# ERROR ANALYSIS OF $k$-FOLD PSEUDO-HALLEY'S METHOD FINDING A SIMPLE ZERO 

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#### Abstract

Given a nonlinear function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that has a simple real zero $\alpha$, a new numerical method to be called $k$-fold pseudoHalley's method is proposed and it's error analysis is under investigation to confirm the convergence behavior near $\alpha$. Under the assumption that $f$ is sufficiently smooth in a small neighborhood of $\alpha$, the order of convergence is found to be at least $k+3$. In addition, the corresponding asymptotic error constant is explicitly expressed in terms of $k, \alpha$ and $f$ as well as the derivatives of $f$. A zerofinding algorithm is written and has been successfully implemented for numerous examples with Mathematica.


## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The orders of convergence are known to range between 1 and 3 for many classical numerical schemes[5-9] such as Newton's method, Halley's method and the secant method as well as the bisection method. In this paper, a high-order numerical method will be developed by extending the classical method and its error analysis will be presented together with computational examples confirmed via Mathematica programming. Suppose that a given function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has a simple real zero $\alpha$ and is sufficiently smooth $[1,10]$ in a small neighborhood of $\alpha$. Let $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an iterative function whose fixed point is the simple zero $\alpha$ of $f$ to be sought. The aim of this analysis is to find $\alpha$ as accurate as possible and to conduct the error analysis for a constructed iterative method

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\begin{equation*}
x_{n+1}=g\left(x_{n}\right), n=0,1,2, \cdots \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]In view of the detailed analysis described in [5], the asymptotic error constant (also called the speed of convergence) $\eta$ and order of convergence $p[2,3,11]$ satisfy the following relation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\eta=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left|\frac{e_{n+1}}{e_{n} p}\right|=\left|g^{(p)}(\alpha)\right| / p!, \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $e_{n}=x_{n}-\alpha$ and $p$ is the constant such that $\left.\frac{d^{i}}{d x^{i}} g(x)\right|_{x=\alpha}=$ $g^{(i)}(\alpha)=0$ for $0 \leq i \leq p-1$ and $g^{(p)}(\alpha) \neq 0$. For an arbitrarily given $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we now define a function $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
F(w)=w-\frac{2 f(w) f^{\prime}(x)}{2 f^{\prime}(x)^{2}-f(w) f^{\prime \prime}(x)}, \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where ' denotes the derivative operator and $2 f^{\prime}(x)^{2}-f(w) f^{\prime \prime}(x) \neq 0$. Note that $F$ is well-defined in a sufficiently small neighborhood of $\alpha$. Let $w_{0}(x)=F(x)$. Then for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we recursively define a sequence of functions

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{k}(x)=F\left(w_{k-1}(x)\right)=w_{k-1}(x)-\frac{2 f\left(w_{k-1}(x)\right) f^{\prime}(x)}{2 f^{\prime}(x)^{2}-f\left(w_{k-1}(x)\right) f^{\prime \prime}(x)} . \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence $w_{k}(x)=F^{k}\left(w_{0}\right)=F^{k+1}(x)$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where $F^{k}\left(w_{0}\right)=F \circ$ $F \circ \cdots \circ F\left(w_{0}\right)$ denotes a $k$-fold composite map of $F$ evaluated at $w_{0}$. As a result of the preceding analysis, we have constructed an iterative method with $x_{0} \in \mathbb{R}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{n+1}=F^{k+1}\left(x_{n}\right)=g\left(x_{n}\right) \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is called $k$-fold pseudo-Halley's method. If $k=0$, the method becomes classical Halley's method[2,3,11] and has the cubic convergence as shown from Halley's method and other methods of Laguerre's type $[4,8]$. If $k=1$, it is simply called pseudo-Halley's method.

