

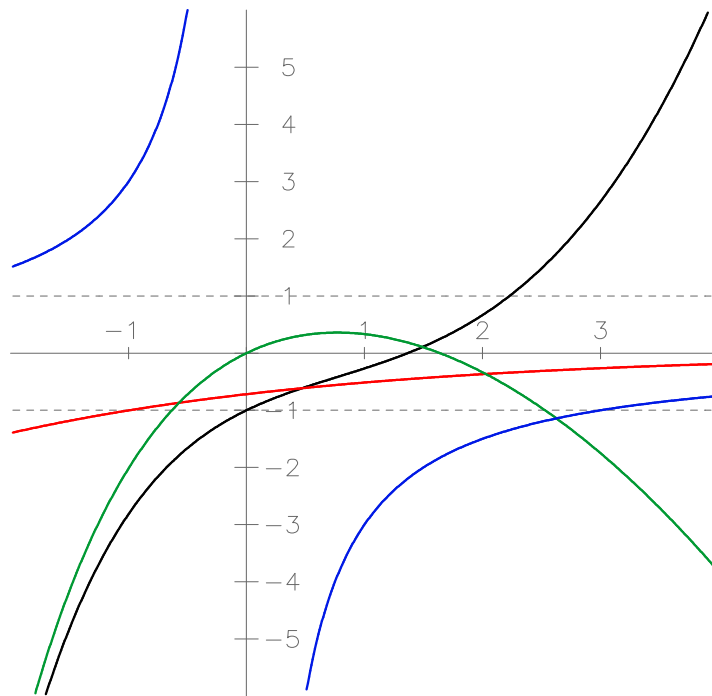
Comments

**Prob 1** is straightforward. Note that there are two solutions. See attached sample solution.

**Prob 2**

There are many ways to rewrite the original equation into the form,  $x = g(x)$ , for the iterative procedure. Just to name three: **(A)**  $g(x) = (10 \exp(-x))^{1/3}$  **(B)**  $g(x) = x - 0.1 x^3 + \exp(-x)$  **(C)**  $g(x) = -\ln(0.1 x^3)$

As indicated by Eq. (3.30) in the textbook, the process is expected to converge only if  $|g'(x)| < 1$  in the neighborhood of the solution. Some of you first noted, by inspecting the plot of  $f(x) = 0.1 x^3 - \exp(-x)$ , that the solution is located between 1 and 2. You then showed that  $|g'(1)| < 1$  and  $|g'(2)| < 1$  for your choice of  $g(x)$  before performing the iteration. That was a sensible practice, but one can make it even more convincing by plotting  $g(x)$  and  $f(x)$  together to show that  $|g'(x)| < 1$  right where the solution is located. In the following figure, the black curve is  $f(x)$ , and red, green, and blue curves are  $g'(x)$  for (A), (B), and (C). The two dashed lines indicate the bounds of 1 and  $-1$ . Clearly, (A) and (B) are viable choices while (C) is not.



Almost everyone who got it right chose form (A) - see attached sample solution. Only two persons chose to use form (B). Note that by using (B), we have  $f(x) = x - g(x) \Rightarrow f(x_i) = x_i - g(x_i) = x_i - x_{i+1}$ . (The last step used the relation,  $x_{i+1} = g(x_i)$ , from the fixed point iterative procedure.) Thus, in this case  $|f(x_i)|$  is immediately known as a by-product of the iterative process.

Sample solution, Prob 1 (Thanks to Michael Van Osten)

D) Solve the equation  $0.5x^2 - \sin(x) + 0.1 = 0$

Find all solutions using Newton's Methods.

Solve to accuracy  $|f(x_n)| < .0001$ .

Using my TI-84 Plus calculator, I graphed the function

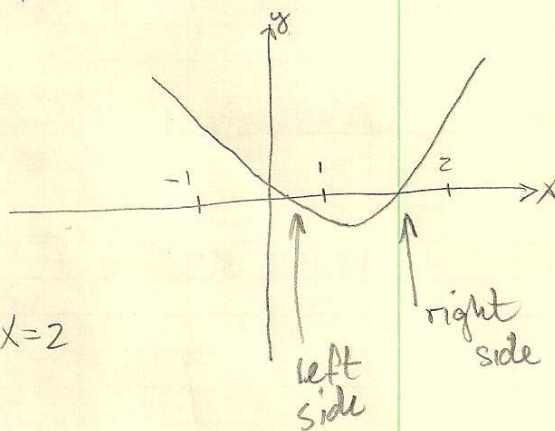
$$.5x^2 - \sin(x) + .1 = 0$$

By the graph, the solution for zeros

should be around  $x=0$  &  $x=1$ .

