

- The secant method requires two starting points, use $x_1 = (1 + \epsilon)x_0$ as a second point. Suggest a value for ϵ (not too small, why?).
- Loop while $abs(x_k x_{k-1}) > 1$ e-8 and $abs(f(x_k)) > 1$ e-6 and $n < 1$ e5
- You will have to work with three x-values at any given iteration, that is x_{k+1} , x_k and x_{k-1}
- In what range of x0 can you converge to the intermediate solution? What feature of the function determines which solution is found?
- 3. Repeat the task of 2. by using the Newton method, i.e. by using the analytical solution instead of the approximation.
- 4. Repeat the task of 2. by using the finite difference approximation of the derivative such that $f'(x_k) = (f(x_k + h) - f(x_k))/h$, where two values for h, 1e-6 and 1e-16, are used.
- 5. Use the resulting xvec to estimate the convergence order and rate of convergence of the three methods. What do you observe regarding the algorithmic performance of each method? (**Hint:** you can use the built-in keywords tic and toc)

3 Systems of Nonlinear Equations

The steady state concentrations of a CSTR with two second order reactions taking place reads

$$
0 = (x_1^{in} - x_1) + \tau(-k_1 x_1 x_2)
$$

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$$
0 = (x_2^{in} - x_2) + \tau(-k_1 x_1 x_2 - k_2 x_2 x_3)
$$

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$$
0 = -x_3 + \tau(k_1 x_1 x_2 - k_2 x_2 x_3)
$$

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$$
0 = -x_4 + \tau(k_2 x_2 x_3)
$$
\n(8)

- 1. Write down the analytical Jacobian matrix for the system of equations [\(8\)](#page-2-0).
- 2. Implement the basic Newton method.
	- The multi-dimensional Newton iteration formula reads

$$
x_{k+1} = x_k - \mathbf{J}^{-1}(x_k)f(x_k)
$$

- Your function file header should read something like function [x, info] = newtonMethod(f, J, x0, tol) where f is a function handle to the function you want to solve, J is a function handle that returns the Jacobian matrix, x0 is an initial guess and tol is a vector of tolerances for stopping criteria (relative, absolute errors and number of iterations).
- As in with the secant method, use a while loop to find the solution.
- Suggest stopping criteria and failure checks. When can the Newton method fail in general?
- Use left division \setminus to solve the linear system at every iteration (do not use inv(J)!)
- Let info be a struct you can use to return additional information, like reason of termination and number of steps needed.
- 3. Use your Newton algorithm to solve the steady state CSTR numerically.
	- Create a main file and two function files; one that calculates the CSTR equations [\(8\)](#page-2-0) as functions of x, and one that calculates the analytical Jacobian as a function of x.
	- Use $k_1 = 0.5$, $k_2 = 10$, $x_1^{in} = 1.5$ and $\tau = 5$
	- What is the total conversion of A (x_1) to D (x_4) ?
	- Compare your result to what fsolve() finds. Try different starting guesses. Can you find more than one solution?
- 4. (Optional) Find online (same place where you found the exercise sheet) the function jacobianest. It is part of a user-made toolbox for estimating derivatives numerically, the DERIVEST suite which can be found on the MatlabCentral.
	- Modify your Newton algorithm so that it uses jacobianest to approximate the Jacobian if the input **J** is empty (use isempty(J) to check). To provide an empty input, use $\lceil \rceil$ in the call.
	- How many steps are required with the analytical Jacobian for this specific case compared to the numerical Jacobian? Which algorithm takes longer?