

# Probability Theory 2 Homework 2

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## 553.481/681 Numerical Analysis – Homework 2 Solutions

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**Problem 1.** In MATLAB we rewrite `bisect.m` as `bisect2.m`, `newton.m` as `newton2.m`, and so on. We find the asymptotic error parameters by fitting over straight-line regions in the plot of  $\ln(e_n + 1)$  vs  $\ln(e_n)$ .

```
1 f=@(x) x.^2-5;
2 Df=@(x) 2*x;
3 DDF=@(x) 2+0*x;
4 DDDf=@(x) 0*x;
5 xt=sqrt(5);
6
7 a=2; b=3;
8 tol=1e-15;
9 disp('bisection method')
10 bisect2
11 k=k
12
13 e=abs(xt-xit(1:k-3));
14 en=abs(xt-xit(2:k-2));
15 le=log(e); len=log(en);
16 PP=polyfit(le,len,1);
17 figure
18 plot(le,len,'-b',le,polyval(PP,le),'-r')
19 xlabel('log(e_n)')
20 ylabel('log(e_{n+1})')
21 legend('data','fit','location','northwest')
22 title('error for bisection')
23 p=PP(1)
```

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24 pt=1
25 c=exp(PP(2))
26 ct=1/2
27 pause
28
29 x=2;
30 clear xit
31 disp(' ')
32 disp('newton method')
33 newton2
34 x=x
35 k=k
36
37 e=abs(xt-xit(1:k-2));
38 en=abs(xt-xit(2:k-1));
39 le=log(e); len=log(en);
40 PP=polyfit(le,len,1);
41 figure
42 plot(le,len,'-b',le,polyval(PP,le),'-r')
43 xlabel('log(e_n)')
44 ylabel('log(e_{n+1})')
45 legend('data','fit','location','northwest')
46 title('error for newton')
47 p=PP(1)
48 pt=2
49 c=exp(PP(2))
50 ct=DDf(xt)/Df(xt)/2
51 pause
52
53 a=2;
54 clear b
55 disp(' ')
56 disp('secant method')
57 secant2
58 x=b
59 k=k
60
61 e=abs(xt-xit(2:k-2));
62 en=abs(xt-xit(3:k-1));
63 le=log(e); len=log(en);
64 PP=polyfit(le,len,1);
65 figure
66 plot(le,len,'-b',le,polyval(PP,le),'-r')
67 xlabel('log(e_n)')

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68 ylabel('log(e_{n+1})')
69 legend('data','fit','location','northwest')
70 title('error for secant')
71 p=PP(1)
72 phi=(1+sqrt(5))/2;
73 pt=phi
74 c=exp(PP(2))
75 ct=(DDf(xt)/Df(xt)/2)^(pt-1)
76 pause
77
78 a=2;
79 clear b
80 clear c
81 disp(' ')
82 disp('iquadi method')
83 iquadi2
84 x=c
85 k=k
86
87 e=abs(xt-xit(1:k-4));
88 en=abs(xt-xit(2:k-3));
89 le=log(e); len=log(en);
90 PP=polyfit(le,len,1);
91 figure
92 plot(le,len,'-b',le,polyval(PP,le),'-r')
93 xlabel('log(e_n)')
94 ylabel('log(e_{n+1})')
95 legend('data','fit','location','northwest')
96 title('error for iquadi')
97 p=PP(1)
98 rr=roots([-1 1 1 1]);
99 pt=rr(1)
100 c=exp(PP(2))
101 ct=(DDDf(xt)/Df(xt)/6)^((pt-1)/2)
102

```

(a) Since the error should halve every step, we expect  $p = 1$  and  $c = 0.5$ . We implement `bisect2.m` as