Knowing this, my initial guess for

each solution will be  $x=-1$  and  $x=2$



$$x_1 = -1$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = (-1) - \frac{(0.5(-1)^2 - \sin(-1) + 0.1)}{(-1) - \cos(-1)} = -.064163587$$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = (-.064163587) - \frac{.5x_2^2 - \sin x_2 + .1}{(x_2) - \cos(x_2)} = .0922973333$$

$$x_4 = x_3 - \frac{f(x_3)}{f'(x_3)} = (.0922973333) - \frac{.5x_3^2 - \sin x_3 + .1}{(x_3) - \cos(x_3)} = .1056828036$$

$$\text{So, } f(.1056828036) = 9.824005309 \times 10^{-5}$$

this solution is well within our accuracy tolerance of

$|f(x_n)| < .0001$ . By choosing  $x_1 = -1$  to start, this allowed the method to converge

$$x_n = .1056828036$$

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(Prob 1 continued)

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$$x_1 = 2$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = (2) - \frac{.5(x_1^2) - \sin(x_1) + .1}{x_1 - \cos(x_1)} = 1.507189482$$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = (1.507189482) - \frac{.5x_2^2 - \sin x_2 + .1}{x_2 - \cos x_2} = 1.342442948$$

$$x_4 = x_3 - \frac{f(x_3)}{f'(x_3)} = (1.342442948) - \frac{.5x_3^2 - \sin x_3 + .1}{x_3 - \cos x_3} = 1.31821858$$

$$x_5 = x_4 - \frac{f(x_4)}{f'(x_4)} = (1.31821858) - \frac{.5x_4^2 - \sin x_4 + .1}{x_4 - \cos x_4} = 1.317676931$$

$$f(1.317676931) = 2.8872321 \times 10^{-7}$$

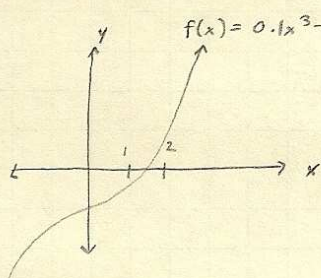
So, for the 2nd zero (right side)

$$x_n = 1.317676931$$

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Sample solution, Prob 2 (Thanks to Katrin Passlack)

2. solve  $0.1x^3 - e^{-x} = 0$  using the fixed point iteration method  
 $|f(x_n)| < 0.01$



$x=1$   $f(x) = -0.267879$  → sign change  
 $x=2$   $f(x) = 0.664665$

Case #1

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 0.1x^3 - e^{-x} \\ 0.1x^3 &= e^{-x} \\ \ln(0.1x^3) &= \ln e^{-x} \\ \ln(0.1x^3) &= -x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= g(x) = -\ln(0.1x^3) \\ g'(x) &= -\frac{3}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(1) &= -3 \\ g'(2) &= -3/2 = -1.5 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{does not converge} \\ |g'(x)| > 1 \end{array}$$

Case #2

$$\begin{aligned} 0.1x^3 &= e^{-x} \\ x^3 &= \frac{e^{-x}}{0.1} \\ x &= \left(\frac{e^{-x}}{0.1}\right)^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = g(x) = \left(\frac{e^{-x}}{0.1}\right)^{1/3} = (10e^{-x})^{1/3}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{3} (-10e^{-x})^{1/3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(1) &= -0.514576 \\ g'(2) &= -0.368708 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{converges} \\ |g'(x)| < 1 \end{array}$$

$x_1 = 1$	$f(x_1) = -0.267879$
$x_2 = g(x_1) = (10e^{-1})^{1/3} = 1.54372$	$f(x_2) = 0.154294$
$x_3 = g(x_2) = (10e^{-1.54372})^{1/3} = 1.28783$	$f(x_3) = -0.062285$
$x_4 = g(x_3) = (10e^{-1.28783})^{1/3} = 1.4025$	$f(x_4) = 0.029888$
$x_5 = g(x_4) = (10e^{-1.4025})^{1/3} = 1.3499$	$f(x_5) = -0.013284$
$x_6 = g(x_5) = (10e^{-1.3499})^{1/3} = 1.37377$	$f(x_6) = 0.006117 < 0.01$ (tolerance)

Solution  $x_N = 1.3737744268464$

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