## 2. Error analysis

This section will extensively analyze the error of $k$-fold pseudo-Halley's method by careful investigation of the order of convergence and the asymptotic error constant. Since $f^{\prime}(\alpha) \neq 0$ due to the simplicity of $\alpha$, it can be shown from (1.4) and (1.5) that, after induction on $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{k}(\alpha)=\alpha \text {, for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \cup\{0\}, \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

A direct computation from (1.3) finally gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{0}^{\prime}(\alpha)=\left.\frac{d}{d x} w_{0}(x)\right|_{x=\alpha}=0, w_{0}^{\prime \prime}(\alpha)=0, w_{0}^{\prime \prime \prime}(\alpha)=6\left(c_{2}^{2}-c_{3}\right), \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $c_{j}=\frac{f^{(j)}(\alpha)}{j!f^{\prime}(\alpha)}$ for $j=2$ and 3 .
Recalling the definition of $w_{k}(x)$ from (1.4), we find that for $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\eta_{k}(x)=-\frac{2 f\left(w_{k-1}(x)\right) f^{\prime}}{2 f^{\prime 2}-f\left(w_{k-1}(x)\right) f^{\prime \prime}} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where, for notational convenience, we let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\eta_{k}(x)=w_{k}(x)-w_{k-1}(x), f^{\prime}=f^{\prime}(x), f^{\prime \prime}=f^{\prime \prime}(x) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since the current analysis suffices to investigate the convergence behavior near a sufficiently small neighborhood of $\alpha$ where (2.3) is well-defined, it is convenient to rewrite in the following form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
2 f^{\prime 2} \cdot \eta_{k}=f\left(w_{k-1}(x)\right) \cdot\left\{f^{\prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}-2 f^{\prime}\right\} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Differentiating (2.5) with respect to $x$ and evaluating at $x=\alpha$ gives

$$
\begin{align*}
4 f^{\prime} f^{\prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k} & +\left.2 f^{\prime 2} \cdot \eta_{k}^{\prime}\right|_{x=\alpha}=\left.f^{\prime}\left(w_{k-1}\right) w_{k-1}^{\prime} \cdot\left\{f^{\prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}-2 f^{\prime}\right\}\right|_{x=\alpha} \\
& +\left.f\left(w_{k-1}\right) \cdot\left\{f^{\prime \prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}+f^{\prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}^{\prime}-2 f^{\prime \prime}\right\}\right|_{x=\alpha} \tag{2.6}
\end{align*}
$$

from which it follows that, after simplification, $2 f^{\prime}(\alpha)^{2} \cdot w_{k}^{\prime}(\alpha)=0$ leading to the relation for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{k}^{\prime}(\alpha)=0 \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Similarly, differentiating (2.5) twice with respect to $x$ and evaluating at $x=\alpha$ we get

$$
\begin{gathered}
4\left(f^{\prime \prime 2}+f^{\prime} f^{\prime \prime \prime}\right) \cdot \eta_{k}+8 f^{\prime} f^{\prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}^{\prime}+\left.2 f^{\prime 2} \cdot \eta_{k}^{\prime \prime}\right|_{x=\alpha} \\
=\left.\left(f^{\prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}-2 f^{\prime}\right) \cdot\left(f^{\prime \prime}\left(w_{k-1}\right) \cdot w_{k-1}^{\prime}{ }^{2}+f^{\prime}\left(w_{k-1}\right) \cdot w_{k-1}^{\prime \prime}\right)\right|_{x=\alpha} \\
+\left.2 f^{\prime}\left(w_{k-1}\right) \cdot w_{k-1}^{\prime} \cdot\left(f^{\prime \prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}+f^{\prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}^{\prime}-2 f^{\prime \prime}\right)\right|_{x=\alpha}
\end{gathered}
$$

from which it follows that, after simplification, $2 f^{\prime}(\alpha)^{2} \cdot w_{k}^{\prime \prime}(\alpha)=0$ leading to the relation for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{k}^{\prime \prime}(\alpha)=0 \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

By continuing differentiation (2.5) $m$ times with respect to $x$ and evaluation at $x=\alpha$, we are able to establish the following Lemma 2.1.

LEMMA 2.1. Let $w_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)=\left.\frac{d^{m}}{d x^{m}} w_{k}(x)\right|_{x=\alpha}$ for any $k, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup\{0\}$. For the given function $f$ having a simple zero $\alpha$ as stated in Section 1, we further denote $c_{j}=\frac{f^{(j)}(\alpha)}{j!f^{\prime}(\alpha)}$ for $j=2$ and 3 . Then the following holds.

$$
w_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\alpha, \text { if } m=0  \tag{2.9}\\
0, \text { if } 1 \leq m \leq k+2 \\
(k+3)!2^{k} c_{2}^{k}\left(c_{2}^{2}-c_{3}\right), \text { if } m=k+3
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proof. The assertion is clear when $k=0$ or $m=0$ from (2.1),(2.2) and (2.7). Thus, it suffices to consider $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$ as follows:

$$
w_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0, \text { if } 1 \leq m \leq k+2  \tag{2.10}\\
(k+3)!2^{k} c_{2}{ }^{k}\left(c_{2}^{2}-c_{3}\right), \text { if } m=k+3
\end{array}\right.
$$

