

Quadrature based three-step iterative method for non-linear equations ¹

Nazir Ahmad Mir, Naila Rafiq, Nusrat Yasmin

Abstract

In this paper, we present three-step quadrature based iterative method for solving non-linear equations. The convergence analysis of the method is discussed. It is established that the new method has convergence order eight. Numerical tests show that the new method is comparable with the well known existing methods and in many cases gives better results. Our results can be considered as an improvement and refinement of the previously known results in the literature.

2010 Mathematics Subject Classification: 65H05, 34A34.

Key words and phrases: Iterative methods, three-step methods, Quadrature rule, Predictor-corrector methods, Nonlinear equations.

1 Introduction

Let us consider a single variable non-linear equation

$$(1) \quad f(x) = 0.$$

Finding zeros of a single variable nonlinear equation (1) efficiently, is an interesting and very old problem in numerical analysis and has many applications in applied sciences.

¹Received 26 August, 2008

Accepted for publication (in revised form) 23 May, 2010

In recent years, researchers have developed many iterative methods for solving equation (1). These methods can be classified as one-step, two-step and three-step methods, see[1 – 14]. These methods have been proposed using Taylor series, decomposition techniques, error analysis and quadrature rules, etc. Abbasbandy[2], Chun[4] and Grau[8] have proposed many two-step and three-step methods.

In this paper, we present three-step quadrature based iterative method for solving non-linear equations. We prove that the new method has order of convergence eight. The method and its algorithm is described in section 2. The convergence analysis of the method is discussed in section 3. Finally, in section 4, the method is tested on numerical examples given in the literature. It was noted that the new method is comparable with the well known existing methods and in many cases gives better results. Our results can be considered as an improvement and refinement of the previously known results in the literature.

2 The Iterative Method

Weerakoon and Fernando [13], Gyurhan Nedzhibov [12] and M. Frontini and E. Sormani [6 – 7] have proposed various methods by the approximation of the indefinite integral

$$(2) \quad f(x) = f(x_n) + \int_{x_n}^x f'(t)dt,$$

using Newton Cotes formulae of order zero and one. We approximate, here however the integral (2) by rectangular rule at a generic point $\frac{x+z_n}{2}$ with the end-points x and z_n . We thus have:

$$\int_{z_n}^x f'(t)dt = (x - z_n)f' \left(\frac{x + z_n}{2} \right),$$

this gives

$$(3) \quad -f(z_n) = (x - z_n)f' \left(\frac{x + z_n}{2} \right).$$

From (3), we have:

$$(4) \quad x - z_n = -\frac{f(z_n)}{f'(\frac{x+z_n}{2})}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$(5) \quad x_{n+1} = z_n - \frac{f(z_n)}{f'(\frac{x^*+z_n}{2})}$$

For a generic point $w_n = \frac{x^* + z_n}{2}$, consider the Ostrowski's method and the Newton's method:

$$(6) \quad x^* = y_n - \frac{(x_n - y_n)f(y_n)}{f(x_n) - 2f(y_n)},$$

$$(7) \quad z_n = y_n - \frac{f(y_n)}{f'(y_n)}.$$

This formulation allows to suggest many one-step, two-step and three-step methods. We however define the following three-step iterative method:

Algorithm 2.1 For a given initial guess x_0 , find the approximate solution by the iterative scheme:

$$(8) \quad y_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

$$(9) \quad w_n = y_n - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(x_n - y_n)f(y_n)}{f(x_n) - 2f(y_n)} + \frac{f(y_n)}{f'(y_n)} \right],$$

$$(10) \quad x_{n+1} = z_n - \frac{f(z_n)}{f'(w_n)}.$$

where z_n is defined by (7).

Algorithm 2.1 can further be modified by using an approximation for $f'(y_n)$ with the help of Taylor's expansion.

