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# ALGORITHM 314

## FINDING A SOLUTION OF $N$ FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS IN $N$ UNKNOWNNS [C5]

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**procedure** *ndinv* (*functions*, *initstep*, *error*, *cycles*, *x*, *f*, *accest*, *n*);  
**value** *n*; **procedure** *functions*; **real** *initstep*, *error*;  
**integer** *cycles*, *n*; **array** *x*, *f*, *accest*;

**comment** This procedure performs inverse interpolation in  $n$  dimensions, i.e., it will find a set of values for  $n$  variables  $x$ , such that  $n$  functions  $f(x)$  are zero. A more sophisticated technique, suitable for large values of  $n$ , has been developed by S. M. Robinson (Interpolative Solution of Systems of Nonlinear Equations, *SIAM Journal of Numerical Analysis*, 3 (1966), 650-658). It can also be used to fit a curve with  $n$  arbitrary parameters to a set of points, the  $n$  functions being formed, in this case, by equating to zero the differential of the sum of the squares of the residues with respect to each parameter in turn.

The functions required are specified by a procedure of the form *functions* (*f*, *x*) where *f* and *x* are declared as arrays from 1 to  $n$ . This procedure should calculate the  $n$  functions from a set of values given in *x*, placing the results in *f*. The first step is made by forming partial derivatives over an interval *initstep*.  $10^{-6}$  should be suitable for values of *x* of the order 1 to 10. Exit from the procedure will occur if:

- (i) the root sum square of the  $x$  increments is less than *error*. If *error* is negative, this condition must be satisfied for  $|\text{error}|$ , and in addition this process is continued until the root sum square of the increments fails to decrease
- or (ii) the number of iterations is greater than *cycles*, implying that too much accuracy has been requested
- or (iii) the specified equations are singular. In this case exit is by a jump to a label *fails*.

On entry, the array *x* should contain the starting values. On exit, the array *x* will contain the accurate root, *f* the residues and *accest* the last increments made to *x* as a measure of the accuracy.

This procedure calls on a global procedure *eqnsolve* (*A*, *b*, *n*, *label*), which solves  $n$  linear simultaneous equations in  $n$  unknowns  $Ax = b$ , placing the result in *b*. If *A* is singular, it is assumed that an exit is made by a jump to *label*;

**begin**

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real work, sumsgres, prevres;
integer i, j, count;
Boolean switch;
array prevf[1:n], copydelf[1:n, 1:n], delx, delf[1:n, 1:n+1];
functions(prevf, x);
for i := 1 step 1 until n do
  begin
    x[i] := x[i] + initstep;
    functions (f, x);
    for j := 1 step 1 until n do
      begin
        delf[i, j] := f[j] - prevf[j];

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        delx[i, j] := 0;
      end differencing initial point;
    delx[i, i] := initstep;
    x[i] := x[i] - initstep;
  end setting up the initial matrix of points;
  sumsgres :=  $10^{30}$ ;
  count := 0;
iterate:
  switch := true;
  prevres := sumsgres;
tryagain:
  for i := 1 step 1 until n do
    begin
      f[i] := prevf[i];
      for j := 1 step 1 until n do copydelf[i, j] := delf[i, j]
    end copying delf for destructive use in procedure eqnsolve;
    eqnsolve (copydelf, f, n, inline);
    sumsgres := 0;
    for i := 1 step 1 until n do
      begin
        work := 0;
        for j := 1 step 1 until n do work := work - delx[i, j] × f[j];
        accest[i] := work;
        x[i] := x[i] + work;
        sumsgres := sumsgres + work × work
      end calculation of next point;
    count := count + 1;
    functions (f, x);
    if count > cycles ∨ sumsgres < error × error ∧
      (error > 0 ∨ sumsgres > prevres) then go to exit;
    for i := 1 step 1 until n do
      begin
        work := f[i] - prevf[i];
        prevf[i] := f[i];
        for j := n step - 1 until 1 do
          begin
            delx[i, j+1] := delx[i, j] - accest[i];
            delf[i, j+1] := delf[i, j] - work
          end calculation of new differences;
            delx[i, 1] := -accest[i];
            delf[i, 1] := -work
          end moving points up one place in tables;
        go to iterate;
      end ndinv;
    inline:
    for i := 1 step 1 until n do
      begin
        delx[i, n] := delx[i, n+1];
        delf[i, n] := delf[i, n+1]
      end discarding alternative point;
      switch := ¬ switch;
      if switch then go to fails else go to tryagain;
    exit:
  end ndinv

