## ON THE SOLUTION OF NONLINEAR EQUATIONS WITH A NONDIFFERENTIABLE TERM

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# 1. Introduction which was seen to thought as a unit was a live of the seen of

We consider the generalized Newton-like method

$$z_{n+1} = z_n - A(z_n)^{-1} (F(z_n) + G(z_n)), \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
 (1)

for some  $z_0 \in U(z^0, R)$ , to approximate a solution  $x^*$  of the equation

$$F(x) + G(x) = 0$$
, in  $\overline{U}(z^0, R)$ . (2)

Here A(x), F, G denote operators defined in the closed ball  $\overline{U}(z^0, R)$  of center  $z^0$  and radius R, of a Banach space X with values in a Banach space Y. The operator A(x) is linear and approximates the Fréchet derivative F'(x) of F at  $x \in U(z^0, R)$ . We will assume that  $A(z^0)^{-1}$  exists and any  $x, y \in \overline{U}(z^0, r) \subseteq \overline{U}(z^0, R)$  with  $0 \leq ||x - y|| \leq R - r$ ,

$$||A(z^0)^{-1}(A(x) - A(z^0))|| \le B_1(||x - x^0||),$$
 (3)

$$||A(z^0)^{-1}(F'(x+t(y-x))-A(x))|| \le 1$$

$$B_2(r, \|x-z^0\|+t\|y-x\|)-B_1(\|x-z^0\|), \ t\in [0, 1]$$

and

$$||A(z^0)^{-1}(G(x) - G(y))|| \le B_3(r, ||x - y||).$$
 (5)

Here,

(a) the function  $B_1(r)$  is nonnegative and differentiable with  $B_1'(r)>0$ 

for all  $r \in [0, R]$  and  $B_1(0) = \tilde{0}$ ;

(b) the  $B_2(r, r')$  and  $B_3(r, r')$  defined on  $[0, R] \times [0, R]$  and  $[0, R] \times [0, R-r]$  are respectively nonnegative, continuous and non-decreasing functions of two variables and  $B_3$  is linear in the second variable with  $B_2(0, 0) = B_3(0, 0) = 0;$ 

(c) the function  $B_2(r+r', r) - B_1(r), r' \geqslant 0$  is non-decreasing and nonne-

If we take

$$w_0(r) + b, (6)$$

$$w(r') + c \tag{7}$$

and

$$e(r')$$
 (8)

to be the right hand sides of (3)-(5) respectively for all  $r \in [0, R]$  and  $r' \in [0, R-r]$ , then we obtain the Zabrejko-Nguen conditions considered by Chen and Yamamoto in [3].

Many authors have obtained sufficient conditions for the convergence of iteration (1) to a locally unique solution  $x^*$  of equation (2) [1]-[13].

Among those, Zincenko [13] proved convergence under Kantorovich type assumptions, whereas Rheinboldt used the majorant principle [7]. Then, Zabrejko and Nguen proved convergence using the hypotheses named after them [12]. Chen and Yamamoto followed recently by generalizing the Zabrejko and Nguen hypotheses [3].

It can be seen using (6)—(8) that our conditions generalize the ones considered by Chen and Yamamoto. We believe that conditions of the form (3)-(5) are useful not only because we can treat a wider range of problems than before, but it turns out that under natural assumptions we can find better error bounds on the distances  $||z_{n+1} - z_n||$  and  $||z_n - x^*||$ ,  $n=0,\,1,\,2,\ldots$  Further, we specify a convergence domain D such that starting from any point of D iteration (1) converges to a unique solution  $x^*$  of equation (2).

For the case of Newton's method Rall in [6] and Rheinboldt in [8] provided a convergence domain under the assumption that  $F'(x^*)^{-1}$ 

exists.

Finally, we provide a simple example where our results apply whereas the corresponding ones given by Chen and Yamamoto in [3] do not.

#### 2. Convergence Results

We will need to define the constant

$$a = ||A(z^0)^{-1}(F(z) + G(z))|| > 0,$$

and the functions

$$\phi(r)=a-r+\int\limits_0^rB_2(R,\ t)\ \mathrm{d}t,$$
  $\psi(r)=B_3(R,\ r).$   $lpha(r)=\phi(r)+\psi(r),$   $v(r)=lpha(r)-lpha^*,$   $v(r)=1-B_1(r),$ 

where  $\alpha^*$  is the minimal value of  $\alpha(r)$  in [0, R] and  $r^*$  is the minimal point. If  $\alpha(r) \leq 0$ , then  $\alpha(r)$  has a unique zero  $t^*$  in  $(0, r^*]$ , since  $\alpha(r)$ is strictly convex.