Let y_n be defined by (8). If we use Taylor expansion of $f'(y_n)$:

$$f'(y_n) \simeq f'(x_n) + f''(x_n)(y_n - x_n),$$

(where the higher derivatives are neglected) in combination with Taylor approximation of $f(y_n)$:

$$f(y_n) \simeq f(x_n) + f'(x_n)(y_n - x_n) + \frac{1}{2}f''(x_n)(y_n - x_n)^2,$$

we can remove the second derivative and approximate $f'(y_n)$ as:

$$(11) \quad f'(y_n) \simeq 2 \left[\frac{f(y_n) - f(x_n)}{y_n - x_n} \right] - f'(x_n).$$

then Algorithm 2.1 can be written in the form of the following algorithm:

Algorithm 2.2 For a given initial guess x_o , find the approximate solution by the iterative scheme:

$$(12) \quad y_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

$$(13) \quad w_n = y_n - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(x_n - y_n)f(y_n)}{f(x_n) - 2f(y_n)} + \frac{f(y_n)}{2 \left[\frac{f(y_n) - f(x_n)}{y_n - x_n} \right] - f'(x_n)} \right],$$

$$(14) \quad x_{n+1} = z_n - \frac{f(z_n)}{f'(w_n)},$$

where z_n is defined by (7).

We will compare this method with the Ostrowski's method, Grau's method and seventh order method defined in [1] by Jisheng Kou et al. The algorithms of these methods are given below:

Algorithm 2.3 For a given initial guess x_0 , find the approximate solution by the iterative scheme:

$$(15) \quad y_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

$$(16) \quad x_{n+1} = y_n - \frac{(x_n - y_n)f(y_n)}{f(x_n) - 2f(y_n)}.$$

Algorithm 2.4 For a given initial guess x_0 , find the approximate solution by the iterative scheme:

$$(17) \quad y_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

$$(18) \quad \mu = \frac{x_n - y_n}{f(x_n) - 2f(y_n)},$$

$$(19) \quad z_n = y_n - \mu f(y_n),$$

$$(20) \quad x_{n+1} = z_n - \mu f(z_n).$$

Algorithm 2.5 For a given initial guess x_0 , find the approximate solution by the iterative scheme:

$$(21) \quad y_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

$$(22) \quad z_n = y_n - \frac{(x_n - y_n)f(y_n)}{f(x_n) - 2f(y_n)},$$

$$(23) \quad x_{n+1} = z_n - \left[\left(1 + \frac{f(y_n)}{f(x_n) - 2f(y_n)} \right)^2 + \frac{f(z_n)}{f(y_n)} \right] \frac{f(z_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

3 Convergence Analysis

Let us now discuss the convergence analysis of the algorithm 2.2 discussed above.

Theorem 1 Let $\alpha \in I$ be a simple zero of sufficiently differentiable function $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for an open interval I . If x_0 is sufficiently close to α , then the algorithm 2.2 has eighth order convergence.

Proof. Let α be a simple zero of f and $x_n = \alpha + e_n$. By Taylor's expansion, we have:

$$(24) \quad f(x_n) = f'(\alpha)(e_n + c_2e_n^2 + c_3e_n^3 + c_4e_n^4 + c_5e_n^5 + c_6e_n^6 + c_7e_n^7 + c_8e_n^8) + O(e_n^9),$$

$$(25) \quad f'(x_n) = f'(\alpha)(1 + 2c_2e_n + 3c_3e_n^2 + 4c_4e_n^3 + 5c_5e_n^4 + 6c_6e_n^5 + 7c_7e_n^6 + 8c_8e_n^7) + O(e_n^8).$$

where

$$(26) \quad c_k = \left(\frac{1}{k!} \right) \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{f'(\alpha)}, k = 2, 3, \dots \text{and } e_n = x_n - \alpha.$$

Using (24) and (25), we have

$$(27) \quad \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = e_n - c_2 e_n^2 + 2(c_2^2 - c_3) e_n^3 + (7c_2 c_3 - 3c_4 - 4c_2^3) e_n^4 + (6c_3^2 - 4c_5 + 8c_2^4 + 10c_2 c_4 - 20c_3 c_2^2) e_n^5 + (-5c_6 + 13c_2 c_5 - 33c_2 c_3^2 - 16c_2^5 + 52c_3 c_2^3 + 17c_4 c_3 - 28c_4 c_2^2) e_n^6 + (-32c_2^6 + c_7 - 8c_3 c_5 + 24c_2^2 c_5 - 8c_2 c_6 - 56c_2^3 c_4 - 90c_2^2 c_3^2 + 52c_2 c_4 c_3 - 4c_4^2 + 9c_3^3 + 112c_2^4 c_3) e_n^7 + (33c_3^2 c_4 - 54c_3^3 c_2 + 16c_4^2 c_2 - 9c_4 c_5 + 96c_3^2 c_2^3 - 84c_3 c_4 c_2^2 + 32c_3 c_2 c_5 - 2c_7 c_2 - 32c_3 c_2^5 - 8c_5 c_2^3 - 9c_3 c_6 + 16c_4 c_2^4 + 4c_6 c_2^2) e_n^8 + O(e_n^9).$$