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# ALGORITHM 315

## THE DAMPED TAYLOR'S SERIES METHOD FOR MINIMIZING A SUM OF SQUARES AND FOR SOLVING SYSTEMS OF NONLINEAR EQUATIONS [E4, C5]

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**procedure** *TAYLOR* (*n*, *m*, *x*, *h*, *f*, *itmax*, *eps1*, *eps2*, *der*, *S*, *KENN*,  
*EXIT*);  
**value** *n*, *m*, *eps1*, *eps2*; **integer** *n*, *m*, *itmax*, *KENN*;  
**real** *eps1*, *eps2*, *S*;

**Boolean** *der*; **array** *x, h, f*; **label** *EXIT*;  
**comment**  
Let

$$S(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i^2(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (m \geq n) \quad (1)$$

the function to be minimized. Such functions always appear if you apply the method of least squares to estimate nonlinear parameters. The following sequence

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - \beta \Delta x^{(k)} = x^{(k)} - \beta (F_x'^T F_x')^{-1} F_x'^T F(x^{(k)})$$

$$F = (f_1, \dots, f_m), \quad F_x' = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right) i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n \quad (2)$$

where  $\beta$ , which is always possible, is chosen to be such that

$$S(x^{(k)} - \beta \Delta x^{(k)}) \leq (1 - \beta \lambda) S(x^{(k)}) \quad (0 < \lambda < 1) \quad (3)$$

is known to converge [1] for any  $x^{(0)}$  to a stationary point of  $S$  ( $\text{grad } S = 2F_x'^T F(x) = 0$ ), if on the carrying out of the iteration the matrix  $F_x'^T F_x'$  does not become singular.

For  $m = n$  you have  $\Delta x = F_x'^{-1} F(x)$  and (2) becomes a damped version of Newton's method for solving the system of nonlinear equations

$$F(x) = 0 \quad (4)$$

All zeros of (4) are stationary points of (1). Thus we are able to generate a sequence which converges for any  $x^{(0)}$  to a stationary point of (1) and the possible divergence of Newton's method ( $\beta=1$ ) is avoided. It is not assured, however, that the method will always converge to a solution of (4). Numerical experience has shown that though Newton's method ( $\beta=1$ ) diverges for a certain  $x^{(0)}$  the damped sequence converges to a solution of (4) for the same  $x^{(0)}$ .

In the program we have chosen  $\lambda = .2$ . At each iteration we set first  $\beta = 1$  and then, if (3) is not valid,  $\beta = 2^{-j}$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, 16$ ). If  $j$  is greater than 16 then  $\beta < .00002$  and we assume to have reached a stationary point of  $S$ .

Meaning of the formal parameters:

*n* the number of variables  $x_i$   
*m* the number of functions  $f_i$   
*x* the array  $x[1:n]$  which must first contain a starting value  $x^{(0)}$  and finally will contain a stationary point of  $S$ , if  $F_x'^T F_x'$  or for  $m = n$   $F_x'$ , respectively, has not become singular  
*h*  $h[1:n]$  is a step size vector for the approximation of  $F_x'$  (see below)  
*f* the array  $f[1:m]$  will contain the function values at the last  $x$  calculated in *TAYLOR*  
*itmax* must initially contain the maximum number of iterations to be performed. Leaving *TAYLOR* regularly, *itmax* contains the actual number of performed iterations  
*eps1* the iteration is stopped when  $S < \text{eps1}$   
*eps2* the iteration is discontinued when  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta x_i^{(k)}| < \text{eps2} \times \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i^{(k+1)}|$   
*der* if *der* = **true** the matrix  $F_x'$  must be produced by a global procedure named *DERIVE*(*x, dfdx*) which adjoins to the vector  $x[1:n]$  the array  $dfdx[1:m, 1:n]$ . In this case the array *h* can be loaded by an arbitrary vector, for instance *x*.

if *der* = **false** the matrix  $F_x'$  is approximated by

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{f_i(x_1, \dots, x_j + h_j, \dots, x_n) - f_i(x_1, \dots, x_j - h_j, \dots, x_n)}{2h_j}$$

where *h* is a given step size vector. With a suitable choice of the  $h_j$  the convergence behavior of the sequence (2) is not destroyed. *DERIVE*(*x, dfdx*) must be formally declared outside of *TAYLOR* in this case.

