

ON SOME STEFFENSEN-TYPE ITERATIVE METHODS
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1. INTRODUCTION

Consider a Banach space X and the equation

$$(1) \quad F(x) + G(x) = 0,$$

where $F, G : X \rightarrow X$ are nonlinear operators, F being Fréchet differentiable and G being continuously but nondifferentiable. This is the case when we study an equation $H(x) = 0$, with $H : X \rightarrow X$ a nondifferentiable operator to which we cannot apply Newton's method. H is then split into two parts: a differentiable part and a nondifferentiable one.

Various methods have been proposed for solving these kind of problems.

In [8, 9, 10] are considered the Newton-like methods:

$$(2) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - F'(x_n)^{-1}(F(x_n) + G(x_n)), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, x_0 \in X,$$

and, more generally,

$$(3) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - A(x_n)^{-1}(F(x_n) + G(x_n)), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, x_0 \in X,$$

where A is a linear operator approximating F' .

In [1] is studied the secant-type method

$$(4) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - [x_{n-1}, x_n; F]^{-1}(F(x_n) + G(x_n)), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, x_0, x_1 \in X,$$

$[x, y; F]$ denoting the first order divided difference of F at the points x, y . The convergence order of these sequences is linear (as it can be also seen in the numerical example).

In [3] is considered a combination of Newton's method and the secant method:

$$(5) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - (F'(x_n) + [x_{n-1}, x_n; G])^{-1}(F(x_n) + G(x_n)), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, x_0, x_1 \in X,$$

having the convergence order $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618$, i.e., the convergence order of the secant method.

In the present paper we propose a method based on Steffensen's method and Newton's method, having quadratic convergence:

$$(6) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - (F'(x_n) + [x_n, \varphi(x_n); G])^{-1} (F(x_n) + G(x_n)), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, x_0 \in X,$$

where $\varphi : X \rightarrow X$,

$$\varphi(x) = x - \lambda(F(x) + G(x)),$$

λ being a fixed positive number.

2. THE CONVERGENCE OF THE METHOD

We shall use, as in [4, 5] the known definitions for the divided differences of an operator:

DEFINITION 1. *An operator $[x_0, y_0; G]$ belonging to the space $\mathcal{L}(X, X)$ (the Banach space of the linear and bounded operators from X to X) is called the first order divided difference of the operator $G : X \rightarrow X$ at the points $x_0, y_0 \in X$ if the following properties hold:*

- a) $[x_0, y_0; G](y_0 - x_0) = G(y_0) - G(x_0)$, for $x_0 \neq y_0$;
- b) if G is Fréchet differentiable at x_0 , then

$$[x_0, x_0; G] = G'(x_0).$$

DEFINITION 2. *An operator belonging to the space $\mathcal{L}(X, \mathcal{L}(X, X))$, denoted by $[x_0, y_0, z_0; G]$, is called the second-order divided difference of the operator $G : X \rightarrow X$ at the points $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$ if the following properties hold:*

- a) $[x_0, y_0, z_0; G](z_0 - x_0) = [y_0, z_0; G] - [x_0, y_0; G]$, for the distinct points $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$;
- b) if G is two times Fréchet differentiable at $x_0 \in X$, then

$$[x_0, x_0, x_0; G] = \frac{1}{2}G''(x_0).$$

We shall denote by $B_r(x_0) = \{x \in X \mid \|x - x_0\| < r\}$ the open ball having the center at $x_0 \in X$ and the radius $r > 0$.

Concerning the convergence of the iterative process (6) we shall prove the following theorem:

THEOREM 3. *If there exists the element $x_0 \in X$, and the positive real numbers K, l, ε, M, r such that:*

- i) G is continuous on $B_r(x_0)$;
 ii) F is Fréchet differentiable on $B_r(x_0)$, with the Fréchet derivative satisfying the Lipschitz condition

$$\|F'(x) - F'(y)\| \leq l \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in B_r(x_0);$$

- iii) The second-order divided difference of G is uniformly bounded on $B_r(x_0)$:

$$\|[x, y, z; G]\| \leq K, \quad \forall x, y, z \in B_r(x_0);$$

- iv) The operators $F'(x) + [x, \varphi(x); G]$ are invertible, with the inverses uniformly bounded: $\forall x \in B_r(x_0)$ with $\varphi(x) \in B_r(x_0)$ there exists $(F'(x) + [x, \varphi(x); G])^{-1}$ and

$$\|(F'(x) + [x, \varphi(x); G])^{-1}\| \leq M;$$

- v) λ is chosen such that $\lambda \leq M$;
 vi) $q := M^2\varepsilon(\frac{l}{2} + 2K) < 1$ and the radius is given by

$$r := \frac{1}{M(\frac{l}{2} + 2K)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{2^k},$$

then

- j) The sequence $(x_n)_{n \geq 0}$ given by (6) is well defined and $(x_n)_{n \geq 0} \subset B_r(x_0)$;
 jj) $(x_n)_{n \geq 0}$ converges to some $x^* \in \overline{B_r(x_0)}$, which is a solution of equation (1);
 jjj) The following estimation holds:

$$\|x^* - x_n\| \leq \frac{q^{2^n}}{M \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K\right) (1 - q^{2^n})}.$$