Using (27) in (12), we thus have:

$$(28) \quad y_n = \alpha + c_2 e_n^2 + (-2c_2^2 + 2c_3) e_n^3 - (7c_2 c_3 - 4c_2^3 - 3c_4) e_n^4 + (4c_5 - 10c_2 c_4 + 20c_3 c_2^2 - 8c_2^4 - 6c_3^2) e_n^5 + (28c_4 c_2^2 + 33c_2 c_3^2 + 5c_6 - 52c_3 c_2^3 - 17c_4 c_3 - 13c_2 c_5 + 16c_2^5) e_n^6 + (-c_7 - 52c_2 c_4 c_3 + 4c_4^2 - 9c_3^3 + 56c_2^3 c_4 + 8c_2 c_6 - 24c_2^2 c_5 + 90c_2^2 c_3^2 + 32c_2^6 + 8c_3 c_5 - 112c_2^4 c_3) e_n^7 + (32c_3 c_2^5 + 54c_3^3 c_2 - 33c_3^2 c_4 + 84c_3 c_4 c_2^2 + 9c_3 c_6 - 32c_3 c_2 c_5 + 2c_7 c_2 - 4c_6 c_2^2 + 8c_5 c_2^3 - 16c_4 c_2^4 - 16c_4^2 c_2 + 9c_4 c_5 - 96c_3^2 c_2^3) e_n^8 + O(e_n^9).$$

By Taylor's series, we have:

$$f(y_n) = (y_n - \alpha) f'(\alpha) + \frac{1}{2!} (y_n - \alpha)^2 f''(\alpha) + \dots$$

Using (28) in the above relation and on simplifying, we have:

$$(29) \quad f(y_n) = f'(\alpha)(c_2 e_n^2 + 2(c_3 - c_2^2) e_n^3 + (-7c_2 c_3 + 3c_4 + 5c_2^3) e_n^4 + (24c_3 c_2^2 - 12c_2^4 + 4c_5 - 10c_2 c_4 - 6c_3^2) e_n^5 + (37c_2 c_3^2 - 73c_3 c_2^3 + 28c_2^5 + 34c_4 c_2^2 + 5c_6 - 17c_4 c_3 - 13c_2 c_5) e_n^6 + (-40c_2 c_4 c_3 + 56c_2^2 c_3^2 - 34c_2^4 c_3 + 24c_2^3 c_4 - 16c_2^2 c_5 - c_7 + 4c_4^2 - 9c_3^3 + 8c_2 c_6 + 8c_3 c_5) e_n^7 + (-23c_3 c_4 c_2^2 - 16c_3 c_2 c_5 - 33c_3^2 c_4 + 42c_3^3 c_2 - 7c_4^2 c_2 + 9c_4 c_5 + 78c_3^2 c_2^3 + 2c_7 c_2 - 216c_3 c_2^5 - 34c_5 c_2^3 + 9c_3 c_6 + 105c_4 c_2^4 + 6c_6 c_2^2 + 80c_2^7) e_n^8) + O(e_n^9).$$