[In some cases, particularly when solving nonlinear equations, the extra accuracy achieved by using central differences to estimate the derivatives is not necessary. A considerable saving in execution time can be obtained by using one-sided differences which means only minor changes in the program below. —REF.]

*S* should initially contain the greatest positive number that the employed computer can store. Finally *S* contains  $S = S(x^{(itmax)})$ , if *TAYLOR* is regularly left.

*KENN* if after having called *TAYLOR*

*KENN* = 0 then one of the above interruptions applies (*eps1, eps2*),

*KENN* = 1 then *itmax* iterations were carried out and *TAYLOR* is left,

*KENN* = -1 then  $\beta = 2^{-17}$  and *TAYLOR* is left.

*EXIT* *TAYLOR* goes to this global label if it encounters a singular matrix.

Further two global procedures must be made available to *TAYLOR*:

i) *FUNCTION*(*x, f*) which is able to calculate for a given vector  $x[1:n]$  the function values  $f[1:m]$

ii) *GAUSS*(*n, A, b, x, EXIT*) which solves the linear system of *n* equations  $Ax = b$  for *x*. If *A* is singular then *GAUSS* returns to the global label *EXIT*. Any linear equation solver may be used for *GAUSS*;

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begin integer i, j, k, z, l; real hf, hl, hs, hz;
array fp, fm[1:m], b, dx[1:n], dfdx[1:m, 1:n], aa[1:n, 1:n];
hs := S; KENN := z := 0;
ITERATION: z := z + 1;
if z > itmax then begin KENN := 1; go to ENDE end;
l := 0; hl := 1.0;
DAMP: l := l + 1;
if l > 16 then begin KENN := -1; go to ENDE end;
FUNCTION(x, f); hf := 0;
for i := 1 step 1 until m do hf := hf + f[i] × f[i];
if hf > hs × (1.0 - .2 × hl) then
begin hl := hl × .5;
for k := 1 step 1 until n do x[k] := x[k] + hl × dx[k];
go to DAMP
end;
hs := hf; if hs < eps1 then go to ENDE;
if der then DERIVE(x, dfdx) else
begin
for i := 1 step 1 until n do
begin hf := h[i]; hz := 2.0 × hf;
x[i] := x[i] + hf; FUNCTION(x, fp);
x[i] := x[i] - hz; FUNCTION(x, fm);
x[i] := x[i] + hf; hz := 1.0/hz;
for k := 1 step 1 until m do
dfdx[k, i] := hz × (fp[k] - fm[k])
end
end;
if m = n then GAUSS(n, dfdx, f, dx, EXIT) else
begin
for i := 1 step 1 until n do
begin hf := 0;
for k := 1 step 1 until m do
hf := hf + dfdx[k, i] × f[k]; b[i] := hf;
for k := i step 1 until n do
begin hf := 0;
for j := 1 step 1 until m do
hf := hf + dfdx[j, i] × dfdx[j, k];
aa[i, k] := aa[k, i] := hf
end
end
end;
GAUSS(n, aa, b, dx, EXIT)
end;

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hz := hf := 0;
for i := 1 step 1 until n do
begin
  x[i] := x[i] - dx[i]; hz := hz + abs(x[i]);
  hf := hf + abs(dx[i])
end;
if hf ≥ eps2 × hz then go to ITERATION;
ENDE: FUNCTION(x, f); S := 0; itmax := z;
for i := 1 step 1 until m do S := S + f[i] × f[i]
end TAYLOR