The remaining proof will be completed by induction on $m \geq 1$. For $m=1$ and $m=2$, the assertion holds in view of (2.7) and (2.8). Suppose now (2.10) holds for $m \geq 1$. By differentiating $(m+1)$ times both sides of (2.5) with respect to $x$ via Leibnitz Rule[6] and evaluating at $x=\alpha$ we obtain

$$
\begin{gather*}
2 \sum_{r=0}^{m+1} m+1 C_{r} \cdot\left(f^{\prime 2}\right)^{(m+1-r)} \cdot \eta_{k}^{(r)} \\
=\sum_{r=0}^{m+1} m+1 C_{r} \cdot H^{(m+1-r)} \cdot\left\{\left(f^{\prime \prime} \cdot \eta_{k}\right)^{(r)}-2 f^{(r+1)}\right\} \tag{2.11}
\end{gather*}
$$

where ${ }_{m} C_{r}=\frac{m!}{(m-r)!r!}, H=f\left(w_{k-1}(x)\right)$. According to the induction hypothesis, we have for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ the following relation

$$
\eta_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)=w_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0, \text { if } 1 \leq m \leq k+1  \tag{2.12}\\
-w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha), \text { if } m=k+2
\end{array}\right.
$$

Since $\eta_{k}^{(r)}(\alpha)=w_{k}^{(r)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(r)}(\alpha)=0$ for $0 \leq r \leq m-1 \leq k$, by inspection of (2.12), we find that the left side of (2.11) has possible nonvanishing terms for $r=m$ and $r=m+1$ as follows:

$$
\begin{gather*}
2\left[(m+1)\left(f^{\prime 2}\right)^{\prime}(\alpha) \cdot\left(w_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha)\right)+f^{\prime 2}(\alpha) \cdot\left(w_{k}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)\right)\right] \\
=2\left[(m+1) 2 f^{\prime}(\alpha) f^{\prime \prime}(\alpha) \cdot\left(w_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha)\right)\right. \\
\left.\quad+f^{\prime 2}(\alpha) \cdot\left(w_{k}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)\right)\right] . \tag{2.13}
\end{gather*}
$$

Let us look at the factor $H^{(m+1-r)}$ in the right side of (2.11). In view of the fact that $H^{\prime}=f^{\prime}\left(w_{k-1}\right) \cdot w_{k-1}^{\prime}$, we obtain via Leibnitz Rule:

$$
\begin{align*}
& H^{(m+1-r)}(x)=H^{\prime(m-r)}(x) \\
& \quad=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sum_{j=0}^{m-r} m-r C_{j} f^{\prime}\left(w_{k-1}\right)^{(m-r-j)} w_{k-1}^{(j+1)}(x), \text { if } 0 \leq r \leq m . \\
H(x), \text { if } r=m+1 .
\end{array}\right. \tag{2.14}
\end{align*}
$$

Since $H(\alpha)=f\left(w_{k-1}(\alpha)\right)=f(\alpha)=0$ for $r=m+1$, it is sufficient to consider the values of $r$ ranging $0 \leq r \leq m$ in (2.14). We observe that the induction hypothesis in addition to (2.10) also states

$$
w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0, \text { if } 1 \leq m \leq k+1  \tag{2.15}\\
w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha), \text { if } m=k+2
\end{array}\right.
$$

Due to the fact that

$$
w_{k-1}^{(j+1)}(\alpha)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0, \text { if } 1 \leq j+1 \leq m \leq k+1  \tag{2.16}\\
w_{k-1}^{(m+1)}(\alpha), \text { if } j+1=m+1=k+3
\end{array}\right.
$$

and $j+1$ ranges $1 \leq j+1 \leq m+1$, the summation in (2.14) has possible nonzero values for $j=m-1$ and $m$, i.e., for $r=0$ and $r=1$. Hence (2.14) yields the following relations for $x=\alpha$ :
(i) when $r=0$