Proof. From the hypothesis i) concerning F it is known [6] that we get

$$(7) \quad \|F(y) - F(x) - F'(x)(y - x)\| \leq \frac{l}{2} \|y - x\|^2.$$

From the definitions of the divided differences we obtain

$$(8) \quad G(y) - G(x) - [x, \varphi(x); G](y - x) = [x, \varphi(x), y; G](y - \varphi(x))(y - x).$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
& [x, \varphi(x), y; G](y - \varphi(x))(y - x) = \\
& = [\varphi(x), y; G](y - \varphi(x)) - [x, \varphi(x); G](y - \varphi(x)) \\
& = G(y) - G(\varphi(x)) + [x, \varphi(x); G](\varphi(x) - x) - [x, \varphi(x); G](y - x) \\
& = G(y) - G(\varphi(x)) + G(\varphi(x)) - G(x) - [x, \varphi(x); G](y - x) \\
& = G(y) - G(x) - [x, \varphi(x); G](y - x).
\end{aligned}$$

We shall prove by induction that

$$\begin{aligned}
(9) \quad & x_k, \varphi(x_k) \in B_r(x_0), \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \\
& \|F(x_k) + G(x_k)\| \leq M^{-2} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K\right)^{-1} q^{2^k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.
\end{aligned}$$

From the above inequality it can be easily deduced by (6) that $\exists x_{k+1}$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
(10) \quad & \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| = \left\| (F'(x_k) + [x_k, \varphi(x_k); G])^{-1} (F(x_k) + G(x_k)) \right\| \\
& \leq M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K\right)^{-1} q^{2^k}.
\end{aligned}$$

For $k = 0$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& x_0 \in B_r(x_0); \\
& \|x_0 - \varphi(x_0)\| = \|x_0 - x_0 + \lambda(F(x_0) + G(x_0))\| \leq \lambda\varepsilon \leq M\varepsilon < r,
\end{aligned}$$

which imply that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \varphi(x_0) \in B_r(x_0) \\
& \|F(x_0) + G(x_0)\| \leq \varepsilon = M^{-2} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K\right)^{-1} q^{2^0}.
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose now that (9) is true for $k = \overline{1, n-1}$. By (10) it follows that $\exists x_n$, and we have that $x_n \in B_r(x_0)$. Indeed,

$$\|x_n - x_0\| \leq \|x_1 - x_0\| + \cdots + \|x_n - x_{n-1}\| \leq M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K\right)^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q^{2^k} < r.$$

Then, using (6), (7), (8) and (9),

$$\begin{aligned}
\|F(x_n) + G(x_n)\| & \leq \|F(x_n) - F(x_{n-1}) - F'(x_{n-1})(x_n - x_{n-1})\| \\
& \quad + \|G(x_n) - G(x_{n-1}) - [x_{n-1}, \varphi(x_{n-1}); G](x_n - x_{n-1})\| \\
& \leq \frac{l}{2} \|x_n - x_{n-1}\|^2 + K \|x_n - x_{n-1}\| \cdot \|x_n - \varphi(x_{n-1})\| \leq
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{l}{2} M^{-2} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-2} q^{2^n} \\
&\quad + K M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} q^{2^{n-1}} \left(M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} q^{2^{n-1}} + \lambda M^2 \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} q^{2^{n-1}} \right) \\
&\leq M^{-2} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} q^{2^n}.
\end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that $\varphi(x_n) \in B_r(x_0)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_0 - \varphi(x_n)\| &\leq \|x_0 - x_n\| + \lambda \|F(x_n) + G(x_n)\| \\
&\leq M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q^{2^k} + M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} q^{2^n} < r.
\end{aligned}$$

The induction (9) is proved.

Now we prove that the sequence $(x_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is a Cauchy sequence, hence it converges to some element $x^* \in \overline{B_r(x_0)}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_{n+p} - x_n\| &\leq \|x_{n+p} - x_{n+p-1}\| + \dots + \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \\
&\leq M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} \sum_{k=n}^{n+p-1} q^{2^k} \\
&= M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} q^{2^n} \sum_{k=n}^{n+p-1} q^{2^k - 2^n} \\
&\leq M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} q^{2^n} (1 + q^{2 \cdot 2^n - 2^n} + q^{4 \cdot 2^n - 2^n} + \dots) \\
&\leq M^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2} + 2K \right)^{-1} \frac{q^{2^n}}{1 - q^{2^n}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Passing to limit for $n \rightarrow \infty$ in relation (6) and taking into account the hypotheses concerning F and G , we get that x^* is a solution of (1).

