

**THREE-STEP ITERATIVE METHOD WITH
EIGHTEENTH ORDER CONVERGENCE FOR
SOLVING NONLINEAR EQUATIONS**

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Abstract: In this paper, we propose and discuss a new higher-order iterative method for solving nonlinear equations. This method based on a Halley and Householder iterative method and using predictor-corrector technique. The convergence analysis of our method is discussed. It is established that the new method has convergence order eighteen. Numerical tests show that the new method is comparable with the well-known existing methods and gives better results.

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1. Introduction

Finding iterative method for solving nonlinear equations is an important area of research in numerical analysis as it has interesting applications in several branches of pure and applied science can be studied in the general framework of the nonlinear equations $f(x) = 0$ (see [2]). Due to their importance, several numerical methods have been suggested and analyzed under certain condition. These numerical methods have been constructed using different techniques such as Taylor series, homotopy perturbation method and its variant forms, quadrature formula (see [3]), variational iteration method, and decomposition method. For more details, see [1]-[14]. In this paper, based on a Halley and Householder iterative method and using predictor-corrector technique, we construct modification of Newton's method with higher-order convergence for solving nonlinear equations. The error equations are given theoretically to show that the proposed technique has eighteenth-order convergence. Commonly in the literature the efficiency of an iterative method is measured by the *efficiency index* defined as $I \approx p^{1/d}$ (see [19]), where p is the order of convergence and d is the total number of functional evaluations per step. Therefore this method has efficiency index $18^{1/8} \approx 1.435$ which are higher than $2^{1/2} \approx 1.4142$ of the Steffensen's method (SM) (see [4], [16], $3^{1/4} \approx 1.3161$ of the (DHM) method [17]. Several examples are given to illustrate the efficiency and performance of this method.

2. Iterative Method and Convergence Analysis

Consider the nonlinear equation of the type

$$f(x) = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

For simplicity, we assume that α is a simple root of (2.1) and γ is an initial approximation, sufficiently close to α . Using the Taylor's series expansion of the function $f(x)$, we have

$$f(\gamma) + (x - \gamma)f'(\gamma) + \frac{(x - \gamma)^2}{2}f''(\gamma) = 0.$$

Therefore

$$x = \gamma - \frac{2f(\gamma)f'(\gamma)}{2f''(\gamma) - f'(\gamma)f'(\gamma)}.$$

This equality allows us to suggest the following iterative method for solving the nonlinear equation (2.1).

Algorithm 2.1. For a given x_0 , find the approximate solution x_{n+1} by the iterative scheme

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}.$$

It is well known that Algorithm 2.1 has a quadratic convergence.

Algorithm 2.2. For a given x_0 , compute approximate solution x_{n+1} by the iterative scheme

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{2f(x_n)f'(x_n)}{2f''(x_n) - f'(x_n)f'(x_n)}.$$

This is known as Halley's method has cubic convergence (see [1, 8]).

Algorithm 2.3. For a given x_0 , compute approximate solution x_{n+1} by the iterative schemes

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} - \frac{f''(x_n)f'(x_n)}{2f''(x_n)^2}.$$

This is known as Householder's method and has cubic convergence, see [18]. Now we suggest and analyze a new three-step iterative method for solving the nonlinear equation. If we using classical Newton-Raphson method Algorithm 2.1 as a predictor and Algorithm 2.2 and Algorithm 2.3 as a corrector, which is the main motivation of this paper.

Algorithm 2.4. For a given x_0 , compute approximate solution x_{n+1} by the iterative schemes

$$w_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$y_n = w_n - \frac{2f(w_n)f'(w_n)}{2f''(w_n) - f'(w_n)f'(w_n)}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$x_{n+1} = y_n - \frac{f(y_n)}{f'(y_n)} - \frac{f''(y_n)f'(y_n)}{2f''(y_n)^2}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.4)$$

(1)

Algorithm 2.4 is called the predictor-corrector Newton-Halley method (PCNH) and has eighteen-order convergence. Let us now discuss the convergence analysis of Algorithm 2.4.

Theorem 2.1. Let r be a simple zero of sufficient differentiable function $f : \subseteq R \rightarrow R$ for an open interval I . If x_0 is sufficiently close to r , then

the three-step iterative method defined by Algorithm 2.4 has eighteenth-order convergence.

Proof. Let r be a simple zero of f . Since f is sufficient differentiable, by expanding $f(x_n)$ and $f(x_n)$ about r , we get

$$f(x_n) = f(r) + (x_n - r)f'(r) + \frac{(x_n - r)^2}{2!}f^{(2)}(r) + \frac{(x_n - r)^3}{3!}f^{(3)}(r) + \frac{(x_n - r)^4}{4!}f^{(4)}(r) + \dots,$$

then

$$f(x_n) = f(r)[e_n + c_2e_n^2 + c_3e_n^3 + c_4e_n^4 + \dots], \quad (2.5)$$

$$f'(x_n) = f'(r)[1 + 2c_2e_n + 3c_3e_n^2 + 4c_4e_n^3 + \dots], \quad (2.6)$$

where $c_k = \frac{1}{k!} \frac{f^{(k)}(r)}{f'(r)}$, $k = 2, 3, \dots$, and $e_n = x_n - r$.