```

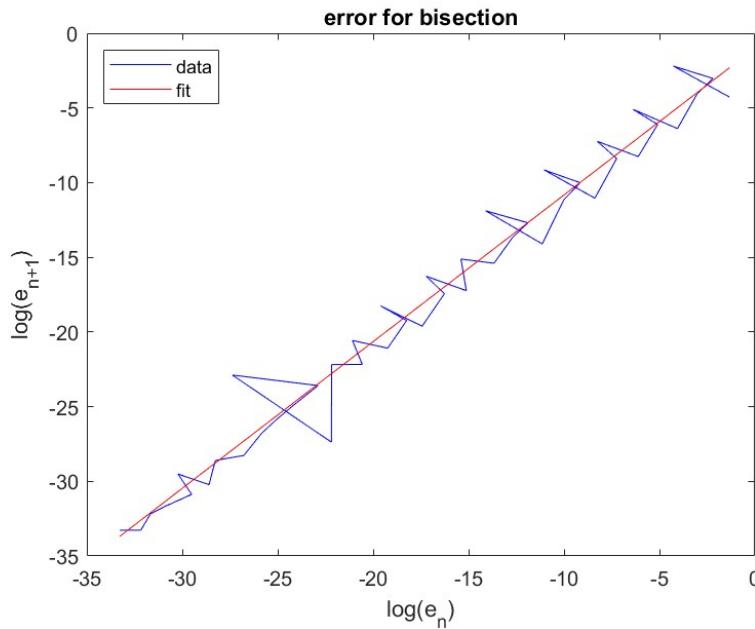
1   tic
2
3   itmax=100;
4
5   if sign(f(a))==sign(f(b))
6       'failure to bracket root'

```

```

7         return
8     end
9
10    k=0
11    [a b b-a]
12    xit=[];
13
14    while abs(b-a)>tol*max(abs(b),1.0)
15        if k+1>itmax
16            break
17        end
18        x=(a+b)/2;
19        xit=[xit;x];
20        if sign(f(x)) == sign(f(b))
21            b=x;
22        else
23            a=x;
24        end
25        k=k+1
26        [a b b-a]
27    end
28    x=(a+b)/2
29    xit=[xit;x];
30
31    toc
32
```

From output of the above code, we find  $c \approx 0.3671$  and  $p \approx 0.9822$  by fitting the plot of  $\ln(e_{n+1})$  vs.  $\ln(e_n)$  with a straight line of slope  $p$  and intercept  $\ln(c)$ , as shown below.



(b) Newton's method has quadratic convergence, so we expect  $p = 2$ . Also we expect

$$c = \left| \frac{f''(x^*)}{2f'(x^*)} \right| = \frac{2}{2(2x)_{x^*=\sqrt{5}}} \approx 0.22360679775$$

We implement `newton2.m` as

```

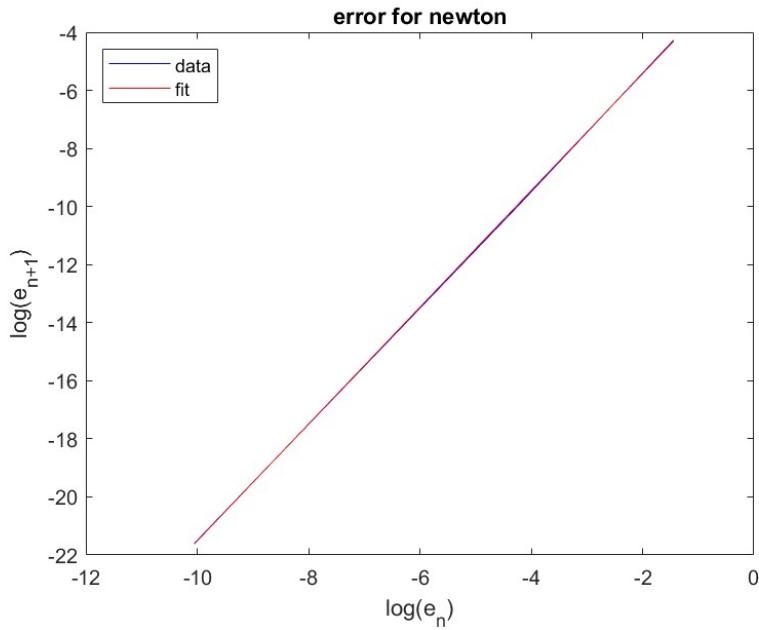
1  tic
2
3  itmax=100;
4
5  k=0;
6  if x ~= 0
7      xold=0;
8  else
9      xold=1;
10 end
11 [x abs(x-xold)];
12 xit=x;
13
14 while abs(x-xold)>tol*max(abs(x),1.0)
15     if k+1>itmax
16         break
17     end
18     xold=x;
19     k=k+1;
20     x=x-f(x)/Df(x);
21     [x abs(x-xold)];

```