Using (24), (25), (28) and (29) in (11), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (30) f'(y_n) = & f'(\alpha)(1+(2c_2^2-c_3)e_n^2+(-4c_3^3-2c_4+6c_2c_3)e_n^3+(-3c_5 \\
 & -16c_3c_2^2+4c_3^2+8c_2c_4+8c_2^4)e_n^4+(-22c_4c_2^2+10c_2c_5 \\
 & +40c_3c_2^3-16c_2^5+10c_4c_3-18c_2c_3^2 \\
 & -4c_6)e_n^5+(-5c_7+6c_4^2-48c_2c_4c_3+58c_2^3c_4-28c_2^2c_5 \\
 & +62c_2^2c_3^2+32c_2^6+12c_2c_6-4c_3^3-96c_2^4c_3+12c_3c_5)e_n^6+(64c_2^7-6c_8 \\
 & +108c_4c_2^4-32c_3^3c_2+14c_6c_2^2+14c_4c_5+244c_3^2c_2^3-46c_5c_2^3 \\
 & +14c_3c_6-104c_3c_4c_2^2-256c_3c_2^5-14c_3^2c_4)e_n^7+(870c_2^2c_3^3-14c_6c_2^3 \\
 & -528c_2c_3^2c_4+2c_8c_2+48c_2c_5c_4+8c_5^2 \\
 & +768c_3c_2^6+16c_6c_4-1504c_2^4c_3^2-128c_2^8+1050c_3c_2^3c_4-288c_4c_2^5- \\
 & 126c_4^2c_2^2-50c_3^4+2c_3c_7+44c_5c_3^2+88c_6c_2c_3-348c_2^2c_5c_3- \\
 & 2c_7c_2^2+16c_4^2c_3+86c_2^4c_5)e_n^8)+O(e_n^9).
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (28), (29) and (30) in (7), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (31) z_n = & \alpha + (-c_2c_3 + c_2^3)e_n^4 + (-2c_3^2 + 8c_3c_2^2 - 2c_2c_4 - 4c_2^4)e_n^5 + (10c_2^5 \\
 & +18c_2c_3^2 - 7c_4c_3 + 12c_4c_2^2 - 30c_3c_2^3 - 3c_2c_5)e_n^6 + (-4c_2c_6 \\
 & +80c_2^4c_3 - 40c_2^3c_4 + 16c_2^2c_5 + 52c_2c_4c_3 - 10c_3c_5 - 80c_2^2c_3^2 \\
 & +12c_3^3 - 20c_2^6 - 6c_2^4)e_n^7 + (252c_3^2c_2^3 + 37c_4^2c_2 + 68c_3c_2c_5 \\
 & +50c_2^2c_4 - 17c_4c_5 - 178c_3c_2^5 - 209c_3c_4c_2^2 + 101c_4c_2^4 - 51c_5c_2^3 \\
 & +20c_6c_2^2 - 5c_7c_2 - 13c_3c_6 - 91c_3^3c_2 + 36c_2^7)e_n^8 + O(e_n^9).
 \end{aligned}$$

By Taylor's series, we have:

$$f(z_n) = (z_n - \alpha) f'(\alpha) + \frac{1}{2!} (z_n - \alpha)^2 f''(\alpha) + \dots .$$

Using (31) in the above relation and on simplifying, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (32) f(z_n) = & f'(\alpha)(c_2(-c_3+c_2^2)e_n^4+(8c_3c_2^2-2c_2c_4-4c_2^4-2c_3^2)e_n^5+(-30c_3c_2^3 \\
 & +18c_2c_3^2+10c_2^5-3c_2c_5+12c_4c_2^2-7c_4c_3)e_n^6+(-4c_2c_6+80c_2^4c_3 \\
 & -40c_2^3c_4+16c_2^2c_5+52c_2c_4c_3-10c_3c_5-80c_2^2c_3^2+12c_3^3-20c_2^6 \\
 & -6c_2^4)e_n^7+(253c_3^2c_2^3+37c_4^2c_2+68c_3c_2c_5+50c_2^2c_4-17c_4c_5 \\
 & -180c_3c_2^5-209c_3c_4c_2^2+101c_4c_2^4-51c_5c_2^3+20c_6c_2^2-5c_7c_2 \\
 & -13c_3c_6-91c_3^3c_2+37c_2^7)e_n^8)+O(e_n^9).
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (24), (27), (28) and (29) in (13), we have:

$$(33) \quad w_n = \alpha + (-c_2c_3 + c_2^3)e_n^4 - 2c_3^2 + 8c_3c_2^2 - 2c_2c_4 - 4c_2^4)e_n^5 + (10c_2^5 + 18c_2c_3^2 - 7c_4c_3 + 12c_4c_2^2 - 30c_3c_2^3 - 3c_2c_5)e_n^6 + (-4c_2c_6 + 80c_2^4c_3 - 40c_2^3c_4 + 16c_2^2c_5 + 52c_2c_4c_3 - 10c_3c_5 - 80c_2^2c_3^2 + 12c_3^3 - 20c_2^6 - 6c_4^2)e_n^7 + (4c_2^7 + 50c_2^2c_4 - 137c_3c_4c_2^2 + 44c_3^2c_2^3 - \frac{3}{2}c_7c_2 - 13c_3c_6 + 53c_3c_2c_5 - \frac{155}{2}c_3^3c_2 - 21c_5c_2^3 + 37c_4c_2^4 - 58c_3c_2^5 + 8c_6c_2^2 + 29c_4^2c_2 - 17c_4c_5)e_n^8 + O(e_n^9).$$