From (2.5) and (2.6), we have

$$w_n = r + c_2e_n^2 + 2(c_3 - c_2^2)e_n^3 + \dots, \quad (2.7)$$

Let us set $W = w_n - r$. Then the equation (2.7) can be re-written in the form

$$W = c_2e_n^2 + 2(c_3 - c_2^2)e_n^3 + \dots, \quad (2.8)$$

Now expanding $f(w_n)$, $f'(w_n)$, $f''(w_n)$ about r and using (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(w_n) &= f(r) + (w_n - r)f'(r) + \frac{(w_n - r)^2}{2!}f^{(2)}(r) + \frac{(w_n - r)^3}{3!}f^{(3)}(r) + \dots \\ &= f(r)[W + c_2W^2 + c_3W^3 + c_4W^4 + \dots], \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(w_n) &= f'(r) + (w_n - r)f''(r) + \frac{(w_n - r)^2}{2!}f^{(3)}(r) + \dots \\ &= f'(r)[1 + 2c_2W + 3c_3W^2 + 4c_4W^3 + \dots], \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(w_n) &= f''(r) + (w_n - r)f^{(3)}(r) + \dots \\ &= f''(r)[2c_2 + 6c_3W + \dots]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Combining (2.7)-(2.11), we have

$$y_n = r + (c_2^2 - c_3)W^3. \quad (2.12)$$

Also expanding $f(y_n)$, $f'(y_n)$, $f''(y_n)$ in r and using (2.12), we have

$$f(y_n) = f(r)[(c_2^2 - c_3)W^3 + c_2((c_2^2 - c_3)W^3)^2 + c_3((c_2^2 - c_3)W^3)^3 + \dots], \quad (2.13)$$

$$f'(y_n) = f'(r)[1 + 2c_2((c_2^2 - c_3)W^3) + 3c_3((c_2^2 - c_3)W^3)^2 + 4c_4((c_2^2 - c_3)W^3)^3 + \dots], \quad (2.14)$$

$$f''(y_n) = f''(r)[2c_2 + 6c_3((c_2^2 - c_3)W^3) + 12c_4((c_2^2 - c_3)W^3)^2 + \dots]. \quad (2.15)$$

Combining (2.12)-(2.15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= r + (c_2^2 - c_3)W^3 - [(c_2^2 - c_3)W^3 + (-2c_2^2 + c_3)((c_2^2 - c_3)W^3)^3 + \dots] \\ &= r + (2c_2^2 - c_3)(c_2^2 - c_3)^3W^9 + \dots \\ &= r + c_2^9(2c_2^2 - c_3)(c_2^2 - c_3)^3e_n^{18} + O(e^{19}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Finally, we have

$$e_{n+1} = c_2^9(2c_2^2 - c_3)(c_2^2 - c_3)^3e_n^{18} + O(e^{19}),$$

which shows that Algorithm 2.4 has eighteenth-order convergence.

Remark. The order of convergence of the iterative method 2.4 is 18. Per iteration of the iterative method 2.4 requires three evaluations of the function, three evaluation of first derivative, and two evaluation of second derivative. We take into account the definition of efficiency index (see [4], [15]), if we suppose that all the evaluations have the same cost as function one, we have that the efficiency index of the method 2.4 is $18^{1/8} \approx 1.435$, which is better $2^{1/2} \approx 1.4142$ of the Steffensen's method (SM) (see [16]), $3^{1/4} \approx 1.3161$ of the DHM method, see [17].

3. Numerical Examples

For comparisons, we have used the fourth-order Jarratt method [19] (JM) and Ostrowski's method (OM) [15] defined respectively by

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= x_n - \frac{2}{3} \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, \\ x_{n+1} &= x_n - \left(1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{f(y_n) - f(x_n)}{3f'(y_n) - f'(x_n)}\right) \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$y_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

$$x_{n+1} = y_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f(x_n) - 2f(y_n)} \frac{f(y_n)}{f'(x_n)}.$$

We consider here some numerical examples to demonstrate the performance of the new modified iterative method, namely (PCNH). We compare the classical Newton's method (NM), Jarratt method (JM), the Ostrowski's method (OM) and (PCNH). In the Table 1 and Table 2 the number of iteration is $n = 3$ for all our examples. But in Table 1 our examples are tested with precision $\varepsilon = 10^{-1000}$. The following stopping criteria is used for computer programs: $|x_{n+1} - x_n| + |f(x_{n+1})| < \varepsilon$. The computational order of convergence (*COC*) can be approximated using the following formula

$$COC \approx \frac{\ln |(x_{n+1} - x_n)/(x_n - x_{n-1})|}{\ln |(x_n - x_{n-1})/(x_{n-1} - x_{n-2})|}.$$