```

22     xit=[xit;x];
23
24
25 [x abs(x-xold)];
26
27 toc
28
```

Numerically we find that  $p \approx 2.0109$  and  $c \approx 0.2452$ .



(c) The secant method converges with a power of the golden ratio, so we expect

$$p = \varphi := (1 + \sqrt{5})/2 \approx 1.618033988749895$$

Also we expect

$$c = \left| \frac{f''(x^*)}{2f'(x^*)} \right|^{\varphi-1} = \left| \frac{2}{2(2x)_{x^*=\sqrt{5}}} \right|^{\varphi-1} = \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \right|^{\varphi-1} \approx 0.396241191724$$

. We implement `secant2.m` as

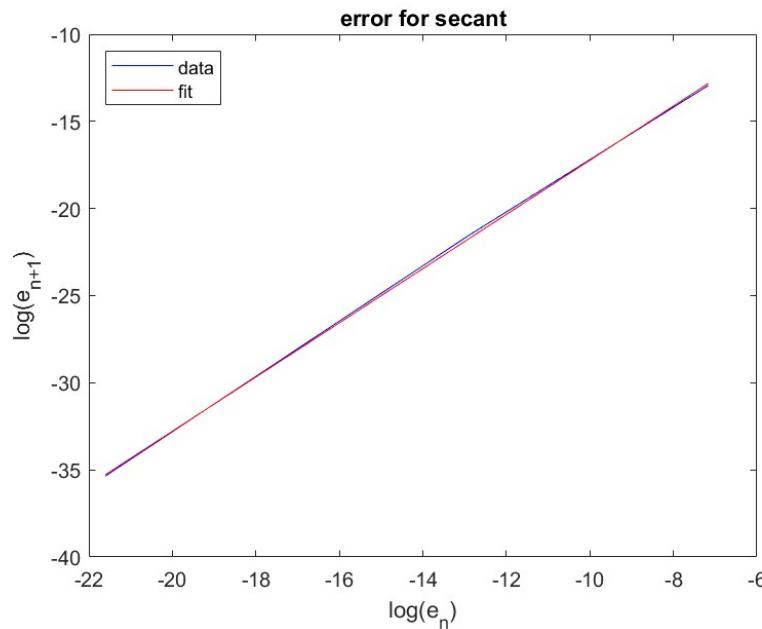
```

