

A generalized family of quadrature based iterative methods ¹

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Abstract

In this paper, we present a family of iterative methods for solving non-linear equations as an application of integral inequalities. Thus, we give a new application of such inequalities other than their natural applications in Numerical integration and Special means. The family of two-step iterative methods presented in this paper recaptures many previous quadrature based iterative methods.

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1 Introduction

Let us consider the equation

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

where f is a real valued univariate non-linear function.

Locating zeros of such functions has been given much attention from several decades due to its importance in applied sciences. Newton's method is

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the most widely used quadratically convergent iterative method in solving such problems; yet in the recent past many other efficient iterative methods for solving non-linear equations have appeared in the literature by the use of Taylor's series, interpolating polynomials, decomposition techniques and quadrature formulae.

The connection of quadrature formulae and iterative methods has already been established by Weerakoon and Fernando in [17] by using the indefinite integral representation of Newton's method [5] to obtain quadrature based iterative methods. The trend continued with the publication of the papers by Nedzhibov [10], Hasanov et al. [9] and Frontini and Sormani [8]. However, this domain is addressed only for classical quadrature rules e.g., trapezoid, mid-point, Simpson's, etc. Ujević in [15, 16], however, adopted a quite different approach by using specially derived quadrature rule, infact the equivalence of two quadrature rules to re-establish this connection and to obtain quadrature based iterative predictor-corrector type methods for solving non-linear equations.

The applications of mathematical inequalities, particularly inequalities of Ostrowski, Grüss and Čebyšev type have already been explored by S. S. Dragomir, N.S. Barnett, P. Cerone, Th. M. Rassias and S. Wang, etc., in Numerical integration, Special means and Probability theory, see e.g., [2, 4, 6, 7]. We, however, by using the approach of Weerakoon and Fernando [17] give some new applications of such inequalities to obtain iterative methods for solving non-linear equations. We, in this paper, thus establish the fact that the specially derived quadrature rules developed in the sense of inequalities may be applied to develop many other iterative methods.

Moreover, it is shown that the family of two-step iterative methods thus established has third-order convergence and it recaptures many previously presented quadrature based iterative methods.

2 A generalized family of two-step iterative methods

Consider the following family of quadrature rules derived in the sense of inequalities [1]:

Theorem 1 Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an interval, be mapping differentiable in the interior $\text{Int } I$ of I , and let $a, b \in \text{Int } I$, $a < b$. If there exists some constants $\gamma, \Gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, such that $\gamma \leq f'(t) \leq \Gamma, \forall t \in [a, b]$ and $f' \in L_1(a, b)$, then we have:

$$(2) \quad \left| (1-h) \left[f(x) - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) f'(x) \right] + h \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (1-h^2) (b-a) (S - \gamma)$$

and

$$(3) \quad \left| (1-h) \left[f(x) - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) f'(x) \right] + h \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (1-h^2) (b-a) (\Gamma - S)$$

where $S = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$, $x \in [a + h\frac{b-a}{2}, b - h\frac{b-a}{2}]$ and $h \in [0, 1]$.

Moreover, in [18], we have derived the following inequality:

Theorem 2 Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an absolutely continuous function whose first derivative $f' \in L_2[a, b]$ and $\gamma \leq f'(t) \leq \Gamma$ almost everywhere t on (a, b) . Then, we have the inequality:

$$(4) \quad \left| (1-h) \left[f(x) - \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] + h \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ \leq \left[\frac{(b-a)^2}{12} (3h^2 - 3h + 1) + h(1-h) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \\ \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \|f'\|_2^2 - \left(\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (\Gamma - \gamma) \left[\frac{(b-a)^2}{12} (3h^2 - 3h + 1) + h(1-h) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for all $x \in [a + h\frac{b-a}{2}, b - h\frac{b-a}{2}]$ and $h \in [0, 1]$.

Remark 1 It may be noted that for $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ and for $h \in [0, 1]$ the left hand sides of (1), (3) and (4) give the following family of quadrature rule:

$$(5) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = (b-a) \left[(1-h) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + h \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \right] + R(f),$$

which is a combination of mid-point and trapezoid rule.

We proceed with the indefinite integral representation of Newton's method [5]:

$$(6) \quad f(x) = f(x_n) + \int_{x_n}^x f'(t) dt.$$

Now approximating the integral in (6) with the quadrature rule (5), we obtain:

$$(7) \quad \int_{x_n}^x f'(t) dt = (x-x_n) \left[(1-h) f'\left(\frac{x_n+x}{2}\right) + h \frac{f'(x_n)+f'(x)}{2} \right].$$

Using the approximation (7) in (6) implies

$$-2f(x_n) = (x-x_n) \left[2(1-h) f'\left(\frac{x_n+x}{2}\right) + h (f'(x_n) + f'(x)) \right]$$

which finally results into the following implicit method:

$$x = x_n - \frac{2f(x_n)}{2(1-h) f'\left(\frac{x_n+x}{2}\right) + h (f'(x_n) + f'(x))}.$$

This implies

$$(8) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{2f(x_n)}{2(1-h) f'\left(\frac{x_n+y_n}{2}\right) + h (f'(x_n) + f'(y_n))},$$

where y_n is some explicit method.

