

ON THE METHOD OF THE CHORDS AND STEFFENSEN'S
METHOD IN BOUNDED REGIONS IN BANACH SPACES

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Let be $F: X \rightarrow X$ an operator and the equation

$$(1) \quad x = F(x),$$

where X is a Banach space. We note with x^* a fixed point of the operator F , which, evidently, is also a solution of the equation (1). In our paper [2] we have studied a class of iterative methods for solving equation (1), in which the sequence (x_n) , converging to x^* is given by the following formula:

$$(2) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \{I - [u_n, v_n; F]\}^{-1}[x_n - F(x_n)]$$

($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$), where $[u, v; F]$ is a divided difference of the operator F in the point $(u, v) \in X \times X$, I denotes the identity operator, an x_0 and the sequences (u_n) , (v_n) are suitably chosen. In the quoted paper [2] the convergence of the sequence (x_n) has been proved (see Theorems 1 and 3) in case when the divided difference $[., .; F]$ was uniformly bounded, respectively verified a Lipschitz-type condition in the entire space X . It is known that the same type of results can be established if we assume that the conditions are verified only in a ball which will contain x^* and the sequences (x_n) , (y_n) . In this paper we shall give and proof theorems, analogous to the theorems 1 and 3 from the paper [2], when the conditions of these theorems are satisfied only in a bounded region from X .

THEOREM 1. *If*

$$(i.1) \quad \|[u, v; F]\| \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{3}$$

for all u, v from the ball

$$B_\alpha = \left\{ x : \|x - x_0\| \leq \frac{1 + \alpha}{(1 - \alpha)^2} \|x_0 - F(x_0)\| \right\},$$

then the sequence (x_n) defined by the formula (2) converges to the unique solution x^* of the equation (1) from the ball B_α for each sequence (u_n) and (v_n) from the ball B_α and the rate of convergence of the sequence (x_n) is given by the following inequality:

$$(j.1) \quad \|x^* - x_n\| \leq \left(\frac{2\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right)^n \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha}.$$

Proof. The existence and the unicity of x^* in B_α results from the contraction mapping principle. Really, from the condition (i.1) for any $x, y \in B_\alpha$ we have

$$\|F(x) - F(y)\| = \|[x, y; F](x - y)\| \leq \|[x, y; F]\| \cdot \|x - y\| \leq \alpha \|x - y\|.$$

According to the same principle it results

$$(3) \quad \|x^* - x_0\| \leq \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha}.$$

From (i.1) results that for any $u_n, v_n \in B_\alpha$ the operator $I - [u_n, v_n; F]$ has an inverse and

$$(4) \quad \|[I - [u_n, v_n; F]]^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha}.$$

Form (2) when $n = 0$, by (4) results

$$\|x_1 - x_0\| \leq \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha} < \frac{1 + \alpha}{(1 - \alpha)^2} \|x_0 - F(x_0)\|,$$

and thus $x_1 \in B_\alpha$.

Let's assume that $x_k \in B_\alpha$ for any $k \leq m$, where $m > 1$ is a positive integer. From (2) using the equality $x^* = F(x^*)$ and the evident identity

$$y - \{I - [u_k, v_k; F]\}^{-1} y = -\{I - [u_k, v_k; F]\}^{-1} [u_k, v_k; F] y$$

($y \in X$) results

$$(5) \quad x_{k+1} - x^* = \{I - [u_k, v_k; F]\}^{-1} \{F(x_k) - F(x^*) - [u_k, v_k; F](x_k - x^*)\}.$$

Because $x^*, x_k \in B_\alpha$ ($k \leq m$) we obtain

$$\|F(x_k) - F(x^*)\| \leq \|[x_k, x^*; F]\| \cdot \|x_k - x^*\| \leq \alpha \|x_k - x^*\|$$

and so

$$(6) \quad \|x_{k+1} - x^*\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} (\alpha \|x_k - x^*\| + \alpha \|x_k - x^*\|) = \frac{2\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \|x_k - x^*\|.$$

If we put $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$ in the inequality (6) and we multiply the inequalities obtained this way, we come to

$$\|x_{m+1} - x^*\| \leq \left(\frac{2\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right)^{m+1} \|x_0 - x^*\|,$$

whence, using (3), results

$$(7) \quad \|x_{m+1} - x^*\| \leq \left(\frac{2\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right)^{m+1} \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha}$$

and so (j.1) is true for $n = m + 1$.