$$
\begin{equation*}
H^{(m+1)}(\alpha)=\left.\sum_{j=0}^{m}{ }_{m} C_{j} f^{\prime}\left(w_{k-1}\right)^{(m-j)} w_{k-1}^{(j+1)}\right|_{x=\alpha}=f^{\prime}(\alpha) w_{k-1}^{(m+1)}(\alpha) \tag{2.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

in view of the first relation in (2.16) with $1 \leq m \leq k+2$.
(ii) when $r=1$

$$
\begin{equation*}
H^{(m)}(\alpha)=\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} m-\left.1 C_{j} f^{\prime}\left(w_{k-1}\right)^{(m-1-j)} w_{k-1}^{(j+1)}\right|_{x=\alpha}=f^{\prime}(\alpha) w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha) \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

in view of the first relation in (2.16) with $1 \leq m \leq k+2$.
Substituting (2.17) and (2.18) into the right side of (2.14) we find, after the evaluation at $x=\alpha$, from (2.13) that for $1 \leq m \leq k+2$

$$
\begin{gather*}
2\left[(m+1) 2 f^{\prime}(\alpha) f^{\prime \prime}(\alpha) \cdot\left(w_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha)\right)\right. \\
\left.+f^{\prime 2}(\alpha) \cdot\left(w_{k}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)\right)\right] \\
=-2 f^{\prime 2}(\alpha) \cdot w_{k-1}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)-2(m+1) f^{\prime}(\alpha) f^{\prime \prime}(\alpha) \cdot w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha) \tag{2.19}
\end{gather*}
$$

using $w_{k}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}(\alpha)=0=w_{k}^{\prime}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{\prime}(\alpha)$ from (2.1), (2.2) and (2.7).

Upon simplification of (2.19) with $f^{\prime}(\alpha) \neq 0$ we obtain for $1 \leq m \leq$ $k+2$

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{k}^{(m+)}(\alpha)=-(m+1) \cdot c \cdot\left(w_{k}^{(m)}(\alpha)-w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha),\right. \tag{2.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $c=f^{\prime \prime}(\alpha) / f^{\prime}(\alpha)$. Further computation of (2.20) in view of (2.10) and (2.15) gives the following relation:

$$
w_{k}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0, \text { if } 1 \leq m \leq k+1  \tag{2.21}\\
c(m+1) \cdot w_{k-1}^{(m)}(\alpha), \text { if } m=k+2
\end{array}\right.
$$

The second relation in (2.21) yields inductively for $m=k+2$ that

$$
\begin{gather*}
w_{k}^{(m+1)}(\alpha)=w_{k}^{(k+3)}(\alpha)=c(k+3) w_{k-1}^{(k+2)}(\alpha)=c^{2}(k+3)(k+2) w_{k-2}^{(k)}(\alpha) \\
=(k+3)(k+2)(k+1) \cdots 4 \cdots c^{k} \cdot w_{0}^{\prime \prime \prime}(\alpha)=\frac{(k+3)!}{3!} c^{k} \cdot w_{0}^{\prime \prime \prime}(\alpha) \\
=(k+3)!2^{k} \cdot c_{2}^{k}\left(c_{2}^{2}-c_{3}\right) \tag{2.22}
\end{gather*}
$$

using (2.2). Hence (2.10) also holds for $m+1$, completing the proof.
The preceding analysis immediately leads us to the following main theorem.

Theorem 2.2. Let $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup\{0\}$ be given and $\alpha$ be a simple real zero of the smooth function $f$ described in Section 1. Then $k$-fold pseudoHalley's method defined by (1.5) is at least of order $k+3$ and its asymptotic error constant $\eta$ is given by $2^{k} \cdot\left|c_{2}^{k} \cdot\left(c_{2}^{2}-c 3\right)\right|$, where $c_{j}=\frac{f^{(j)}(\alpha)}{j!f^{\prime}(\alpha)}$ for $j=2$ and 3 .

Proof. Let $g(x)=w_{k}(x)=F^{k+1}(x)$ as described in (1.3), (1.4) and (1.5). Define the iteration $x_{n+1}=g\left(x_{n}\right)$ with $x_{0}$ chosen in a sufficiently small compact neighborhood of $\alpha$. Further we let $e_{n}=x_{n}-\alpha$ for $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup\{0\}$. Then Lemma 2.1 together with (1.2) yields the asymptotic error constant $\eta$ and the order of convergence $p=k+3$ shown below
$\eta=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left|\frac{e_{n+1}}{e_{n}^{k+3}}\right|=\frac{1}{(k+3)!}\left|g^{(k+3)}(\alpha)\right|=\frac{\left|w_{k}^{(k+3)}(\alpha)\right|}{(k+3)!}=2^{k} \cdot\left|c_{2}{ }^{k} \cdot\left(c_{2}{ }^{2}-c 3\right)\right|$,
which completes the proof.