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#### ALGORITHM 316

#### SOLUTION OF SIMULTANEOUS NON-LINEAR EQUATIONS [C5]

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**procedure** *nonlinearsystem* (*n*, *maxit*, *numsig*, *singular*, *x*);  
**value** *n*, *numsig*; **integer** *n*, *maxit*, *numsig*, *singular*; **array** *x*;  
**comment** This procedure solves a system of *n* simultaneous nonlinear equations. The method is roughly quadratically convergent and requires only  $((n^2/2) + (3n/2))$  function evaluations per iterative step as compared with  $(n^2 + n)$  evaluations for Newton's Method. This results in a savings of computational effort for sufficiently complicated functions. A detailed description of the general method and proof of convergence are included in [1]. Basically the technique consists in expanding the first equation in a Taylor series about the starting guess, retaining only linear terms, equating to zero and solving for one variable, say  $x_k$ , as a linear combination of the remaining  $n - 1$  variables. In the second equation,  $x_k$  is eliminated by replacing it with its linear representation found above, and again the process of expanding through linear terms, equating to zero and solving for one variable in terms of the now remaining  $n - 2$  variables is performed. One continues in this fashion, eliminating one variable per equation, until for the *n*th equation, we are left with one equation in one unknown. A single Newton step is now performed, followed by back-substitution in the triangularized linear system generated for the  $x_i$ 's. A pivoting effect is achieved by choosing for elimination at any step that variable having a partial derivative of largest absolute value. The pivoting is done without physical interchange of rows or columns.

The vector of initial guesses *x*, the number of significant digits desired *numsig*, the maximum number of iterations to be used, *maxit*, and the number of equations *n*, should be set up prior to the procedure call which activates *nonlinearsystem*. After execution of the procedure, the vector *x* is the solution of the system (or best approximation thereto), *maxit* is now the number of iterations used and *singular* = 0 is an indication that a Jacobian-related matrix was singular—indicative of the process "blowing-up," whereas *singular* = 1 is an indication that no such difficulty occurred. Storage space may be saved by implementing the algorithm in a way which takes advantage of the fact that the strict lower triangle of the array *pointer* and the same number of positions in the array *coe* are not used;

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begin integer converge, m, j, k, i, jsub, itemp, kmax, kplus, tally;
real f, hold, h, fplus, dermax, test, factor, relconv;
integer array pointer[1:n, 1:n], isub[1:n-1];
array temp, part[1:n], coe[1:n, 1:n+1];
procedure backsubstitution (k, n, x, isub, coe, pointer);
  value k, n;
  integer k, n; integer array isub, pointer; array x, coe;

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comment This procedure back-solves a triangular linear
system for improved x[i] values in terms of old ones;
begin integer km, kmax, jsub;
  for km := k step -1 until 2 do
    begin kmax := isub[km-1]; x[kmax] := 0;
      for j := km step 1 until n do
        begin jsub := pointer[km, j];
          x[kmax] := x[kmax] + coe[km-1, jsub] × x[jsub]
        end;
      x[kmax] := x[kmax] + coe[km-1, n+1]
    end;
  end backsubstitution;
procedure evaluatekthfunction (x, y, k);
  integer k; real y; array x;
begin comment the body of this procedure must be provided
by the user. One call of the procedure should cause the value
of the kth function at the current value of the vector x to be
placed in y;
end evaluatekthfunction;
converge := 1; singular := 1; relconv := 10 ↑ (-numsig);
for m := 1 step 1 until maxit do
  begin
    comment An intermediate output statement may be inserted
at this point in the procedure to print the successive
approximation vectors x generated by each complete iterative
step;
    for j := 1 step 1 until n do pointer [1, j] := j;
    for k := 1 step 1 until n do
      begin if k > 1 then backsubstitution (k, n, x, isub, coe, pointer);
        evaluatekthfunction (x, f, k); factor := .001;
      AAA: tally := 0; for i := k step 1 until n do
        begin itemp := pointer[k, i]; hold := x[itemp];
          h := factor × hold; if h = 0 then h := .001;
          x[itemp] := hold + h;
          if k > 1 then backsubstitution (k, n, x, isub, coe, pointer);
          evaluatekthfunction (x, fplus, k);
          part[itemp] := (fplus - f)/h;
          x[itemp] := hold; if (abs(part[itemp]) = 0) ∨
            (abs(f/part[itemp]) > 1.01020) then tally := tally + 1;
        end;
      if tally ≤ n - k then go to AA; factor := factor × 10.0;
      if factor > .5 then go to SING; go to AAA;
    AA: if k < n then go to A; if abs (part[itemp]) = 0
      then go to SING;
      coe[k, n+1] := 0; kmax := itemp; go to ENDK;
    A: kmax := pointer[k, k]; dermax := abs(part[kmax]);
      kplus := k + 1;
      for i := kplus step 1 until n do
        begin jsub := pointer[k, i]; test := abs(part[jsub]);
          if test < dermax then go to B; dermax := test;
          pointer [kplus, i] := kmax; kmax := jsub;
          go to ENDI;
        end;
      B: pointer [kplus, i] := jsub;
    ENDI:
      end;
      if abs(part[kmax]) = 0 then go to SING; isub[k] := kmax;
      coe[k, n+1] := 0;
      for j := kplus step 1 until n do
        begin jsub := pointer[kplus, j];
          coe[k, jsub] := -part[jsub]/part[kmax];
          coe[k, n+1] := coe[k, n+1] + part[jsub] × x[jsub]
        end;
      ENDK:
        coe[k, n+1] := (coe[k, n+1] - f) / part[kmax] + x[kmax]
      end k;
      x[kmax] := coe[n, n+1];
      if n > 1 then backsubstitution (n, n, x, isub, coe, pointer);
      if m = 1 then go to D;
      for i := 1 step 1 until n do
        if abs((temp[i] - x[i])/ x[i]) > relconv then go to C;