Table 1 shows the difference of the root r and the approximation x_n to r , where r is the exact root computed with 2000 significant digits, but only 25 digits are displayed for x_n . In Table 2, we listed the number of iterations for various methods. The absolute values of the function $f(x_n)$ and the computational order of convergence (*COC*) are also shown in Tables 2, 3. All the computations are performed using *Maple*, Version 15. The following examples are used for numerical testing:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= x^3 + 4x^2 - 10, & x_0 &= 1, & f_2(x) &= \sin^2 x - x^2 + 1, & x_0 &= 1.3. \\ f_3(x) &= x^2 - e^x - 3x + 2, & x_0 &= 2, & f_4(x) &= \cos x - x, & x_0 &= 1.7. \\ f_5(x) &= (x - 1)^3 - 1, & x_0 &= 2.5, & f_6(x) &= x^3 - 10, & x_0 &= 2. \\ f_7(x) &= e^{x^2+7x-30} - 1, & x_0 &= 3.1. \end{aligned}$$

Results are summarized in Tables 1, 2, 3 as it shows new algorithms are comparable with all of the methods and in most cases give better or equal results. Table 2 Comparison of different methods.

4. Conclusions

In this paper, we have suggested and analyzed new higher-order iterative method and used for solving of nonlinear equations. This method based on a Halley

Table 1: Comparison of Number of iterations for various methods required such that $|f(x_{n+1})| < 10^{-200}$.

<i>Method</i>	f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4	f_5	f_6	f_7
Guess	1	1.3	2	1.7	2.5	2	3.1
NM	12	11	12	11	13	11	13
JM	7	6	7	7	7	6	7
OM	7	6	7	6	7	6	7
PCNH	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Table 2: Comparison of different methods

<i>Method</i>	x_0	x_3	<i>COC</i>	$ x_3 - x_2 $	$ f(x_3) $
f_1	1				
NM		1.3652366002021159462369662	1.88	3.66E-03	1.09E-04
JM		1.3652300134140968457610286	4.10	4.50E-12	5.95E-46
OM		1.3652300134140968457610286	4.10	4.50E-12	5.95E-46
PCNH		1.3652300134140968457610286	18.09	4.05E-225	1.0E-1998
f_2	1.3				
NM		1.4044916527111965739297374	1.98	7.57E-05	1.12E-08
JM		1.4044916482153412260350868	4.03	5.09E-18	6.61E-70
OM		1.4044916482153412260350868	4.03	5.96E-18	1.29E-69
PCNH		1.4044916482153412260350868	18.03	1.69E-341	9.0E-2000
f_3	2				
NM		0.2575292578013089584442857	7.68	3.31E-03	3.88E-06
JM		0.2575302854398607604553673	4.35	6.21E-06	3.44E-23
OM		0.2575302854398607604553673	4.55	8.79E-06	1.02E-22
PCNH		0.2575302854398607604553673	18.54	1.18E-133	1.0E-1999
f_4	1.7				
NM		0.7390851658032147634513238	1.53	3.84E-04	5.45E-08
JM		0.7390851332151606416553121	3.66	1.47E-12	1.85E-49
OM		0.7390851332151606416553121	3.67	3.34E-12	5.32E-48
PCNH		0.7390851332151606416553121	17.61	2.25E-297	0
f_5	2.5				
NM		2.0003266792741527249601052	1.98	1.80E-02	9.80E-04
JM		2	3.73	2.55E-08	8.43E-31
OM		2	3.73	2.55E-08	8.43E-31
PCNH		2	17.69	3.63E-146	0

Table 3: Comparison of different methods

<i>Method</i>	x_0	x_3	<i>COC</i>	$ x_3 - x_2 $	$ f(x_3) $
f_6	2				
NM		2.1544346922369133091005011	1.97	6.89E-05	3.07E-08
JM		2.1544346900318837217592936	4.02	2.71E-19	4.98E-75
OM		2.1544346900318837217592936	4.02	2.71E-19	4.98E-75
PCNH		2.1544346900318837217592936	18.01	3.06E-370	0
f_7	3.1				
NM		3.0007511637578020952127918	2.24	1.02E-02	9.81E-03
JM		3	3.91	1.46E-07	6.17E-25
OM		3	3.92	9.81E-08	1.12E-25
PCNH		3	17.74	8.84E-114	0

and Householder iterative method and using predictor-corrector technique. The error equations are given theoretically to show that the proposed technique has eighteenth-order convergence. The new method attains efficiency index of 1.435, which makes it competitive. In addition, the proposed method has been tested on a series of examples published in the literature and shows good results when compared with the previous literature.

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