## 3. Numerical experiments with remarks

Based on the discussion in Sections 1 and 2, we first construct a zerofinding algorithm with the aid of symbolic and computational ability of Mathematica[8] as follows.

## Algorithm 3.1 (Zero-Finding Algorithm)

Step 1. For $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup\{0\}$, construct the iteration function $g=F^{k+1}$ with the given function $f$ having a simple zero $\alpha$, as stated in Section 1. Step 2. Set the minimum number of precision digits. With exact zero $\alpha$ or most accurate zero, supply the theoretical asymptotic error constant $\eta$. Set the error range $\epsilon$, the maximum iteration number $n_{\max }$ and the initial value $x_{0}$. Compute $f\left(x_{0}\right)$ and $e_{0}=\left|x_{0}-\alpha\right|$.
Step 3. Compute $x_{n+1}=g\left(x_{n}\right)$ for $0 \leq n \leq n_{\max }$ and display the computed values of $n, x_{n}, f\left(x_{n}\right), e_{n}=\left|x_{n}-\alpha\right|,\left|e_{n+1} / e_{n}^{k+3}\right|$ and $\eta$.

According to the above algorithm, we have conducted numerical experiments for a variety of test functions. The numerical results for approximated zeros of $f(x)$ are computed with the aid of Mathematica programming. The limited space allows us to illustrate only typical computational results for several test functions shown below.
(1) $f(x)=x \cos (\pi x)+\frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{4} x^{2} e^{-(x-1)^{2}}, \alpha=1$.
(2) $f(x)=\sin ^{2} x-x^{2}+1, \alpha=1.40449164821534 \cdots 80742$.
(3) $f(x)=x^{2} \sin ^{2} x+e^{x^{2} \cos x \sin x}-28$,

$$
\alpha=4.62210416355283 \cdots 82937
$$

The experimental results are summarized in Tables 1-3 and apparently show a good agreement with the theory presented in this paper. The symbolic computation of $f^{\prime}(x)$ and $f^{\prime \prime}(x)$ in (1.4) has been easily done with the aid of Mathematica. To maintain sufficient accuracy and keep track of the asymptotic error constant requiring highly accurate arithmetic, the minimum number of precision digits was chosen as 350 by assigning $\$$ MinPrecision $=350$ in Mathematica. Only the first 15 and the last 5 significant digits of the most accurate $\alpha$ were displayed for each test function (2) and (3) due to a limited paper space.

These two computed solutions show better results than those of Weerakoon and Fernando[9]. The reason is explained as follows: In test function (2), although 15 significant digits are listed for the solution their result is found to be accurate up to only 12 digits out of them. In test

TABLE 1. Convergence for $f(x)=x \cos (\pi x)+\frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{4} x^{2} e^{-(x-1)^{2}}$, $\alpha=1$.