Moreover, we define the scalar iterations

$$r_{n+1} = r_n + u(r_n), \ r_0 \in [0, \ r^*], \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
 (9)

and

$$s_{n+1} = s_n + u(s_n), \ s_0 = 0, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$
 (10)

where

$$u(r) = \frac{v(r)}{w(r)}.$$

Finally, we define the Zincenko iteration

$$\bar{x}_{n+1} = x_n - A(x_n)^{-1} (F(x_n) + G(x_n)),$$

$$x_0 = z^0, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
(11)

As in [3], we now show a result concerning the convergence of the sequence  $\{r_n\}$  to  $r^*$ .

**Proposition.** Suppose that  $\alpha(R) \leq 0$ . Then  $r^*$  is the unique zero of v(r) in  $[0, r^*]$  and the sequence  $\{r_n\}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$  given  $b\bar{y}$  (9) is monotonically increasing and converges to r\*.

*Proof.* By definition,  $v(r^*) = \alpha(r^*) - \alpha^* = 0$  and v(r) is strictly convex. Hence  $r^*$  is a unique zero of v(r) in  $[0, r^*]$ . The function v(r)is positive on  $[0, r^*)$ , since from  $\alpha^* = \alpha(r^*) \leqslant \alpha(R) \leqslant 0$  we get v(0) = $= \alpha(0) - \alpha^* \geqslant \alpha > 0$  and  $r^*$  is a unique zero of v(r) in  $[0, r^*]$ . We will show that the function w(r) is positive on  $[0, r^*]$ . By the conditions (b) and (c)

$$-w(r) = B_1(r) - 1 \le -1 + B_2(R, r) + \frac{\partial B_3(R, r)}{\partial r} =$$

$$= v'(r) < v'(r^*) = \alpha'(r^*) = 0. \tag{12}$$

Hence, w(r) is positive on  $[0, r^*)$  and by L'Hospital's Theorem u(r) admits a continuous extension on  $[0, r^*]$ .

We will now show that the function r + u(r) is nondecreasing on

$$(r+u(r))'=1+u'(r)=\frac{w(r)[w(r)+v'(r)]-v(r)w'(r)}{(w(r))^2}.$$

But,

$$w(r)[w(r) + v'(r)] = w(r) \left[ B_2(R, r) - B_1(r) + \frac{\partial B_3(R, r)}{\partial r} \right] \geqslant 0$$

$$-v(r)w'(r) = -v(r)[-B'_1(r)] = v(r) B'_1(r) \ge 0.$$

Hence, the function r + u(r) is nondecreasing on  $[0, r^*]$ . The sequence  $\{r_n\}$  is monotonically increasing, since the function u(r) is nonnegative. Let us assume that  $r_n \leq r^*$ , then  $r_{n+1} = r_n + u(r_n) \leq r^* + v(r^*) = r^*$ . That is the sequence  $\{r_n\}$  is monotonically increasing and bounded above by  $r^*$  and as such it converges to some  $r_*^* \in [0, r^*]$ . Moreover  $r_*^* = r_*^* +$  $+ u(r_1^*)$ . Hence  $r_1^* = r^*$ .

That completes the proof of the proposition.

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As in [3], let us define the sets

$$\widetilde{U} = \begin{cases} \overline{U}(z^0, R), & \text{if } \alpha(R) < 0 \text{ or } \alpha(R) = 0 \text{ and } t^* = R \\ U(z^0, R), & \text{if } \alpha(R) = 0 \text{ and } t^* < R \end{cases}, \tag{13}$$

$$D = \bigcup_{r \in [0, r^*]} \{ z \in \overline{U}(z^0, r) \mid ||A(z)^{-1} (F(z) + G(z))|| \le u(r) \}, \tag{14}$$

 $R_z = \{ r \in [0, \ r^*] \mid ||A(z)^{-1} (F(z) + G(z))|| \le u(r), \ ||z - z^0|| \le r \}, \quad (15)$  provided that  $\alpha(R) \le 0$ .

We can now prove the main theorem.