1 tic
2
3 k=0;
4
5 if exist('b')==0
6 b=a-f(a)/Df(a); k=k+1;
7 end
8 xit=b;
```

```

9
10    itmax=50;
11
12    k ;
13    [b abs(b-a)] ;
14    fa=f(a);
15
16    while abs(b-a)>tol*max(abs(b) ,1.0)
17        if k+1>itmax
18            break
19        end
20        fb=f(b);
21        x = b + (b-a)/(fa/fb-1);
22        k=k+1;
23        a=b;
24        fa=fb;
25        b=x;
26        [b abs(b-a)] ;
27        xit=[xit;b];
28    end
29
30    [b abs(b-a)] ;
31
32    toc
33
```

Numerically we find that  $p \approx 1.5552$  and  $c \approx 0.1869$ .



(d) The inverse quadratic interpolation (IQI) method converges with rate  $p$  given by the positive root of  $x^3 - x^2 - x - 1$ , or  $p \approx 1.839286755214161$ , with

$$c = \left| \frac{f'''(x^*)}{2f'(x^*)} \right|^{(p-1)/2} = \left| \frac{0}{2\sqrt{5}} \right|^{(p-1)/2} = 0!$$

This means that, in this particular example, the order of convergence of IQI is in fact greater than the usual conventional value. This is not surprising, because  $f(x) = x^2 - 5$  is a quadratic function and IQI is based on interpolating with quadratic polynomials.

Next `iquadi2.m` can be implemented as follows:

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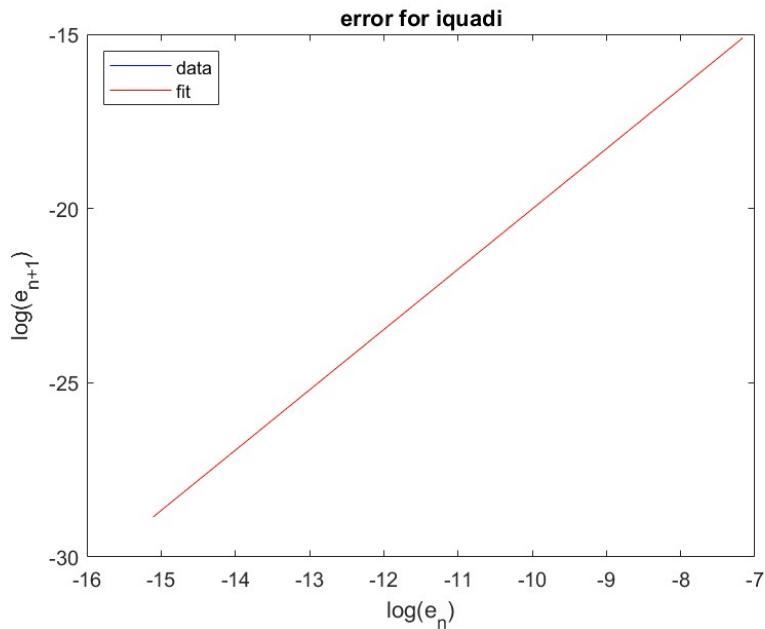
1  tic
2
3  itmax=100;
4
5  k=0;
6
7  fa=f(a);
8  if exist('b')==0
9    b=a-fa/Df(a); k=k+1;
10   end
11
12  fb=f(b);
13  if exist('c')==0
14    c = b + (b-a)/(fa/fb-1); k=k+1;
15  end
16  xit=c;
17
18  k;
19  [a b c];
20
21
22  while abs(c-b)>tol*max(abs(c),1.0)
23    if k+1>itmax
24      break
25    end
26    fc=f(c);
27    u=fb/fc;
28    v=fb/fa;
29    w=fa/fc;
30    p=w*(u-w)*(c-b)-(1-u)*(b-a);
31    p=v*p;
32    q=(u-1)*(v-1)*(w-1);
33    x=b+p/q;
```

```

34     k=k+1;
35     a=b;
36     fa=fb;
37     b=c;
38     fb=fc;
39     c=x;
40     xit=[xit;c];
41     [c abs(c-b)];
42 end
43
44 [c abs(c-b)];
45
46 toc
47

```

Numerically we find that  $p \approx 1.7304$  and  $c \approx 0.0665$ . We see indeed that  $c$  is very small. Presumably more iterations in much high-order arithmetic (such as quadruple precision) would verify a faster rate of convergence.



**Problem 2.** (a) First off,

$$\begin{aligned}
x_{n+1} &:= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \\
&= x_n - \left( \frac{(1+x_n^4)4x_n^3 - (x_n^4)4x_n^3}{(1+x_n^4)^2} \right)^{-1} \frac{x_n^4}{1+x_n^4} \\
&= x_n - \frac{(1+x_n^4)x_n^4}{(1+x_n^4-x_n^4)4x_n^3} \\
&= x_n - \frac{(1+x_n^4)x_n}{4} \\
&= \frac{4x_n - x_n - x_n^5}{4} \\
&= \frac{3x_n}{4} - \frac{x_n^5}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

We'll try to look for a point so that  $x_{n+1} = -x_n$ , so then

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{3x_n}{4} - \frac{x_n^5}{4} &= -x_n \\
-\frac{x_n^5}{4} &= -\frac{7}{4}x_n \\
x_n^4 &= 7 \\
x_n &= \pm 7^{\frac{1}{4}}
\end{aligned}$$

Here is some code that will verify all of this for  $x_0 = 7^{\frac{1}{4}} + \text{eps}$ , where the Newton iterates diverge to INF.

```

1   f=@(x) x.^4./(1+x.^4);
2   Df=@(x) 4*x.^3./(1+x.^4).^2;
3
4   tol=1e-15;
5
6
7   x=7^(1/4)+eps
8
9   newton
10  pause
11
12  x=1
13  newton
14

```

It hits INF at  $k = 22$  - it doesn't take long to diverge!