| $k$ | $n$ | $x_{n}$ | $f\left(x_{n}\right)$ | $e_{n}=\left\|x_{n}-\alpha\right\|$ | $e_{n+1} / e_{n}^{k+3}$ | $\eta$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0.930000000000000 | 0.0575655 | 0.0700000 |  | 106.2786954 |
|  | 1 | 0.992548043649202 | 0.00399817 | 0.00745196 | 21.72582026 |  |
|  | 2 | 0.999964985280326 | 0.0000175134 | 0.0000350147 | 84.61351691 |  |
|  | 3 | 0.999999999995443 | $2.27868 \times 10^{-12}$ | $4.55737 \times 10^{-12}$ | 106.1602832 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.000000000000000 | $5.02989 \times 10^{-33}$ | $1.00598 \times 10^{-32}$ | 106.2786954 |  |
|  | 5 | 1.000000000000000 | $5.40980 \times 10^{-95}$ | $1.08196 \times 10^{-94}$ | 106.2786954 |  |
|  | 6 | 1.000000000000000 | $6.73054 \times 10^{-281}$ | $1.34611 \times 10^{-280}$ | 106.2786954 |  |
|  | 7 | 1.000000000000000 | $8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ | $8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ |  |  |
| 1 | 0 | 0.930000000000000 | 0.0575655 | 0.0700000 |  | 2097.85736 |
|  | 1 | 0.996161339824199 | 0.00199179 | 0.00383866 | 159.8775583 |  |
|  | 2 | 0.999999626662722 | $1.86669 \times 10^{-7}$ | $3.73337 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1719.422827 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.000000000000000 | $2.03771 \times 10^{-23}$ | $4.07542 \times 10^{-23}$ | 2097.815905 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.000000000000000 | $2.89359 \times 10^{-87}$ | $5.78718 \times 10^{-87}$ | 2097.857360 |  |
|  | 5 | 1.000000000000000 | $1.17656 \times 10^{-342}$ | $2.35312 \times 10^{-342}$ |  |  |
| 2 | 0 | 0.930000000000000 | 0.0575655 | 0.0700000 |  | 41410.04447 |
|  | 1 | 0.997950127022885 | 0.00104563 | 0.00204987 | 1219.654297 |  |
|  | 2 | 0.999999998709524 | $6.45238 \times 10^{-10}$ | $1.29048 \times 10^{-9}$ | 35654.56543 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.000000000000000 | $7.41012 \times 10^{-41}$ | $1.48202 \times 10^{-40}$ | 41410.04052 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.000000000000000 | $1.48031 \times 10^{-195}$ | $2.96061 \times 10^{-195}$ | 41410.04447 |  |
|  | 5 | 1.000000000000000 | $-8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ | $8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ |  |  |
| 3 | 0 | 0.930000000000000 | 0.0575655 | 0.0700000 |  | 817401.5144 |
|  | 1 | 0.998886423283940 | 0.000562902 | 0.00111358 | 9465.245910 |  |
|  | 2 | 0.999999999998597 | $7.01642 \times 10^{-13}$ | $1.40328 \times 10^{-12}$ | 735910.0977 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.000000000000000 | $3.12089 \times 10^{-66}$ | $6.24179 \times 10^{-66}$ | 817401.5143 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.000000000000000 | $-8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ | $8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ |  |  |
| 4 | 0 | 0.930000000000000 | 0.0575655 | 0.0700000 |  | 16134859.17 |
|  | 1 | 0.999389708402777 | 0.000306983 | 0.000610292 | 74105.61406 |  |
|  | 2 | 1.000000000000000 | $2.37056 \times 10^{-16}$ | $4.74113 \times 10^{-16}$ | 15035564.45 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.000000000000000 | $4.34416 \times 10^{-101}$ | $8.68831 \times 10^{-101}$ | 16134859.17 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.000000000000000 | 0 | 0 |  |  |

function (3), however, their result appears to be very poor or exceptionally wrong since it matches our result(strongly believed to be accurate up to 335 significant digits) with only the first significant digit.

The error bound $\epsilon$ for $\left|x_{n}-\alpha\right|<\epsilon$ was chosen as $0.5 \times 10^{-335}$ for the current experiments. As can be seen in Tables 1-3, the number of computation gets smaller due to high-order convergence as $k$ increases. For each $k$, the order of convergence has been confirmed to be of at least $k+2$. The computed asymptotic error constants have shown to be in good agreement with the theoretical asymptotic error constants $\eta$ up to 10 significant digits. Even though the computed root was rounded to maintain 335 significant digits, we list it only up to 15 significant digits, due to a limited space.

Although not shown here, the error analysis stated in Theorem 1 has been confirmed through many additional experiments. This new development will play a crucial role in accurate computation of zeros

TABLE 2. Convergence for $f(x)=\sin ^{2} x-x^{2}+1, \alpha=1.40449164821534 \cdots 80742$.

