



MA2501 Numeriske Metoder
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Training Assignment 2

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This assignment has 5 tasks.

Exercise 1. Write down Newton's method for find solutions to the following equation system:

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + (y - 8)^2 &= 8 \\x + .15x^2 + xy &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2. What is the following code doing?

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x = 10.  
for i in range(10):  
    y = x**2
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What is the value of y after the code is executed? What do you think of the usefulness of that code?

Exercise 3. Write down the simplified Newton's algorithm (i.e., when the derivative of the function is only computed at the first point x_0), in one dimension (i.e., we are looking for a root of a function from \mathbf{R} to \mathbf{R}). Express it as a fixed point method. What is the condition for this fixed point method to converge? Will this method always converge if the starting point is sufficiently close to a root of f ?

Exercise 4. Consider the floating point system with 3 significant decimal digits and 2 decimal exponents (i.e., the possible exponents range from -50 to 49), and without tricks, so we cannot represent the zero.

4.a) Prove that if the first digit is not allowed to be zero, two different set of digits lead to two different numbers.

4.b) Assuming that the first significant digit is not zero, what is

- The smallest possible positive, non-zero number?
- The smallest number strictly greater than one?
- The value of the *machine epsilon*?
- The biggest possible number?

Exercise 5. A 2×2 matrix A and a vector $b \in \mathbf{R}^2$ are fixed. Consider the fixed point problem

$$Ax + b = x.$$

5.a) What is the condition for this problem to have a solution? Find an example of A and b such that there is no solution.

5.b) What is the condition for the fixed point iteration

$$x_{n+1} = Ax_n + b$$

to converge to a given fixed point \bar{x} ?