(b) Note that since  $x = 0$  is a root of multiplicity 4, newton has only a linear rate of convergence.

Since

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{3x_n}{4} - \frac{x_n^5}{4} \cong \frac{3}{4}x_n$$

near 0 we expect  $\lambda = \frac{3}{4}$ . It takes 115 iterations of newton to converge with tolerance of  $10^{-15}$  starting at  $x_0 := 1$ . In the end,

$$\frac{x_{115}}{x_{114}} = 0.7500$$

which is almost exactly our prediction.

**Problem 3.** In MATLAB.

```

1  xi=single(c(1:8))
2  %    xi contains the x_{n} for n = 1,...,8
3  %    xs is the true root
4
5  x=xi(3:8);
6  xp=xi(2:7);
7  xpp=xi(1:6);
8
9  lamest=(x-xp)./(xp-xpp);
10 errest=lamest.* (x-xp)./(lamest-1);
11 xx=x-errest;
12
13 lamestf=lamest(6)
14 lam
15
16 errestf=errest(6)
17 error=x(6)-xs
18
19 impestf=xx(6)
20 xss=single(xs)
21 imperrf=xx(6)-xs
22

```

(a) We estimate

$$\lambda = \frac{(x_8 - x_7)}{(x_7 - x_6)} \approx -0.3098144$$

The true  $\lambda = -0.310074222676809$ .

(b) Apply the contraction mapping theorem:  $(x_* - x_8) \approx \lambda(x_8 - x_7)/(1 - \lambda) \approx -1.3204626 \times 10^{-4}$ , with the latter approximation using the  $\lambda$  estimate from (a). The true  $(x_* - x_8)$  is  $-1.3218004 \times 10^{-4}$ .

(c) Using the error estimate from (b) :  $\hat{x}_* := x_8 + (x_* - x_8) \approx 0.6013468$ . This agrees to seven digits with the exact answer  $x_* = 0.601346767725820$  and greatly improving upon  $x_8$ , which is only accurate to three digits.

**Problem 4.** Take  $g(x) := x - f(x)/f'(x) - f(x)^2 f''(x)/2f'(x)^3$  and note that

$$g'(x) = 1 - \frac{f'(x)}{f'(x)} + \frac{f(x)}{(f'(x))^2} f''(x) - \frac{2f(x)f'(x)f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3} - f(x)^2 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3} = -f(x)^2 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3},$$

$$g''(x) = -2f(x)f'(x) \frac{d}{dx} \frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3} - f(x)^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3},$$

so that  $g'(x_*)$ ,  $g''(x_*) = 0$ . Lastly

$$g'''(x) = -2f'(x)^2 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3} - 2f(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left[ f'(x) \frac{d}{dx} \frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3} \right] - 2f(x)f'(x) \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3} - f(x)^2 \frac{d^3}{dx^3} \frac{f''(x)}{2f'(x)^3}.$$

In particular

$$g'''(x_*) = -2f'(x_*)^2 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{f''(x_*)}{2f'(x_*)^3} \neq 0 \quad (\text{generically}).$$

Thus, the general theorem on fixed-point iterations tells us that iteration with this  $g$  has order of convergence  $p = 3$ .

**Problem 5.** (a) Write

$$\begin{aligned}
(A + xy^\top) \left( A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1}xy^\top A^{-1}}{1 + \langle y, A^{-1}x \rangle} \right) &= I + xy^\top A^{-1} - \frac{xy^\top A^{-1} + xy^\top A^{-1}xy^\top A^{-1}}{1 + \langle y, A^{-1}x \rangle} \\
&= I + xy^\top A^{-1} - \frac{xy^\top A^{-1} + x\langle y, A^{-1}x \rangle y^\top A^{-1}}{1 + \langle y, A^{-1}x \rangle} \\
&= I + xy^\top A^{-1} - \frac{xy^\top A^{-1}(1 + \langle y, A^{-1}x \rangle)}{1 + \langle y, A^{-1}x \rangle} \\
&= I + xy^\top A^{-1} - xy^\top A^{-1} = I
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Recall that  $A_n = A_{n-1} + (\Delta f_{n-1} - A_{n-1}\Delta x_{n-1})\Delta x_{n-1}^\top / \|\Delta x_{n-1}\|_2^2$ . Use the Sherman–Morrison formula to write

