

where  $\xi(x)$  is between  $x$  and  $p$ . Since  $f^{(m)}$  is continuous, let

$$q(x) = \frac{f^{(m)}(\xi(x))}{m!}.$$

Then  $f(x) = (x - p)^m q(x)$  and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow p} q(x) = \frac{f^{(m)}(p)}{m!} \neq 0.$$

13. If

$$\frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^3} = 0.75 \quad \text{and} \quad |p_0 - p| = 0.5,$$

then

$$|p_n - p| = (0.75)^{(3^n - 1)/2} |p_0 - p|^{3^n}.$$

To have  $|p_n - p| \leq 10^{-8}$  requires that  $n \geq 3$ .

14. Let  $e_n = p_n - p$ . If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|^\alpha} = \lambda > 0,$$

then for sufficiently large values of  $n$ ,  $|e_{n+1}| \approx \lambda |e_n|^\alpha$ . Thus,

$$|e_n| \approx \lambda |e_{n-1}|^\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad |e_{n-1}| \approx \lambda^{-1/\alpha} |e_n|^{1/\alpha}.$$

Using the hypothesis gives

$$\lambda |e_n|^\alpha \approx |e_{n+1}| \approx C |e_n| \lambda^{-1/\alpha} |e_n|^{1/\alpha},$$

so

$$|e_n|^\alpha \approx C \lambda^{-1/\alpha - 1} |e_n|^{1 + 1/\alpha}.$$

Since the powers of  $|e_n|$  must agree,

$$\alpha = 1 + 1/\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.62.$$

The number  $\alpha$  is the *golden ratio* that appeared in Exercise 16 of section 1.3.

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1. The results are listed in the following table.

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
$\hat{p}_0$	0.258684	0.907859	0.548101	0.731385
$\hat{p}_1$	0.257613	0.909568	0.547915	0.736087
$\hat{p}_2$	0.257536	0.909917	0.547847	0.737653
$\hat{p}_3$	0.257531	0.909989	0.547823	0.738469
$\hat{p}_4$	0.257530	0.910004	0.547814	0.738798
$\hat{p}_5$	0.257530	0.910007	0.547810	0.738958

2. Newton's Method gives  $p_6 = -0.1828876$  and  $\hat{p}_6 = -0.183387$ .
3. Steffensen's method gives  $p_0^{(1)} = 0.826427$ .
4. Steffensen's method gives  $p_0^{(1)} = 2.152905$  and  $p_0^{(2)} = 1.873464$ .
5. Steffensen's method gives  $p_1^{(0)} = 1.5$ .
6. Steffensen's method gives  $p_2^{(0)} = 1.73205$ .
7. For  $g(x) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}}$  and  $p_0 = 1$ , we have  $p_3 = 1.32472$ .
8. For  $g(x) = 2^{-x}$  and  $p_0 = 1$ , we have  $p_3 = 0.64119$ .
9. For  $g(x) = 0.5(x + \frac{3}{x})$  and  $p_0 = 0.5$ , we have  $p_4 = 1.73205$ .
10. For  $g(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{x}}$  and  $p_0 = 2.5$ , we have  $p_3 = 2.92401774$ .
11. (a) For  $g(x) = (2 - e^x + x^2)/3$  and  $p_0 = 0$ , we have  $p_3 = 0.257530$ .  
 (b) For  $g(x) = 0.5(\sin x + \cos x)$  and  $p_0 = 0$ , we have  $p_4 = 0.704812$ .  
 (c) With  $p_0 = 0.25$ ,  $p_4 = 0.910007572$ .  
 (d) With  $p_0 = 0.3$ ,  $p_4 = 0.469621923$ .
12. (a) For  $g(x) = 2 + \sin x$  and  $p_0 = 2$ , we have  $p_4 = 2.55419595$ .  
 (b) For  $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{2x + 5}$  and  $p_0 = 2$ , we have  $p_2 = 2.09455148$ .  
 (c) With  $g(x) = \sqrt{\frac{e^x}{3}}$  and  $p_0 = 1$ , we have  $p_3 = 0.910007574$ .  
 (d) With  $g(x) = \cos x$ , and  $p_0 = 0$ , we have  $p_4 = 0.739085133$ .
13. Aitken's  $\Delta^2$  method gives:

$$(a) \hat{p}_{10} = 0.04\overline{5}$$

$$(b) \hat{p}_2 = 0.0363$$

14. (a) A positive constant  $\lambda$  exists with

$$\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^\alpha}.$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{p_{n+1} - p}{p_n - p} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^\alpha} \cdot |p_n - p|^{\alpha-1} = \lambda \cdot 0 = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_{n+1} - p}{p_n - p} = 0.$$

- (b) One example is  $p_n = \frac{1}{n^n}$ .

15. We have

$$\frac{|p_{n+1} - p_n|}{|p_n - p|} = \frac{|p_{n+1} - p + p - p_n|}{|p_n - p|} = \left| \frac{p_{n+1} - p}{p_n - p} - 1 \right|,$$

so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p_n|}{|p_n - p|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{p_{n+1} - p}{p_n - p} - 1 \right| = 1.$$

- 16.

$$\frac{\hat{p}_n - p}{p_n - p} = \frac{\lambda(\delta_n + \delta_{n+1}) - 2\delta_n + \delta_n\delta_{n+1} - 2\delta_n(\lambda - 1) - \delta_n^2}{(\lambda - 1)^2 + \lambda(\delta_n + \delta_{n+1}) - 2\delta_n + \delta_n\delta_{n+1}}$$

17. (a) First use the Taylor series for
- $e^x$
- to show that

$$p_n - p = -\frac{1}{(n+1)!} e^{\xi} x^{n+1},$$

where  $\xi$  is between 0 and 1. This implies that for large values of  $n$  we have

$$\left| \frac{p_{n+1} - p}{p_n - p} \right| = \left| \frac{e^{(\xi_1 - \xi_2)}}{n+2} x \right| \leq 1.$$

(b)

$n$	$p_n$	$\hat{p}_n$
0	1	3
1	2	2.75
2	2.5	2.72
3	2.6	2.71875
4	2.7083	2.7183
5	2.716	2.7182870
6	2.71805	2.7182823
7	2.7182539	2.7182818
8	2.7182787	2.7182818
9	2.7182815	
10	2.7182818	

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1. (a) For  $p_0 = 1$ , we have  $p_{22} = 2.69065$ .
- (b) For  $p_0 = 1$ , we have  $p_5 = 0.53209$ ; for  $p_0 = -1$ , we have  $p_3 = -0.65270$ ; and for  $p_0 = -3$ , we have  $p_3 = -2.87939$ .
- (c) For  $p_0 = 1$ , we have  $p_5 = 1.32472$ .
- (d) For  $p_0 = 1$ , we have  $p_4 = 1.12412$ ; and for  $p_0 = 0$ , we have  $p_8 = -0.87605$ .
- (e) For  $p_0 = 0$ , we have  $p_6 = -0.47006$ ; for  $p_0 = -1$ , we have  $p_4 = -0.88533$ ; and for  $p_0 = -3$ , we have  $p_4 = -2.64561$ .