| $k$ | $n$ | $x_{n}$ | $f\left(x_{n}\right)$ | $e_{n}=\mid x_{n}-\alpha$ | $\left\|e_{n+1} / e_{n}^{k+3}\right\|$ | $\eta$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 1.13000000000000 | 0.541061 | 0.274492 |  | 0.5262992283 |
|  | 1 | 1.38975140172492 | 0.0361703 | 0.0147402 | 0.7127173662 |  |
|  | 2 | 1.40448993177358 | $4.26101 \times 10^{-6}$ | $1.71644 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.5359383508 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.40449164821534 | $6.60702 \times 10^{-18}$ | $2.66147 \times 10^{-18}$ | 0.5263003445 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.40449164821534 | $2.46309 \times 10^{-53}$ | $9.92191 \times 10^{-54}$ | 0.5262992283 |  |
|  | 5 | 1.40449164821534 | $1.27615 \times 10^{-159}$ | $5.14066 \times 10^{-160}$ | 0.5262992283 |  |
|  | 6 | 1.40449164821534 | $-8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ | $1.28503 \times 10^{-366}$ |  |  |
| 1 | 0 | 1.13000000000000 | 0.541061 | 0.274492 |  | 0.8247855728 |
|  | 1 | 1.41342297971840 | -0.0223271 | 0.00893133 | 1.573256988 |  |
|  | 2 | 1.40449165334135 | $-1.27252 \times 10^{-8}$ | $5.12601 \times 10^{-9}$ | 0.8055912366 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.40449164821534 | $-1.41366 \times 10^{-33}$ | $5.69455 \times 10^{-34}$ | 0.8247855617 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.40449164821534 | $-2.15309 \times 10^{-133}$ | $8.67318 \times 10^{-134}$ | 0.8247855728 |  |
|  | 5 | 1.40449164821534 | $-8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ | $1.28503 \times 10^{-366}$ |  |  |
| 2 | 0 | 1.13000000000000 | 0.541061 | 0.274492 |  | 1.29255603 |
|  | 1 | 1.39816914793475 | 0.0156177 | 0.00632250 | 4.057356628 |  |
|  | 2 | 1.40449164820195 | $3.32555 \times 10^{-11}$ | $1.33961 \times 10^{-11}$ | 1.325971517 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.40449164821534 | $1.38429 \times 10^{-54}$ | $5.57624 \times 10^{-55}$ | 1.292556030 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.40449164821534 | $1.72999 \times 10^{-271}$ | $6.96880 \times 10^{-272}$ | 1.292556030 |  |
|  | 5 | 1.40449164821534 | $-8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ | $1.28503 \times 10^{-366}$ |  |  |
| 3 | 0 | 1.13000000000000 | 0.541061 | 0.274492 |  | 2.025618713 |
|  | 1 | 1.40854352019419 | -0.0100906 | 0.00405187 | 9.472855340 |  |
|  | 2 | 1.40449164821535 | $-2.17682 \times 10^{-14}$ | $8.76876 \times 10^{-15}$ | 1.981545148 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.40449164821534 | $-2.28598 \times 10^{-84}$ | $9.20847 \times 10^{-85}$ | 2.025618713 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.40449164821534 | $-8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ | $1.28503 \times 10^{-366}$ |  |  |
| 4 | 0 | 1.13000000000000 | 0.541061 | 0.274492 |  | 3.17443196 |
|  | 1 | 1.40171240982554 | 0.00688436 | 0.00277924 | 23.67128614 |  |
|  | 2 | 1.40449164821534 | $1.02869 \times 10^{-17}$ | $4.14381 \times 10^{-18}$ | 3.235332535 |  |
|  | 3 | 1.40449164821534 | $1.65328 \times 10^{-121}$ | $6.65982 \times 10^{-122}$ | 3.174431960 |  |
|  | 4 | 1.40449164821534 | $-8.86187 \times 10^{-367}$ | $1.28503 \times 10^{-366}$ |  |  |

for the nonlinear algebraic equation. The future study will include the cases when zeros are multiple.

TABLE 3. Convergence behavior for $f(x)=x^{2} \sin ^{2} x+$ $e^{x^{2} \cos x \sin x}-28, \alpha=4.62210416355283 \cdots 82937$.