$$\begin{aligned}
A_n^{-1} &= A_{n-1}^{-1} - \frac{A_{n-1}^{-1}(\Delta f_{n-1} - A_{n-1}\Delta x_{n-1})\Delta x_{n-1}^\top A_{n-1}^{-1} / \|\Delta x_{n-1}\|_2^2}{1 + \langle \Delta x_{n-1}, A_{n-1}^{-1}(\Delta f_{n-1} - A_{n-1}\Delta x_{n-1})\Delta x_{n-1}^\top A_{n-1}^{-1} / \|\Delta x_{n-1}\|_2^2 \rangle} \\
&= A_{n-1}^{-1} - \frac{A_{n-1}^{-1}(\Delta f_{n-1} - A_{n-1}\Delta x_{n-1})\Delta x_{n-1}^\top A_{n-1}^{-1}}{\|\Delta x_{n-1}\|_2^2 + \langle \Delta x_{n-1}, A_{n-1}^{-1}\Delta f_{n-1} - \Delta x_{n-1} \rangle} \\
&= A_{n-1}^{-1} - \frac{A_{n-1}^{-1}(\Delta f_{n-1} - A_{n-1}\Delta x_{n-1})\Delta x_{n-1}^\top A_{n-1}^{-1}}{\langle \Delta x_{n-1}, A_{n-1}^{-1}\Delta f_{n-1} \rangle} \\
&= A_{n-1}^{-1} + \frac{(\Delta x_{n-1} - p_{n-1})\Delta x_{n-1}^\top A_{n-1}^{-1}}{\langle \Delta x_{n-1}, \Delta p_{n-1} \rangle} \quad \text{with } \Delta p_{n-1} := A_{n-1}^{-1}\Delta f_{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 6.** Note that

$$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x & 2y & 4z^3 \\ 2(x-1) + y & x + 2y & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \ln(z) + 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In MATLAB:

```

1 f=@(x) [x(1)^2+x(2)^2+x(3)^4-16; (x(1)-1)^2+x(1)*x(2)+x(2)^2-1; x(1)+x(2)+x
2 (3)*log(x(3))-2];
Df=@(x)[2*x(1) 2*x(2) 4*x(3)^3; 2*(x(1)-1)+x(2) x(1)+2*x(2) 0; 1 1 log(x
3 (3))+1];

4 tol=eps;
5 timnewt=0;
6 timbroy=0;
7 for ntry=1:10000

8
9 x=[0;0;2];
10 tic
11 [xnewt,itnewt]=newraph(f,Df,x,tol);
12 timnewt=timnewt+toc;
13 x=[0;0;2];
14 tic
15 [xbroy,itbroy]=broyden(f,Df,x,tol);
16 timbroy=timbroy+toc;

17 end

18 xnewt=xnewt
19 itnewt=itnewt
20 timnewt=timnewt/ntry

21 xbroy=xbroy
22 itbroy=itbroy
23 timbroy=timbroy/ntry

24 timrat=timnewt/timbroy

25 dx=xnewt-xbroy
26
```

With  $N_{\text{repeat}} = 10^4$ , Newton–Raphson runs in 6 iterations, Broyden in 11. Relative mean clock-time of Newton–Raphson to Broyden is 1.1 – 1.2 (depending on the run), so that Broyden is very slightly faster than Newton for this problem.