Applying the triangle inequality and using (3) and (7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{m+1} - x_0\| &\leq \|x_{m+1} - x^*\| + \|x^* - x_0\| \leq \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha} \left[1 + \left(\frac{2\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right)^{m+1} \right] \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha} \left(1 + \frac{2\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) = \frac{1 + \alpha}{(1 - \alpha)^2} \|x_0 - F(x_0)\|, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $x_{m+1} \in B_\alpha$. So, on the bases of the mathematical induction, $x_n \in B_\alpha$ for each positive integer n . The mathematical induction together with (7) also leads us to (j.1) for any positive integer n .

The convergence of the sequence (x_n) to x^* is guaranteed by the condition (i.1).

THEOREM 2. *If for any x, u, v from the ball*

$$B = \left\{ x : \|x - x_0\| \leq \frac{2\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha} \right\}$$

the following conditions are verified:

$$(i.2) \quad \|[u, v; F]\| \leq \alpha < 1$$

$$(ii.2) \quad \|[x, u; F] - [x, v; F]\| \leq K \|u - v\|$$

and the equality

$$h_0 = \frac{K\alpha}{(1 - \alpha)^2} \|x_0 - F(x_0)\| < 1$$

is true, then Steffensen's method, given by

$$(8) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \{I - [x_n, F(x_n); F]\}^{-1} [x_n - F(x_n)]$$

converges to the unique solution x^ , from the ball B , of the equation (1) and the rate of convergence is given by the following inequality:*

$$(j.2) \quad \|x_n - x^*\| \leq (h_0)^{2^n - 1} \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha}.$$

Proof. The existence and uniqueness of the solution x^* in B results from the contraction mapping principle.

We shall prove that the terms of the sequences (x_n) and $(F(x_n))$ belong to the ball B . Evidently $F(x_0) \in B$.

Thus $\|[x_0, F(x_0); F]\| \leq \alpha < 1$ and so the inverse of the operator $I - [x_0, F(x_0); F]$ exists and we have

$$\|[I - [x_0, F(x_0); F]]^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha}.$$

From (8) when $n = 0$ we get

$$\|x_1 - x_0\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \|x_0 - F(x_0)\| \leq \frac{2\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha},$$

therefore $x_1 \in B$.

Let's assume that $x_k \in B$, $F(x_{k-1}) \in B$ for any $k \leq m$, where $m > 1$ is a positive integer. From (3) results that $x^* \in B$ too. Thus we have

$$(9) \quad \|x^* - F(x_m)\| = \|F(x^*) - F(x_m)\| \leq \|[x^*, x_m; F]\| \cdot \|x^* - x_m\| \leq \alpha \|x^* - x_m\|.$$

From (5) when $u_k = x_k$ and $v_k = F(x_k)$ follows

$$x_{k+1} - x^* = \{I - [x_k, F(x_k); F]\}^{-1} \{F(x_k) - F(x^*) - [x_k, F(x_k); F](x_k - x^*)\}$$

which by (i.2), (ii.2) and (9), leads us to

$$(10) \quad \|x_{k+1} - x^*\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \|[x_k, x^*; F] - [x_k, F(x_k); F]\| \cdot \|x_k - x^*\| \leq \frac{K}{1 - \alpha} \|x^* - F(x_k)\| \cdot \|x_k - x^*\| \leq \frac{K\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \|x^* - x_k\|^2.$$

(10) ensures the truth of (j.2) for each $k \leq n + 1$. The inequality (9), using (j.2) gives

$$(11) \quad \|x^* - F(x_m)\| \leq \alpha (h_0)^{2^m - 1} \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha}.$$

Applying the triangle inequality, by (3) and (11) we obtain

$$\|x_0 - F(x_m)\| \leq \|x_0 - x^*\| + \|x^* - F(x_m)\| \leq \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha} [1 + \alpha (h_0)^{2^m - 1}] < \frac{2\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha},$$

which means that $F(x_m) \in B$.

Further we have

$$\|x_{m+1} - x_0\| \leq \|x_{m+1} - x^*\| + \|x^* - x_0\| \leq \frac{\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha} [1 + (h_0)^{2^m - 1}] < \frac{2\|x_0 - F(x_0)\|}{1 - \alpha},$$

which resulted using (3) and (10) for $k = m$. So $x_{m+1} \in B$. From the principle of the mathematical induction we obtain that x_n and $F(x_n)$ belong to B for each n . Because of the same principle (j.2) is true for any positive integer n .

The convergence of the sequence (x_n) to x^* is guaranteed by the condition $h_0 < 1$.

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