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    converge := converge + 1;
    if converge ≥ 3 then go to TERMINATE else go to D;
C:   converge := 1;
D:   for i := 1 step 1 until n do temp[i] := x[i]
    end m;
    go to THROUGH;
TERMINATE:
    maxit := m; go to THROUGH;
SING:
    singular := 0;
THROUGH:
    end nonlinearssystem

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## APPENDIX

We include a sample procedure *evaluatekthfunction* for the  $2 \times 2$  system:

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{4\pi}\right)(e^{2x_1} - e) + \frac{e}{\pi}x_2 - 2ex_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin(x_1 x_2) - \frac{x_2}{4\pi} - \frac{x_1}{2} = 0,$$

one solution of which is  $(.5, \pi)$  see [2]

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procedure evaluatekthfunction (x, y, k);
  integer k; real y; array x;
begin switch functionnumber := F1, F2;
  go to functionnumber [k];
F1: y := 2.71828183 × (.920422528 × (exp(2×x[1]-1)-1)+
    x[2]/3.14159265-2×x[1]);
  go to RETURN;
F2: y := .5 × sin(x[1]×x[2]) - x[2]/12.5663706 - x[1]/2;
RETURN;
end evaluatekthfunction;

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## ALGORITHM 317\*

### PERMUTATION [G6]

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procedure permute(n, k, v); value n, k; integer array v;
  integer n, k;
comment This procedure produces in the vector v the kth
  permutation on n variables. When k = 0, v takes on the value
  1, 2, 3, 4, ..., n. This algorithm is not as efficient as pre-
  viously published algorithms [1], [2], [3] for generating a
  complete set of permutations but it is significantly better
  for generating a random permutation, a property useful in
  certain simulation applications. Any non-negative value of
  k will produce a valid permutation. To generate a random
  permutation, k should be chosen from the uniform distribu-
  tion over the integers from 0 to n! - 1 inclusive;
begin integer i, q, r, x, j;
  for i := 1 step 1 until n do v[i] := 0;
  for i := n step -1 until 1 do
    begin
      q := k ÷ i; r := k - q × i; x := 0; j := n;

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  no: if v[j] = 0 then
    begin
      if x = r then go to it else x := x + 1
    end;
    j := j - 1; go to no;
  it: v[j] := i; k := q;
end
end

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<i>outsymbol</i>	<i>outreal</i>	<i>outboolean</i>	<i>outinteger</i>
<i>length</i>	<i>inarray</i>	<i>outstring</i>	

If only one channel is used by the program for output, it should be designated by 1 and similarly a single input channel should be designated by 2. Examples:

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  outstring (1, 'x='); outreal (1, x);
  for i := 1 step 1 until n do outreal (1, A[i]);
  ininteger (2, digit [17]);

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