By Taylor's series, we have:

$$(34) \quad f'(w_n) = f'(\alpha)(1 + (-2c_3c_2^2 + 2c_2^4)e_n^4 + (-4c_2c_3^2 - 8c_2^5 + 16c_3c_2^3 - 4c_4c_2^2)e_n^5 + (-14c_2c_4c_3 + 24c_2^3c_4 + 20c_2^6 + 36c_2^2c_3^2 - 60c_2^4c_3 - 6c_2^2c_5)e_n^6 + (32c_5c_2^3 - 160c_2^2c_3^2 - 80c_4c_2^4 + 24c_3^3c_2 + 104c_3c_4c_2^2 - 40c_2^7 - 20c_3c_2c_5 - 8c_6c_2^2 - 12c_4^2c_2 + 160c_3c_2^5)e_n^7 + (282c_2^3c_2^4 - 34c_2c_5c_4 + 106c_2^2c_5c_3 - 3c_7c_2^2 + 74c_4c_2^5 - 152c_2^2c_3^3 + 100c_4c_2^2c_2 + 58c_4^2c_2^2 - 113c_2^6c_3 - 274c_4c_3c_2^3 + 8c_2^8 + 16c_6c_2^3 - 42c_2^4c_5 - 26c_6c_2c_3)e_n^8) + O(e_n^9).$$

Using (31), (32) and (34) in (14), we have:

$$(35) \quad x_{n+1} = \alpha + (c_2^7 + c_3^2c_2^3 - 2c_3c_2^5)e_n^8 + O(e_n^9),$$

or

$$(36) \quad e_{n+1} = (c_2^7 + c_3^2c_2^3 - 2c_3c_2^5)e_n^8 + O(e_n^9).$$

Thus, we observe that the algorithm 2.2 has eighth order convergence.

4 Numerical examples

We consider here some numerical examples to demonstrate the performance of the new developed three-step iterative method, namely algorithm 2.2. We compare the methods defined in J.Kou et al. (algorithm 2.3 (G_4), algorithm 2.4 (G_6), and algorithm 2.5 (G_7) and the new developed three-step method

algorithm 2.2 (MN) in this paper. All the computations are performed using Maple 10.0. We take $\epsilon = 10^{-15}$ as tolerance.

The following criteria is used for estimating the zero:

- (i) $\delta = |x_{n+1} - x_n| < \epsilon$
- (ii) $|f(x(n))| < \epsilon$

The following examples of J.Kou et al. [1] are used for numerical testing:

Example	Exact Zero
$f_1 = x^3 + 4x^2 - 15,$	$\alpha = 1.6319808055660636,$
$f_2 = xe^{x^2} - \sin^2(x) + 3 \cos(x) + 5,$	$\alpha = -1.207647827130919,$
$f_3 = \sin(x) - \frac{1}{2}x,$	$\alpha = 1.8954942670339809,$
$f_4 = 10xe^{-x^2} - 1,$	$\alpha = 1.67963061042845,$
$f_5 = \cos(x) - x,$	$\alpha = 0.73908513321516067,$
$f_6 = \sin^2(x) - x^2 + 1,$	$\alpha = 1.4044916482153411,$
$f_7 = e^{-x} + \cos(x),$	$\alpha = 1.74613953040801241765.$

For convergence criteria, it was required that δ , the distance between two consecutive iterates was less than 10^{-15} , n represents the number of iterations and $f(x_n)$, the absolute value of the function. All the values are computed with 350 significant digits. The numerical comparison is given in Table 4.1.