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that  $\alpha(R) \leq 0$ . Then

(i) the equation (2) has a solution  $x^*$  in  $\overline{U}(z^0, t^*)$ , which is unique in  $\widetilde{U}$ ; (ii) for any  $z_0 \in D$ , the iteration (1) is well defined for all  $n \geq 0$ , remains in  $U(z^0, r^*)$  and satisfies the estimates

$$||z_{n+1} - z_n|| \leqslant r_{n+1} - r_n \tag{16}$$

and

$$||x^* - z_n|| \leqslant r^* - r_n \tag{17}$$

provided that  $r_0 \in R_{z_0}$ . Moreover, the sequence given by (11) converges to  $x^*$  and

$$||x_{n+1} - x_n|| \leqslant s_{n+1} - s_n$$

and

$$||x^* - x_n|| \leqslant r^* - s_n$$

for all n = 0, 1, 2, ...

*Proof.* We will first show that the sequence  $\{r_n\}$  majorizes the sequence  $\{z_n\}$ ,  $n \ge 0$ . The estimate (17) will then follows from (16).

Let us choose  $z_0 \in D$ . Then there exists a  $r_0 \in R_{z_0}$  such that

$$||z_0 - z^0|| \leqslant r_0 < r^* \tag{18}$$

and

$$||z_1 - z_0|| = ||A(z_0)^{-1} (F(z_0) + G(z_0))|| \le u(r_0) = r_1 - r_0.$$
 (19)

By (18) and (19) we get

$$||z_1 - z^0|| \le r_1. \tag{20}$$

We will show (16)  $||z_n - z^0|| \le r_n$  by induction on n. For n = 0, (16) is (20) and  $||z_0 - z^0|| \le r_0$  is (18).

Let us assume that

$$||z_n - z_{n-1}|| \le r_n - r_{n-1} \text{ and } ||z_n - z^0|| \le r_n,$$

are true for  $n \leq k$ .

Then, from (3)-(6) and (12), we have that  $A(z_k)^{-1}$  exists,

$$||A(z_k)^{-1}|A(z^0)|| \le w(r_k)^{-1}$$

and

$$||z_{k+1} - z_k|| = ||A(z_k)^{-1} (F(z_k) + G(z_k))||$$

$$\leq ||A(z_k)^{-1} A(z^0)|| \cdot ||A(z^0)^{-1} \{F(z_k) + G(z_k) - A(z_{k-1}) \cdot (z_k - z_{k-1}) - F(z_{k-1}) - G(z_{k-1})\}||$$

 $\leq w(r_{k})^{-1} \left\{ \int_{0}^{1} \|A(z^{0})^{-1} \left(F'(z_{k-1} + t(z_{k} - z_{k-1})) - A(z_{k-1})\right) \|. \right.$   $\left\| z_{k} - z_{k-1} \| dt + \|A(z^{0})^{-1} \left(G(z_{k}) - G(z_{k-1})\right) \| \right\}$   $\leq w(r_{k})^{-1} \left[ \int_{0}^{1} \left(B_{2}(r_{k}, r_{k-1} + t(r_{k} - r_{k-1})) - B_{1}(r_{k-1})\right)(r_{k} - r_{k-1}) dt + \right.$   $\left. + B_{3}(r_{k}, r_{k} - r_{k-1}) \right]$   $\leq w(r_{k})^{-1} \left[ \int_{r_{k-1}}^{r_{k}} B_{2}(r_{k}, t) dt - B_{1}(r_{k-1})(r_{k} - r_{k-1}) + B_{3}(r_{k}, r_{k} - r_{k-1}) \right]$   $\leq w(r_{k})^{-1} \left[ \int_{r_{k-1}}^{r_{k}} B_{2}(R, t) dt - B_{1}(r_{k-1})(r_{k} - r_{k-1}) + B_{3}(R, r_{k} - r_{k-1}) \right]$   $= w(r_{k})^{-1} \left( v(r_{k}) - v(r_{k-1}) + w(r_{k-1})(r_{k} - r_{k-1}) \right)$   $= w(r_{k})^{-1} v(r_{k})$   $= r_{k+1} - r_{k}.$ 

This shows (16) for all  $n \ge 0$ . Moreover

$$||z_{k+1} - z^0|| \le ||z_{k+1} - z_k|| + ||z_k - z^0|| \le r_{k+1}.$$

That is,  $z_n \in U(z^0, r^*)$ .

Hence,  $\{z_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in a Banach space and as such it converges to a solution  $x^* \in U(z^0, r^*)$  of equation (2). In particular,  $z^0 \in D$  and the iteration  $\{x_n\}$  given by (11) is majorized by the iteration  $\{s_n\}$  given by (10) and converges to  $x^*$ .

