

ULTRAMETRIC SMALE'S α -THEORY

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NEWTON'S METHOD

$$N_f: x \mapsto x - D_x f^{-1} f(x)$$

$$N_f^{k+1}(x) := N_f(N_f^k(x))$$

$$N_f^k(x) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} \text{zero of } f$$

...but not always

QUESTION:

When does Newton's method converge fast to a zero?

CASE OF INTEREST:

$f \in \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_n]^n$ polynomial system

x approximate zero

When is x a 'good' approximate zero of f ?

REAL/COMPLEX SMALE'S α -THEORY (the archimedean case)

Smale's α : $\alpha(f, x) := \beta(f, x) \gamma(f, x)$

Smale's β : $\beta(f, x) := \|D_x f^{-1} f(x)\| = \text{dist}(x, N_f(x))$

Smale's γ : $\gamma(f, x) := \sup_{k \geq 2} \|D_x f^{-1} \frac{1}{k!} D_x^k f\|^{k-1}$

← Length of Newton step

← "A measure of analyticity"

SMALE'S γ -THEOREM

ξ a zero of f ← Absolute constant

$$\gamma(f, \xi) \text{dist}(x, \xi) < \gamma_*$$

$$\Rightarrow N_f^k(x) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} \xi \text{ fast}$$

Criterion in terms of the zero:
How near I have to be of the zero to guarantee fast convergence?

 WHAT DOES 'FAST' MEAN?
 $\text{dist}(N_f^k(x), \xi) < \beta_*/2^{2^k - 1}$

Each iteration doubles the precision of the approximation!

SMALE'S α -THEOREM

← Absolute constant
 $\alpha(f, x) < \alpha_* \Leftrightarrow \beta(f, x) < \alpha_*/\gamma(f, x)$

$$\Rightarrow N_f^k(x) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} \text{zero of } f \text{ fast}$$

Criterion only in terms of initial point:
How can I guarantee fast convergence without knowing the zero?
How small has to be the first Newton step to get fast convergence?

p-adic SMALE'S α -THEORY (the char 0 non-archimedean case)

α, β, γ the same, but two theorems in one!

← Main case of interest: \mathbb{Q}_p
Newton's method \Leftrightarrow Hensel's lifting

SMALE'S α/γ -THEOREM

Easy constants!

$$\alpha(f, x) < 1 \Leftrightarrow \gamma(f, x) \text{dist}(x, \text{zeroes of } f) < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow N_f^k(x) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} \text{zero of } f \text{ fast}$$

← γ -criterion in disguise in the ultrametric setting

IF $n = 1$,
this implies Hensel's lifting!