	n	$f(x_n)$
$f_1, x_0 = 2$		
G ₄	3	1.03e-228
G ₆	3	4.46e-179
G ₇	3	1.06e-274
MN	3	1.00e-348
$f_2, x_0 = -1$		
G ₄	3	8.82e-223
G ₆	3	2.54e-155
G ₇	3	1.20e-264
MN	3	2.79e-259
$f_3, x_0 = 2$		
G ₄	3	5.12e-313
G ₆	3	8.44e-252
G ₇	3	3.00e-320
MN	3	3.00e-350

	n	$f(x_n)$
$f_4, x_0 = 1.8$		
G ₄	3	1.16e-236
G ₆	3	9.37e-187
G ₇	3	1.34e-281
MN	3	0
$f_5, x_0 = 1$		
G ₄	3	7.05e-296
G ₆	3	4.12e-237
G ₇	3	0
MN	3	0
$f_6, x_0 = 1.6$		
G ₄	3	3.26e-226
G ₆	3	7.54e-178
G ₇	3	6.26e-271
MN	3	1.00e-349
$f_7, x_0 = 2$		
G ₄	3	1.05e-279
G ₆	3	1.58e-223
G ₇	3	3.00e-320
MN	3	3.00e-350

Table 4.1.

5 CONCLUSION

From Table 4.1, we observe that our three-step iterative method is comparable with the methods defined in the paper of Jisheng Kou et al. [1] and in many cases gives better results in terms of the function evaluation $f(x_n)$. Moreover the computational efficiency of the algorithm 2.2 i.e. $8^{\frac{1}{5}} \simeq 1.515717$ is better than the efficiency of most of the other methods defined in the literature.

References

- [1] J. Kou, et al., *Some variants of Ostrowski's method with seventh-order convergence*, J. Comput. Appl. Math., 2006, doi:10.1016/j.cam.2006.10.073.

- [2] S. Abbasbandy, *Improving Newton-Raphson method for nonlinear equations by modified Adomian decomposition method*, Appl. Math. Comput. 145, 2003, 887-893.
- [3] R. L. Burden, J. D. Faires, *Numerical Analysis*, PWS publishing company, Boston USA, 2001.
- [4] C. Chun, *Iterative methods improving Newton's method by the decomposition method*, Comput & Math with Appl. 50, 2005, 1559-1568.
- [5] J.E.Dennis, R.B. Schnable, *Numerical methods of unconstrained optimization and non-linear equations*, Prentice Hall, 1983.
- [6] M. Frontini, E. Sormani, *Some variants of Newton's method with third order convergence and multiple roots*, J. Comput. Appl. Math. 156, 2003, 345-354.
- [7] M. Frontini, E. Sormani, *Third order methods for quadrature formulae for solving system of nonlinear equations*, Appl. Math. Comput. 149, 2004, 771-782.
- [8] M. Grau, J.L. Diaz-Barrero, *An improvement to Ostrowski root-finding method*, Appl. Math. Comput. 173, 2006, 450-456.
- [9] Jisheng Kou, Yitian Li and Xiuhua Wang, *Third order modification of Newton's method*, Appl.Math. and Comput.,(2006, in press).
- [10] M. V. Kanwar, V. K. Kukreja, S. Singh, *On a class of quadratically convergent iteration formulae*, Appl. Math. Comput. 166 (3), 2005, 633-637.
- [11] Mamta, V. Kanwar, V. K. Kukreja, S. Singh, *On some third order iterative methods for solving non-linear equations*, Appl. Math. Comput. 171, 2005, 272-280.
- [12] Gyurhan Nedzhibov, *On a few iterative methods for solving nonlinear equations*, Application of Mathematics in Engineering and Economics, in: Proceedings of the XXVIII Summer School Sozopol 2002, Heron Press, Sofia, 2002.
- [13] S. Weerakoon, T. G. I. Fernando, *A variant of Newton's method with accelerated third order convergence*, Appl. Math. Lett. 13, 2000, 87-93.

- [14] A.M.Ostrowski, *Solutions of Equations and System of Equations*, Academic Press, New York, 1960, 65-71.

Nazir Ahmad Mir

Mathematics Department

Preston University

44000 Islamabad, Pakistan

e-mail: nazirahmad.mir@gmail.com

Naila Rafiq, Nusrat Yasmin

Centre for Advanced Studies in Pure & Applied Mathematics,

Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan

e-mail: nrafiqnaila@yahoo.com, nusyasmin@yahoo.com