We must show that the solution  $x^*$  is unique in D. Let  $z^*$  be any solution in D. Using (11) and the identity

$$z^* - x_1 = z^* - (x_0 - A(x_0)^{-1} (F(x_0) + G(x_0)))$$

$$= -A(x_0)^{-1} [F(z^*) - F(x_0) - A(x_0)(z^* - x_0)] -$$

$$-A(x_0)^{-1} (G(z^*) - G(x_0))$$

(4) and (5) we obtain

$$||A(x_0)^{-1}(F(z^*) - F(x_0) - A(x_0)(z^* - x_0))|| =$$

$$= \left\| \int_0^1 A(x_0)^{-1} (F'(x_0 + t(z^* - x_0)) - A(x_0)(z^* - x_0)) dt \right\|$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{1} B_{2}(\|z^{*} - x_{0}\|, t \|z^{*} - x_{0}\|) \|z^{*} - x_{0}\| dt$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{\|z^{*} - x_{0}\|} B_{2}(\|z^{*} - x_{0}\|, t) dt$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{\|z^{*} - x_{0}\|} B_{2}(R, t) dt,$$

and

$$||A(x_0)^{-1} (G(z^*) - G(x_0))|| \le B_3(||z^* - x_0||, ||z^* - x_0||) \le S_3(R, ||z^* - x_0||).$$

With this majorization we have

$$||z^* - x_0|| - a \le ||z^* - x_1|| \le \int_0^{||z^* - x_0||} B_2(R, t) dt + B_3(R, ||z^* - x_0||),$$

from which we obtain  $\sigma(\|z^* - x_0\|) \ge 0$ . That is

$$||z^* - x_0|| \le t^* \le r^* - s_0.$$

We will now show that

$$||z^* - x_n|| \le r^* - s_n, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
 (21)

We have proved that (21) is true for n=0. Suppose that (21) is true for all  $n \leq k$ . We obtain.

$$\|z^* - x_{k+1}\| = \|z^* - x_k + A(x_k)^{-1} (F(x_k) + G(x_k)) - A(x_k)^{-1} (F(z^*) + G(z^*))\|$$

$$\leq w(s_k)^{-1} \left\{ \int_0^1 \|A(x_0)^{-1} (F'(x_k + t(z^* - x_k)) - A(x_k)) \cdot \|z^* - x_k\| \, \mathrm{d}t \right.$$

$$+ \|A(x_0)^{-1} (G(z^*) - G(x_k))\| \right\}$$

$$\leq w(s_k)^{-1} \left[ \int_0^1 B_2(\|x_k - x_0\|, \|x_k - x_0\| + t\|z^* - x_k\|) \|z^* - x_k\| \, \mathrm{d}t \right.$$

$$+ B_3(\|z^* - x_k\|, \|z^* - z_k\|) \right]$$

$$\leq w(s_k)^{-1} \left[ \int_0^1 B_2(R, s_k + t(r^* - s_k))(r^* - s_k) \, \mathrm{d}t + B_3(R, r^* - s_k) \right]$$

$$\leq w(s_k)^{-1} \left[ \int_{s_k}^{r^*} B_2(R, t) dt + B_3(R, r^* - s_k) \right]$$

$$= w(s_k)^{-1} (\alpha(r^*) - \alpha(s_k)) + r^* - s_k$$

$$= r^* - s_{k+1} \to 0 \text{ as } k \to \infty.$$

Hence  $z^* = x^* \in \bar{U}(x_0, t^*)$ .

That completes the proof of the theorem.

Note that condition (4) implies that  $A(x_0) = F'(x_0)$ . To cover the case  $A(x_0) \neq F'(x_0)$ , let us assume

$$\begin{split} \|A(z^0)^{-1} \left(A(x) - A(z^0)\right)\| \leqslant \bar{B}_1(\|x - z^0\|) + b, \\ \|A(z^0)^{-1} \left(F'(x + t(y - x)) - A(x)\right)\| \leqslant \\ \bar{B}_2(r, \|x - z^0\| + t\|y - x\|) - \bar{B}_1(\|x - z^0\|) + c, \ t \in [0, 1] \end{split}$$

and

$$||A(z^0)^{-1}(G(x) - G(y))|| \leq \bar{B}_3(r, ||x - y||)$$

for all  $x, y \in \overline{U}(z^0, r) \subset \overline{U}(z^0, R)$  with  $0 \le ||x - y|| \le R - r$ , and b + c < 1. Let us define the functions

