1 Fixed point iterations

Consider the following nonlinear equation

$$f(x) = x \exp(x) - 1 = 0$$
(1)

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

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

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

$$x = \phi_3(x)$$
 with $\phi_3(x) = x + 1 - x \exp(x)$ (4)

- Show analytically that the three fix point equations are consistent with (1) by rearranging the equations
 (2) to (4) to the form of (1).
- 2. For each of the iterative formulas (2)-(4) 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 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) to (4). 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) and (6), 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) vs. the dimensionless reactor temperature θ , for θ between 0.9 and 1.25
 - Use $\alpha = 49.46$; $\kappa_0 = 2.17 \times 10^{20}$; K^C = 0.83; $\eta = 0.33$; $\theta^C = 0.9$;
- 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 $abs(x_k x_{k-1}) > 1e-8$ and $abs(f(x_k)) > 1e-6$ and n < 1e5
- 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

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

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

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

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

(8)

- 1. Write down the analytical Jacobian matrix for the system of equations (8).
- 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) 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 (J) to check). To provide an empty input, use [] 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?