If we choose y_n as Newton's method in (8), then we have the following two-step method:

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{2f(x_n)}{2(1-h) f'\left(\frac{x_n+y_n}{2}\right) + h (f'(x_n) + f'(y_n))}, \\ y_n &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(10) \quad y_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

$$(11) \quad z_n = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{2f'(x_n)},$$

$$(12) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{2f(x_n)}{2(1-h)f'(z_n) + h(f'(x_n) + f'(y_n))}.$$

We, now, compute the order of convergence of algorithm (9) using Maple 7.0 and is given in the form of the following theorem:

Theorem 3 *Let $w \in I$ 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 w , then the algorithm (9) is cubically convergent for all $h \in [0, 1]$.*

Proof. Let w be a simple zero of f and $x_n = w + e_n$ with an error e_n . By Taylor's expansion, we have:

$$(13) \quad f(x_n) = f'(w) (e_n + c_2e_n^2 + c_3e_n^3 + c_4e_n^4 + c_5e_n^5 + c_6e_n^6) + O(e_n^7)$$

$$(14) \quad f'(x_n) = f'(w) (1 + 2c_2e_n + 3c_3e_n^2 + 4c_4e_n^3 + 5c_5e_n^4 + 6c_6e_n^5) + O(e_n^6),$$

where

$$(15) \quad c_k = \left(\frac{1}{k!} \right) \frac{f^{(k)}(w)}{f'(w)}, k = 2, 3, \dots \text{and } e_n = x_n - w.$$

Using (13) and (14), we have

$$(16) \quad \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = e_n - c_2e_n^2 + 2(c_2^2 - c_3)e_n^3 + (7c_2c_3 - 3c_4 - 4c_2^3)e_n^4 + O(e_n^5).$$

Using (16) in (10), we obtain

$$(17) \quad y_n = w + c_2e_n^2 + (-2c_2^2 + 2c_3)e_n^3 - (7c_2c_3 - 4c_2^3 - 3c_4)e_n^4 + O(e_n^5).$$

Expanding $f(y_n)$ and $f'(y_n)$ by Taylor's series about w , we have:

$$f(y_n) = f(w) + (y_n - w)f'(w) + \frac{(y_n - w)^2}{2!}f''(w) + \frac{(y_n - w)^3}{3!}f'''(w) + \dots$$

$$(18) \quad f(y_n) = f'(w) (c_2 e_n^2 + 2(c_3 - c_2^2) e_n^3 + (-7c_2 c_3 + 3c_4 + 5c_2^3) e_n^4) + O(e_n^5).$$

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

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} f'(y_n) &= f'(w) (1 + 2c_2^2 e_n^2 + (-4c_2^3 + 4c_2 c_3) e_n^3 \\ &\quad + (-11c_3 c_2^2 + 8c_2^4 + 6c_2 c_4) e_n^4) + O(e_n^5). \end{aligned}$$

Also by using (16) in (11), we have

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} z_n &= w + \frac{1}{2} e_n + \frac{1}{2} c_2 e_n^2 + (-c_2^2 + c_3) e_n^3 \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{3}{2} c_4 - \frac{7}{2} c_2 c_3 + 2c_2^3 \right) e_n^4 + O(e_n^5). \end{aligned}$$

In the similar manner, expanding $f(z_n)$ and $f'(z_n)$ by Taylor's series about w , we have:

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} f(z_n) &= f'(w) \left(\frac{1}{2} e_n + \frac{3}{4} c_2 e_n^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} c_2^2 + \frac{9}{8} c_3 \right) e_n^3 \right. \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{5}{4} c_2^3 - \frac{17}{8} c_2 c_3 + \frac{25}{16} c_4 \right) e_n^4 \\ &\quad \left. + \left(-3c_2^4 + \frac{57}{8} c_3 c_2^2 - \frac{9}{4} c_3^2 - \frac{13}{4} c_2 c_4 + \frac{65}{32} c_5 \right) e_n^5 \right) + O(e_n^6). \end{aligned}$$

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} f'(z_n) &= f'(w) (1 + c_2 e_n + \left(c_2^2 + \frac{3}{4} c_3 \right) e_n^2 + (-2c_2^3 + \frac{7}{2} c_2 c_3 + \frac{1}{2} c_4) e_n^3 \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{9}{2} c_2 c_4 + c_2^4 - \frac{37}{4} c_2^2 c_3 + 3c_2^3 + \frac{5}{16} c_5 \right) e_n^4) + O(e_n^5). \end{aligned}$$

Using (14), (19) and (22) in

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{2f(x_n)}{2(1-h)f'(z_n) + h(f'(x_n) + f'(y_n))} &= e_n + \left(\frac{1}{4} (1-3h) c_3 - c_2^2 \right) e_n^3 \\ &\quad + (3c_2^3 + \frac{3}{4} (3h-5) c_2 c_3 + \frac{1}{2} (1-3h) c_4) e_n^4 + O(e_n^5). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by using (23) in (12), we have:

$$x_{n+1} = w + (c_2^2 - \frac{1}{4} (1-3h) c_3) e_n^3 + O(e_n^4).$$

Hence, we obtain:

$$e_{n+1} = (c_2^2 - \frac{1}{4}(1-3h)c_3)e_n^3 + O(e_n^4).$$

Thus, we observe that the method is cubically convergent for all $h \in [0, 1]$.

Remark 2 *It is clear from Theorem 3 that algorithm (9) is cubically convergent and*

1. *For $h = 1$, it recaptures the trapezoid Newton's method given by Weerakoon and Fernando in [17].*
2. *For $h = 0$, it recaptures the midpoint Newton's method given by Özban in [13] and by Frontini et. al. in [8].*
3. *For $h = \frac{1}{3}$, it recaptures the Simpson Newton's method given by Hasanov et. al. in [9].*
4. *For $h = \frac{1}{2}$, it recaptures the averaged trapezoid mid-point Newton's method given by Nedzhibov in [10] and latter by Noor in [11].*

Remark 3 *The computational efficiency of the algorithm (9) is less than the computational efficiency of the Newton's method except for the cases for which $h = 0$ and $h = 1$. However, the implicit method (8) can be used in combination with the other known methods to increase the convergence order and computational efficiency.*

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