**Problem 7.** In MATLAB:

```
1 n=1000;
2
3 u=(1:n).';
4 u=1+u/(n+1);
5
6 x=(7-3*u)/4;
7 tol=1e-8;
8 itmax=5000;
9
10 newtrap
11
12 X=[1;x;.25];
13 U=[1;u;2];
14
15 Y=@(u) u.^(-2);
16
17 plot(U,X,'-b',U,Y(U),'--r','LineWidth',2)
18 xlabel('u')
19 ylabel('x')
20 legend('approx','exact')
21 title('Newton-Raphson Method')
22 axis([1 2 0 1])
23 err=norm(X-Y(U))/norm(Y(U))
24 k=k
25 pause
26
27 x=(7-3*u)/4;
28 tol=1e-8;
29
30 broyden
31
32 X=[1;x;.25];
33 figure
34 plot(U,X,'-b',U,Y(U),'--r','LineWidth',2)
35 xlabel('u')
36 ylabel('x')
37 legend('approx','exact')
38 title('Broyden Method')
39 axis([1 2 0 1])
40 err=norm(X-Y(U))/norm(Y(U))
41 k=k
42 pause
```

```

43
44 x=(7-3*u)/4;
45 options=optimoptions('fsolve','Algorithm','Levenberg-Marquardt','Display',...
46 'iter','FunctionTolerance',1e-8)
47 x=fsolve(@(x)f(x),x,options);
48 err=norm(X-Y(U))/norm(Y(U))

49 X=[1;x;.25];
50 figure
51 plot(U,X,'-b',U,Y(U),'--r','LineWidth',2)
52 xlabel('u')
53 ylabel('x')
54 legend('approx','exact')
55 title('Levenberg-Marquardt Method')
56 axis([1 2 0 1])
57

```

where f.m and Df.m are respectively implemented as

```

1 function z = f(y)
2 n=length(y);
3 dx=1/(n+1);

4

5 Y=[1;y;.25];
6 z=zeros(size(y));
7 for i=1:n
8     z(i)=-Y(i+2)-Y(i)+2*Y(i+1)+6*dx^2*Y(i+1)^2;
9 end

10

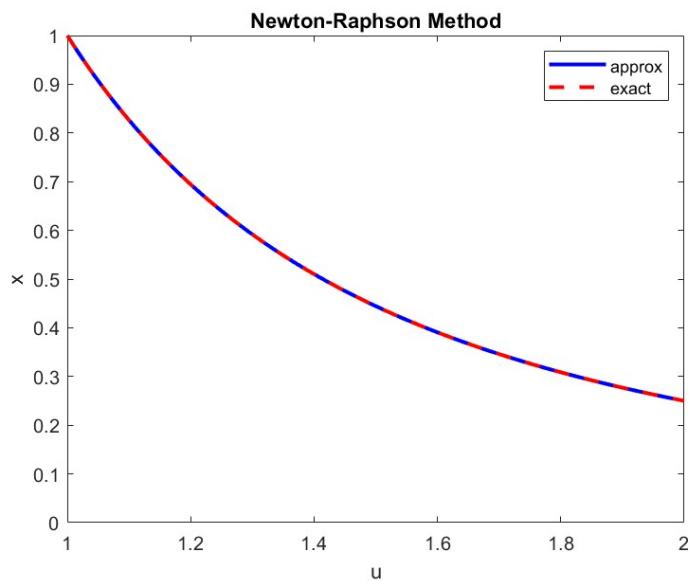
11 function Z = Df(y)
12 n=length(y);
13 dx=1/(n+1);

14

15 Y=[1;y;.25];
16 dd=2*(1+6*dx^2*y);
17 Z=diag(dd);
18 for i=1:n-1
19     Z(i,i+1)=-1;
20 end
21 for i=2:n;
22     Z(i,i-1)=-1;
23 end
24

