

Iterative Scheme Example

Want to solve the polynomial equation

$$p(x) = 0$$

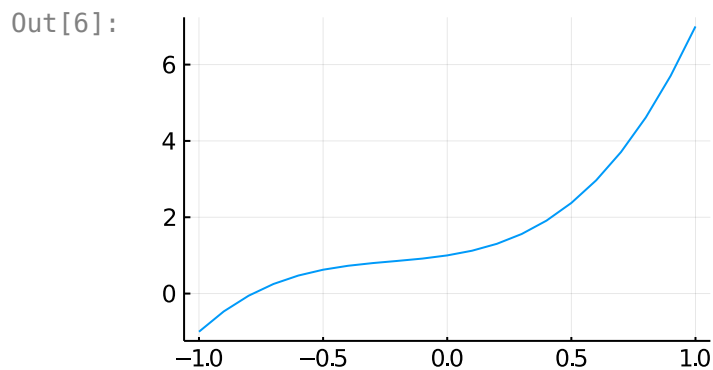
In [2]: `p(x)=((3*x+2)*x+1)*x+1;`

In [3]: `xs=[-1:0.1:1];;`

In [4]: `ys=p.(xs);`

In [5]: `using Plots`

In [6]: `plot(xs,ys,size=[300,200],legend=false)`



From the graph it appears the root $\alpha \approx 0.75$ and somewhere between 0.7 and 0.8.

Solve $3x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ for x in a simple way to obtain $x = F(x)$ where

$$F(x) = -3x^3 - 2x^2 - 1.$$

Now check whether $|F'(x)| < 1$ near the root α .

In [7]: `dF(x)=- (9*x+4)*x;`

In [8]: `dF(-0.75)`

Out[8]: -2.0625

In [10]: `dF(-0.8)`

Out[10]: -2.5600000000000005

In [12]: `dF(-0.7)`

Out[12]: -1.6099999999999999

As none of these values for $F'(x)$ have magnitude less than 1 the iterative scheme $x_{n+1} = F(x_n)$ is doomed. However, it is possible to use the simple trick of adding mx to both sides to obtain

$$3x^3 + 2x^2 + (m + 1)x + 1 = mx$$

and dividing so that now $x = F(x)$ where

$$F(x) = \frac{-3x^3 - 2x^2 + mx - 1}{m + 1}.$$

In [13]: `m=10`
`dF(x)=(-(9*x+4)*x+m)/(m+1);`

In [14]: `dF(-0.75)`

Out[14]: 0.7215909090909091

In [15]: `dF(-0.8)`

Out[15]: 0.6763636363636363

In [17]: `dF(-0.7)`

Out[17]: 0.7627272727272728

Note that $|F'(x)| < 1$ for the new F in a neighborhood of the root.

Define the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = F(x_n)$$

and check numerically how it converges.

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In [20]: F(x)=((( -3*x-2)*x+m)*x-1)/(m+1)
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Out[20]: F (generic function with 1 method)
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In [23]: x=-0.75
for n=1:20
    x=F(x)
    println(n, " ",x)
end
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1 -0.7599431818181818
2 -0.7670751308110003
3 -0.7721371822812876
4 -0.7757025980518968
5 -0.7782000428150956
6 -0.779942560069474
7 -0.781154989966631
8 -0.7819969549081353
9 -0.782580861755282
10 -0.7829854227796318
11 -0.7832655403700722
12 -0.7834594054810547
13 -0.783593534388825
14 -0.7836863135772657
15 -0.7837504808103654
16 -0.7837948550353727
17 -0.7838255393856315
18 -0.7838467562608255
19 -0.7838614262884921
20 -0.7838715693739893
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It's slowly converging to $\alpha \approx -0.7838 \dots$. The Aitkin's δ^2 process will be used next time to accelerate this convergence using extrapolation.

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