The estimation jjj) is obtained from the above relation, for $p \rightarrow \infty$. \square

3. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

Given the system

$$\begin{cases} 3x^2y + y^2 - 1 + |x - 1| = 0 \\ x^4 + xy^3 - 1 + |y| = 0 \end{cases}$$

we shall consider $X = (\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ and $F, G : X \rightarrow X, F = (f_1, f_2), G = (g_1, g_2)$, with $f_1(x, y) = 3x^2y + y^2 - 1, f_2(x, y) = x^4 + xy^3 - 1, g_1(x, y) = |x - 1|, g_2(x, y) = |y|$.

We shall take $[x, y; G] \in \mathbb{M}_2(\mathbb{R})$ given by

$$[x, y; G](i, 1) = \frac{g_i(y^1, y^2) - g(x^1, y^2)}{y^1 - x^1}, \quad [x, y; G](i, 2) = \frac{g_i(x^1, y^2) - g_i(x^1, x^2)}{y^2 - x^2},$$

$i = 1, 2$.

Using the method (2) with $x_0 = (1, 0)$, we obtain

n	x_n^1	x_n^2	$\ x_n - x_{n-1}\ $
0	1.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	0.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	
1	1.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	3.333 333 333 333 33 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.33 \cdot 10^{-01}$
2	9.065 502 183 406 11 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.540 029 112 081 51 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$9.344 \cdot 10^{-02}$
3	8.853 284 006 634 12 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.380 272 763 613 32 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.122 \cdot 10^{-02}$
4	8.913 295 568 328 00 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.266 139 765 935 66 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.141 \cdot 10^{-02}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
39	8.946 553 733 346 87 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 265 217 462 98 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.149 \cdot 10^{-19}$

Using the method (5) with $x_0 = (1, 1)$, $x_1 = (2, 2)$ we get:

n	x_n^1	x_n^2	$\ x_n - x_{n-1}\ $
0	2.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	2.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	
1	1.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	1.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	$1.000 \cdot 10^{+00}$
2	3.333 333 333 333 33 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	1.333 333 333 333 33 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	$6.666 \cdot 10^{+01}$
3	9.620 253 164 556 96 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.544 303 797 468 35 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$9.789 \cdot 10^{-01}$
4	9.006 962 171 562 64 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.304 659 355 979 86 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$6.132 \cdot 10^{-02}$
5	8.947 064 096 934 25 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 552 521 887 66 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.989 \cdot 10^{-03}$
6	8.946 553 768 094 08 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 265 245 651 25 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.103 \cdot 10^{-05}$
7	8.946 553 733 346 87 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 265 217 462 98 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.474 \cdot 10^{-09}$
8	8.946 553 733 346 87 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 265 217 462 98 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.003 \cdot 10^{-17}$
9	8.946 553 733 346 87 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 265 217 462 98 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.710 \cdot 10^{-20}$

Using method (6) with $\lambda = 0.5$ and $x_0 = (1, 1)$ we get:

n	x_n^1	x_n^2	$\ x_n - x_{n-1}\ $
0	1.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	0.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+00}$	
1	1.400 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	0.000 000 000 000 00 $\cdot 10^{+00}$	$1.000 \cdot 10^{+00}$
2	1.154 212 949 626 24 $\cdot 10^{+0}$	1.438 413 350 975 79 $\cdot 10^{-01}$	$2.457 \cdot 10^{-01}$
3	1.010 571 500 463 24 $\cdot 10^{+1}$	2.691 698 935 508 61 $\cdot 10^{-01}$	$1.436 \cdot 10^{-01}$
4	8.990 733 928 764 52 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.762 673 831 093 11 $\cdot 10^{-01}$	$1.114 \cdot 10^{-01}$
5	8.950 225 056 578 07 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.288 153 820 340 89 $\cdot 10^{-01}$	$4.745 \cdot 10^{-02}$
6	8.946 555 041 441 07 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 274 887 465 46 $\cdot 10^{-01}$	$9.878 \cdot 10^{-04}$
7	8.946 553 733 347 87 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 265 217 468 06 $\cdot 10^{-01}$	$9.669 \cdot 10^{-07}$
8	8.946 553 733 346 87 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 265 217 462 98 $\cdot 10^{-01}$	$5.086 \cdot 10^{-13}$
9	8.946 553 733 346 87 $\cdot 10^{-1}$	3.278 265 217 462 98 $\cdot 10^{-01}$	$2.710 \cdot 10^{-20}$

It seems that the best results are not obtained here for λ taken too small, because the divided differences cannot be computed in this case for $\|x_n - x_{n-1}\| \leq 1.0 \cdot 10^{-16}$.

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