$$\overline{arphi}(r) = a - r + \int\limits_0^r ar{B}_2(R,\ t)\ \mathrm{d}t$$
 $\overline{\psi}(r) = ar{B}_3(R,\ r)$ 
 $\overline{lpha}(r) = \overline{arphi}(r) + \overline{\psi}(r) + (b+c)r,$ 
 $\overline{v}(r) = \overline{lpha}(r) - \overline{lpha}^*,$ 
 $\overline{v}(r) = 1 - b - ar{B}_1(r),$ 
 $\overline{u}(r) = \frac{\overline{v}(r)}{\overline{lpha}(r)},$ 

and the sequences

$$ar{r}_{n+1} = ar{r}_n + ar{u}(ar{r}_n), \ ar{r}_0 \in [0, R], \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
 $ar{s}_{n+1} = ar{s}_n + ar{u}(ar{s}_n), \ s_0 = 0, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ 

Then following the proof of the Proposition and Theorem 1 we can develop identical results if  $\bar{B}_1$ ,  $\bar{B}_2$ ,  $\bar{B}_3$  satisfy the (a), (b), (c) of the introduction and  $\bar{\alpha}(R) \leq 0$ .

Note that in this case by setting  $\bar{B}_1 = w_0$ ,  $\bar{B}_2(r, t) = w(t)$  and  $\bar{B}_3(r, t) = e(t)$ , our conditions reduce to the Chen-Yamamoto conditions given in [3, p. 39].

Proposition 2. Suppose that the hypotheses of Theorem 1 are true, then

$$\overline{U}\left(z^0, \frac{|lpha^*|}{2}
ight) \subset D.$$

Proof. We have

$$|\alpha^*| = |\alpha(r^*) - \alpha(t^*)| \le |r^* - t^*| = r^* - t^* < r^*,$$

since

$$-1 \leqslant \alpha'(r) \leqslant 0$$
 for  $r \in [0, r^*]$ .

That is,  $||z_0 - z^0|| \le \frac{|\alpha^*|}{2} < r^*$  for any  $z_0 \in \overline{U}(z^0, \frac{|\alpha^*|}{2})$ . Set  $||z_0 - z^0|| = r_0$ . The linear operator  $A(z_0)^{-1}$  exists now by (3), (12), and

$$||A(z_0)^{-1} A(z^0)|| \leq w(r_0)^{-1}.$$

We now obtain

$$||A(z_0)^{-1} (F(z_0) + G(z_0))||$$

$$\leqslant w \ (r_0)^{-1} \left\{ \int\limits_0^1 \|A(z^0)^{-1} (F'(z^0 \ + \ t(z_0 \ - \ z^0)) \ - \ A(z^0)) \, \| \cdot \ \| z_0 \ - \ z^0 \, \| \ \mathrm{d}t \right\}$$

$$+ \|A(z^0)^{-1} (G(z_0) - G(z^0)) + \|z_0 - z^0\| + a]$$

$$\leqslant w(r_0)^{-1} \left\{ \int\limits_0^{r_0} B_2(R, t) \, \mathrm{d}t + B_3(R, r_0) + r_0 + \alpha + |\alpha^*| - 2r_0 \right\}$$

$$= w(r_0)^{-1} (\alpha(r_0) - \alpha^*),$$
 which implies that  $z_0 \in D$ .

That completes the proof of the proposition.

To obtain further bounds on the distances  $||y_{n+1} - y_n||$  and  $||x^* - y_n||$  as in [3, p. 44] we generalize the function  $\alpha(r)$  as follows:

For any  $z \in D$ , we choose a number  $r_z \in R_z$ , which we fix and we define

$$a_z = \|A(z)^{-1} (F(z) + G(z))\|,$$
  $d_z = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } z = z^0 \text{ and } r_z = 0 \\ w(r_z)^{-1}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

and

$$\alpha_z(r) = a_z + d_z \Big( \int_0^r B(R, r_z + t) + B(R, r_z + t) - r \Big).$$

Moreover, let us define the sequence

$$v_{n+1} = v_n + \frac{\alpha_z(v_n)}{d_z w(r_z + v_n)}, \ v_0 = 0, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$$

Then under the hypotheses of Theorem 1 and identically with the proof of Theorem 2 in [3, p. 45] we can show

Theorem 2. Suppose that the hypotheses of Theorem 1 are true.

Then

- (i)  $\alpha_z(r^*-r_z) \leq 0$  and the function  $\alpha_z(r)$  has a unique zero  $v^* \in [0, r^*-r_z]$ ;
- (ii) the iteration (1) satisfies

$$||z_{n+1}-z_n|| \leqslant v_{n+1}-v_n$$

and

$$||x^* - z_n|| \le v^* - v_n \le r^* - r_n, \quad n \ge 0$$

for  $z_0 = z$ .

