

2.5 Accelerating Convergence

Two Methods \Rightarrow Aitken's Δ^2 method
Steffensen's Method

We'd like to have better than linear convergence if possible. Here's a method (Aitken's Δ^2 method) that can accelerate the convergence.

So suppose $\{p_n\}$ is a linearly conv. sequence w/ $r < 1$.

We want to construct a new sequence $\{\hat{p}_n\}$ that converges faster.

Suppose that $p_n - p$, $p_{n+1} - p$, and $p_{n+2} - p$ all agree on sign. Then

$$\frac{p_{n+1} - p}{p_n - p} \approx \frac{p_{n+2} - p}{p_{n+1} - p}$$

we want to solve for p !

$$(p_{n+1} - p)^2 = (p_n - p)(p_{n+2} - p)$$

$$p_{n+1}^2 - 2p_{n+1}p + p^2 = p_n p_{n+2} - p_n p - p_{n+2}p + p^2 \quad (\text{Move } p^2 \text{ to other side})$$

$$p_{n+2}p + p_n p - 2p_{n+1}p = p_n p_{n+2} - p_{n+1}^2$$

$$(p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n)p = p_n p_{n+2} - p_{n+1}^2$$

$$p \approx \frac{p_{n+2} p_n - p_{n+1}^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$

To make it easier to use, we're going to do an add zero trick

$$p \approx \frac{(p_{n+2} p_n - 2p_{n+1} p_n + p_n^2) - (p_{n+1}^2 - 2p_{n+1} p_n + p_n^2)}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$

$$p \approx \frac{P_n(P_{n+2} - 2P_{n+1} + P_n)}{P_{n+2} - 2P_{n+1} + P_n} - \frac{(P_{n+1} - P_n)^2}{P_{n+2} - 2P_{n+1} + P_n}$$

$$p \approx P_n - \frac{(P_{n+1} - P_n)^2}{P_{n+2} - 2P_{n+1} + P_n}$$

Let $\hat{P}_n = p$, then the sequence defined by $\hat{P}_n = P_n - \frac{(P_{n+1} - P_n)^2}{P_{n+2} - 2P_{n+1} + P_n}$ converges more rapidly than does the original sequence $\{P_n\}$

Example: To do AIKENS

In TI50, place sequence values in a list, then do:

3: list

2: 3

1: <<DELT>>

RUN DOSUBS

DELT << ERRO → PD PI P2

<< PD PI PD - 2 ^ P2 2 PI * - PD +

IFERR / THEN + END - >>>

AIKENS (Nothing else on stack!!)

<< DEPTH → LIST
3 <<DELT>> DOSUBS>>

Use $G = \sqrt{\frac{10}{x+4}}$

n	P_n	\hat{P}_n
1	1.41421356237	1.36523476828
2	1.35904021743	1.36523009045
3	1.36601821953	1.36523001466
4	1.36512974147	1.36523001343
5	1.3652427713	1.36523001342
6	1.36522839026	
7	1.36523021993	

DEF: Given a seq. $\Delta P_n = P_{n+1} - P_n$
the forward difference ΔP_n is

$$\Delta P_n = P_{n+1} - P_n, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Higher powers are defined recursively:

$$\Delta^k P_n = \Delta(\Delta^{k-1} P_n), \quad \text{for } k \geq 2.$$

It follows that

$$\Delta^2 P_n = \Delta(\Delta P_n) = \Delta(P_{n+1} - P_n) = \Delta P_{n+1} - \Delta P_n = P_{n+1} - P_n - P_n + P_{n+1}$$

Note that this means that Aitken's can be written as

$$\hat{P}_n = P_n - \frac{(P_{n-1} - P_n)^2}{P_{n+1} - 2P_n + P_{n-1}} = P_n - \frac{(\Delta P_n)^2}{\Delta^2 P_n} \quad \text{Nice \& concise!}$$

Aitken's is more rapid in that

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\hat{P}_n - P}{P_n - P} = 0$$

modified original

By applying ^{modified} Aitken's method, we can accelerate linear to quadratic! This is called Steffensen's Method.

Here's how it works =

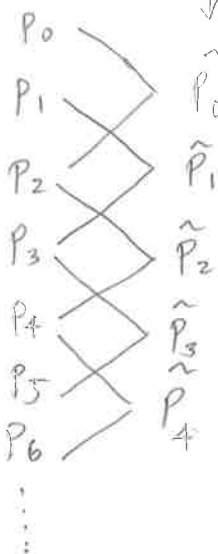
1. Apply fixed point method twice to a starting point
2. Apply Aitken's method to those three points. This point is now our "new starting" point, and we go to step 1. Repeat until convergence

Here's an illustration between the two methods!

Aitken's Δ^2

fixed pt or some other method

now faster converging sequence



Steffensen's Method

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}_0 & P_0^{(0)} \\ & P_1^{(0)} = g(P_0^{(0)}) \\ & P_2^{(0)} = g(P_1^{(0)}) \\ \tilde{P}_1 & P_0^{(1)} = \Delta^2(P_0^{(0)}, P_1^{(0)}, P_2^{(0)}) \\ & P_1^{(1)} = g(P_0^{(1)}) \\ & P_2^{(1)} = g(P_1^{(1)}) \\ \tilde{P}_2 & P_0^{(2)} = \Delta^2(P_0^{(1)}, P_1^{(1)}, P_2^{(1)}) \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

Every third term is generated using Aitken's

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0.$$

Do it using $g(x) = \left(\frac{10}{x+4}\right)^{1/2}$

Do using calc. (or R)

S1X
 << DUP G DUP G DELT >>

DELT \Rightarrow given before

STEP

<< 0 'c' STD 0 SWAP

PD SWAP DROP DUP DUP G DUP G DELT

'c' 1 STD+ "1: ---" OVER + 9 DISP

UNTIL DUP2 - ABS TOL \leq C CLIM > OR END DROP

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