| $k$ | $n$ | $x_{n}$ | $f\left(x_{n}\right)$ | $e_{n}=\left\|x_{n}-\alpha\right\|$ | $\left\|e_{n+1} / e_{n}^{k+3}\right\|$ | $\eta$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 4.39000000000000 | 316.831 | 0.232104 |  | 45.74465654 |
|  | 1 | 4.51250419256673 | 44.1560 | 0.109600 | $\begin{aligned} & 8.765196287 \\ & 20.94453547 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | 2 | 4.59453001886434 | 4.58122 | 0.0275741 |  |  |
|  | 3 | 4.62128965684487 | 0.102228 | 0.000814507 | 38.8497756345.55366887 |  |
|  | 4 | 4.62210413893741 | $3.06364 \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.46154 \times 10^{-8}$ |  |  |
|  | 5 | 4.62210416355284 | $8.49166 \times 10^{-20}$ | $6.82280 \times 10^{-22}$ | 45.74465079 |  |
|  | 6 | 4.62210416355284 | $1.80825 \times 10^{-60}$ | $1.45287 \times 10^{-62}$ | 45.74465654 |  |
|  | 7 | 4.62210416355284 | $1.74604 \times 10^{-182}$ | $1.40289 \times 10^{-184}$ | 45.74465654 |  |
|  | 8 | 4.62210416355284 | $1.10998 \times 10^{-361}$ | $6.02124 \times 10^{-364}$ |  |  |
| 1 | 0 | 4.39000000000000 | 316.831 | 0.232104 | 33.90383266 | 942.1375541 |
|  | 1 | 4.52370746660951 | 35.1317 | 0.0983967 |  |  |
|  | 2 | 4.60512100263056 | 2.52261 | 0.0169832 | 181.1742387 |  |
|  | 3 | 4.62204581050282 | 0.00726700 | 0.0000583531 | 701.4382779 |  |
|  | 4 | 4.62210416355283 | $1.35822 \times 10^{-12}$ | $1.09129 \times 10^{-14}$ | 941.2075845 |  |
|  | 5 | 4.62210416355284 | $1.66304 \times 10^{-51}$ | $1.33620 \times 10^{-53}$ | 942.1375541 |  |
|  | 6 | 4.62210416355284 | $3.73798 \times 10^{-207}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.00335 \times 10^{-209} \\ & 6.07440 \times 10^{-365} \end{aligned}$ | 942.1375541 |  |
|  | 7 | 4.62210416355284 | $-2.80859 \times 10^{-362}$ |  |  |  |
| 2 | 0 | 4.39000000000000 | 316.831 | 0.232104 |  | 19403.86567 |
|  | 1 | 4.53252079854156 | 29.0741 | 0.0895834 | 132.9880802 |  |
|  | 2 | 4.61181230635645 | 1.42519 | 0.0102919 | 1783.844085 |  |
|  | 3 | 4.62210249710035 | 0.000207411 | $1.66645 \times 10^{-6}$ | 14431.92218 |  |
|  | 4 | 4.62210416355284 | $3.10358 \times 10^{-23}$ |  | 19402.93657 |  |
|  | 5 | 4.62210416355284 | $2.32852 \times 10^{-117}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.87089 \times 10^{-119} \\ & 1.54680 \times 10^{-365} \end{aligned}$ | 19403.86567 |  |
|  | 6 | 4.62210416355284 | $1.97664 \times 10^{-362}$ |  |  |  |
| 3 | 0 | 4.39000000000000 | 316.831 | 0.232104 | 526.6671228 | 399633.7917 |
|  | 1 | 4.53975981567950 | 24.7062 | 0.0823443 |  |  |
|  | 2 | 4.61603689328116 | 0.804029 | 0.00606727 | 19462.13920 |  |
|  | 3 | 4.62210414794708 | $1.94230 \times 10^{-6}$ | $1.56058 \times 10^{-8}$ | 312841.8983 |  |
|  | 4 | 4.62210416355284 | $7.18459 \times 10^{-40}$ | $5.77260 \times 10^{-42}$ | 399633.5389 |  |
|  | 5 | 4.62210416355284 | $1.84044 \times 10^{-240}$ | $1.47874 \times 10^{-242}$ | 399633.7917 |  |
|  | 6 | 4.62210416355284 | $-2.70854 \times 10^{-362}$ | $1.69745 \times 10^{-364}$ |  |  |
| 4 | 0 | 4.39000000000000 | 316.831 | 0.232104 | 2100.497952 | 8230688.162 |
|  | 1 | 4.54587822514980 | 21.4005 | 0.0762259 |  |  |
|  | 2 | 4.61865212550726 | 0.445227 | 0.00345204 | 230863.9470 |  |
|  | 3 | 4.62210416351268 | $4.99863 \times 10^{-9}$ | $4.01625 \times 10^{-11}$ | 6875293.008 |  |
|  | 4 | 4.62210416355284 | $1.72667 \times 10^{-64}$ | $1.38732 \times 10^{-66}$ | 8230688.145 |  |
|  | 5 | 4.62210416355284 | $1.91975 \times 10^{-362}$ | $7.75011 \times 10^{-365}$ |  |  |

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