To compare our results with the ones obtained by Chen and Yamamoto in [3] we refer the reader to the introduction and define the functions

$$\phi_1(r) = a - r + \int\limits_0^1 w(t) dt$$
 $\psi_1(r) = \int\limits_0^r e(t) dt,$ 

$$egin{align} arphi_1(r) &= arphi_1(r) + \psi_1(r) + (b + c) \, r, \ v_1(r) &= lpha_1(r) - lpha_1^*, \ w_1(r) &= 1 - w_0(r) - b, \ u_1(r) &= rac{v_1(r)}{v_1(r)}, \end{aligned}$$

and the iterations

$$r'_{n+1} = r'_n + u_1(r'_n), \ r'_0 \in [0, R]$$

and

$$s'_{n+1} = s'_n + u_1(s'_n), \ s'_0 = 0, \ n \ge 0.$$

If  $\alpha_1(R) \leq 0$ , Chen and Yamamoto showed [3, Th. 1] similar results and in particular

$$||z_{n+1} - z_n|| \leq r'_{n+1} - r'_n,$$

$$||z_n - x^*|| \leq r_1^* - r'_n,$$

$$||x_{n+1} - x_n|| \leq s'_{n+1} - s'_n,$$

and

$$||x_n - x^*|| \leqslant r_1^* - s_n'.$$

We can now justify the claim made at the introduction.

Proposition 3. Suppose that

(i)  $\alpha(R) \leq 0$  and  $\alpha_1(R) \leq 0$ ;

(ii) 
$$\int_{0}^{r} B_{2}(R, t) dt + B_{3}(R, r) \leq \int_{0}^{r} w(t) dt + \int_{0}^{r} e(t) dt + (b + c) r$$

and

(iii) 
$$B_3(R, r) \leq w_0(r) + b$$
.

Then

$$lpha(r) \leqslant lpha_1(r),$$
 which is the set  $t^* \leqslant t_1,$  in solution of the set  $t^* \leqslant t_2$  and the set  $t^* \leqslant t_3$  and  $t^* \leqslant t_4$ 

$$||z_{n+1} - z_n|| \le r_{n+1} - r_n \le r'_{n+1} - r'_n,$$

$$||z_n - x^*|| \le r^* - r_n \le r_1^* - r'_n,$$

$$||x_{n+1} - x_n|| \le s_{n+1} - s_n \le s'_{n+1} - s'_n,$$

and

$$||x_n - x^*|| \le r^* - s_n \le r_1^* - s_n',$$

provided that  $r_0 = r'_0$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows immediately using (i), (ii), (iii) and the definition of  $\alpha(r)$ ,  $\alpha_1(r)$ ,  $\{r_n\}$ ,  $\{r'_n\}$ ,  $\{s_n\}$ ,  $\{s'_n\}$ ,  $\{s_n\}$  and  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $n \ge 0$ .

### 3. Aplications

Let us consider the scalar equation

$$F(x) + G(x) = 0, (22)$$

where  $F(x) = e^x - 1$ , G(x) = -|x| and let  $x_0 = .1$  and R = .5. We define the functions

$$w_0(r)=e^r r=w(r),$$
  $\mathrm{e}(r)=\|F'(x_0)^{-1}\|=.904837418=q$   $B_1(r)=e^r r,$   $B_2(r,\ t)=\mathrm{e}^r t,$ 

and

$$B_3(r, t) = q(r - t), \ 0 \leqslant t \leqslant r \ \text{ and } \ 0 \leqslant r \leqslant R.$$

Then

$$\alpha(r) = a - r + e^{R} \frac{r^{2}}{2} + q(R - r)$$

and

$$\alpha_1(r) = (e^r - 1)(r - 1) + a + q^r$$

with

$$a = 4.678840092 \cdot 10^{-3}$$
 and  $b = c = 0$ .

It is simple calculus to check that all the conditions of Theorem  ${\bf 1}$  are satisfied.

In particular,  $\alpha(R) = -.289231 < 0$  and  $\alpha_1(R) = .362443729 > 0$ . That is the Chen-Yamamoto hypotheses given by Theorem 1 in [3] are not satisfied.

Theorem 1 can now be used to obtain the unique solution  $x^* = 0$  of equation (22) in  $\overline{U}(x_0, R)$ .

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