```

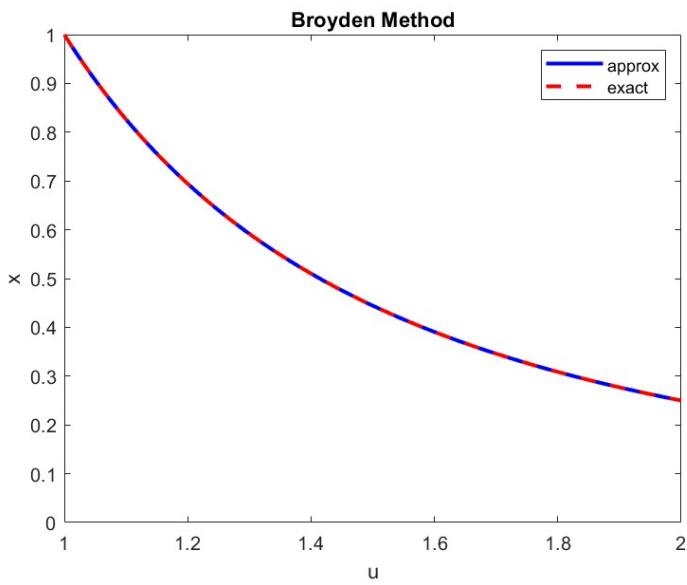
(a) Newton–Raphson has 5 iterations with respective errors 20.9142617286947, 4.11260222463596, 0.236972685599119, 0.000832872072700299, 1.04242895609589e – 08.



(b) Broyden has 6 iterations with respective errors

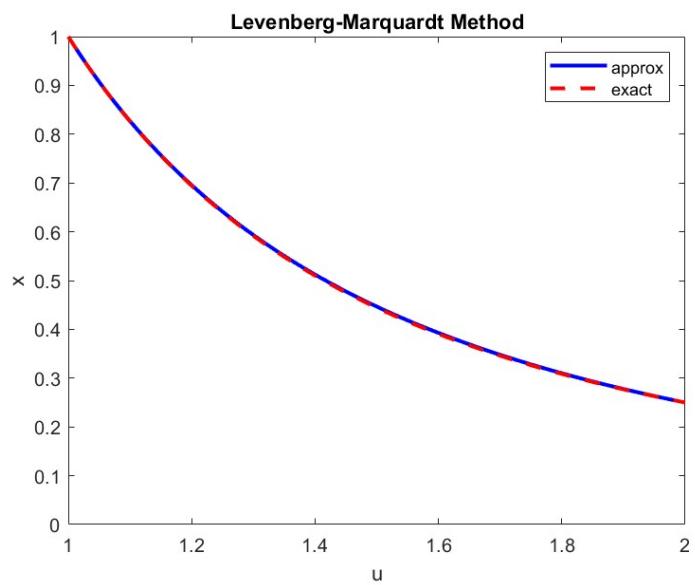
Error Estimate
20.9142617286947
4.11260222463463
0.22352237486458
0.0142528070810406
6.74124501888003e-05
1.10850320098538e-06
2.77989075534263e-08

And here is the plot of the numerical solution together with the exact solution:



(c) Levenberg–Marquadt has 10 iterations. The output of `fsolve` is

Iteration	Func-count	$\ f(x)\ ^2$	First-order		Norm of step
			optimality	Lambda	
0	1001	9.54392e-09	5.99e-06	0.01	
1	2002	9.46053e-09	1.9e-07	0.001	4.45822e-05
2	3003	9.37631e-09	5.41e-08	0.0001	0.000171579
3	4004	9.23083e-09	1.7e-08	1e-05	0.000719617
4	5005	8.97055e-09	5.38e-09	1e-06	0.00304925
5	6006	8.49645e-09	1.72e-09	1e-07	0.0130528
6	7007	7.6011e-09	5.55e-10	1e-08	0.0570568
7	8008	5.84405e-09	1.8e-10	1e-09	0.253133
8	9009	2.79562e-09	5.3e-11	1e-10	1.02686
9	10010	2.16657e-10	1.11e-11	1e-11	2.28532
10	11011	5.64263e-13	6.4e-13	1e-12	0.89575



**Problem 8.** (a) The steepest descent direction is

$$\mathbf{d}_n = -\nabla \Phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

Now taking the partial derivative of  $\phi(x)$  in terms of  $x_i$ , we see that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f_j(\mathbf{x})^2 = \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{x})_{ji} f_j(\mathbf{x}),$$

So therefore we get that

$$\mathbf{d}_n = -\mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

(b) In order to show this we evaluate the following inner product:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta \mathbf{x}, \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle &= -\langle \mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \\ &= -\langle \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}), (\mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{x})^{-1})^\top \mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \\ &= -\|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$