

# Finding all Zeros of a Polynomial by Simultaneous Methods

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to present new method for finding all simple zeros of polynomials simultaneously. First, we give a new method for finding simultaneously all simple zeros of polynomials constructed by applying the Weierstrass method to the zero in the trapezoidal Newton's method, and prove the convergence of the method. Finally, we give a numerical comparison between various simultaneous methods for finding zeros of a polynomial.

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## 1. Introduction

With a typical iteration method such as Newton's method, an initial approximation of a zero converges to a specific zero, but the Weierstrass method (or Durand-Kerner method) approximates all simple (real or complex) zeros of polynomial simultaneously (see [2, 4]).

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Let  $P(z) = z^n + a_1z^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}z + a_n$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  having simple zeros with constants  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ .

Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  be the distinct zeros of  $P(z)$  and let distinct complex numbers

$z_1, z_n, \dots, z_n$  be their approximations.

The *Weierstrass method* (Durand-Kerner method) is defined as

$$z_i^{m+1} = z_i^m - \frac{P(z_i^m)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (z_i^m - z_j^m)} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

for  $m \geq 0$  and this method is one of the most frequently used iterative methods which give simultaneous computation of all zeros of  $P$ .

If a function  $W_i(z)$  is defined by

$$W_i(z) = \frac{P(z)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (z - z_j)}$$

$W_i(z)$  has the same zeros as the polynomial  $P$ , and so the problem of finding the zeros of  $P$  reduces to that of zeros of the function  $W_i(z)$ .

If we denote  $W_i = W_i(z)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

In the case of  $z = z_i$  (1) can be written as

$$\dot{z}_i = z_i - W_i \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

where  $z_i$  is a current approximation and  $\dot{z}_i$  is a new approximation to a zero of polynomial  $P(z)$ . The method constructed by (2) is called the Weierstrass-like method (briefly, WLM).

The aim of this paper is to present three new methods for finding all simple zeros of polynomials simultaneously. These new methods are based on the Frontini-Sormani’s midpoint Newton’s method ([7]) and the Weerakoon’s trapezoidal Newton’s method ([8]), which were modifications of the Newton’s method through iterative approximations.

It is well-known that Newton’s method is defined by

$$x^* = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$$

with an approximation  $x$  and a new approximation  $x^*$  of a zero, and is efficient to find a zero of an equation  $f(x) = 0$  for a differentiable function  $f$  with proper conditions and a sufficiently close initial value (see [8]).

In [8], Weerakoon and Fernando proposed the trapezoidal Newton’s method defined by

$$\hat{x} = x - \frac{2f(x)}{f'(x)+f'(x^*)} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

They applied Newton’s method to the  $x^*$  of the denominator.

Along with (3), the *midpoint Newton’s method* that Frontini-Sormani proposed in [7] is constructed as

$$\hat{x} = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x+\frac{1}{2}(x^*-x))} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

They also applied Newton’s method to the  $x^*$  of the denominator, and so set

$$x^* = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$$

Both the trapezoidal Newton’s method and the midpoint Newton’s method are of cubic order, while the original Newton’s method was of quadratic order. A variety of methods can be applied to the  $x^*$  in addition to Newton’s method. Petković et al. [5] derived the following simultaneous method for finding all simple zeros of polynomials by applying the Weierstrass method to the  $x^*$  in the midpoint Newton’s method:

$$\hat{z}_i = z_i - \frac{P(z_i)}{P'(z_i-\frac{1}{2}W_i)} \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

which is called *Newton-Weierstrass method* (or NWM). Also, Petković and Petković [6] found the following *derivative-free method* (or DFM) defined as:

$$\hat{z}_i = z_i - \frac{P(z_i)}{1-P'(z_i-W_i)/P(z_i)} \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

which has a similar form with the one above and this method is of cubic order.

In this paper, we present three new methods for the simultaneous approximation of all simple zeros of polynomials by applying the Weierstrass-like method and the derivative-free method to  $x^*$  in the trapezoidal Newton’s method and the midpoint Newton’s method.

Throughout this paper, the convergence of zeros will be discussed and the order will be calculated for new constructed methods. We will use the notation  $a = O_M(b)$  for two complex numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , whose moduli are of the same order, that is,  $|a| = O(|b|)$ . In addition, the error is defined as

$$|e| = \max_{i=1,2,..,n} \{|e_i|\} \text{ with } e_i = z_i - r_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

In all discussions, the order related to  $e_i$ , which is an error of the previously approximated zeros  $Z_i$  is presumed to be the same. After that, we will show that the order related to  $e_i$  which is an error of the approximated zeros concerning

each method, is identical. For the same being, the order related to the already approximated zeros  $\hat{e}_i$  is hypothesized to be identical as follows:

$$e_i = O_M(e) \text{ for all } i$$

In Section 2, we give a new method for finding simultaneously all simple zeros of polynomials constructed by applying the Weierstrass method to the  $x^*$  in the trapezoidal Newton's method, and prove the convergence of the method. In Section 3, we present two modified Newton's methods combined with the derivative-free method. They are constructed by applying the derivative-free method to the  $x^*$  in the trapezoidal Newton's method and the midpoint Newton's method, respectively. In Section 4, we give a numerical comparison between various simultaneous methods for finding zeros of a polynomial. Finally, we conclude that the convergence of all new constructed methods in this paper are similar or superior to other iterative methods of cubic order.

**2. Weierstrass-Like Trapezoidal Newton's Method**

In this section, we construct a new method for finding simultaneously all simple zeros of polynomials of cubic order. By applying the Weierstrass method (5) to the  $x^*$  in the trapezoidal Newton's method (3), we derive a new method constructed as follows:

$$\hat{z}_i = z_i - \frac{2P(z_i)}{P'(z_i)+P'(z_i-W_i)} \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

We call (7) the *Weierstrass-like trapezoidal Newton's method*, and from this, simply, call it **Method 1**.

The calculation and discussion of the order of Method 1 are similar to those of the Newton-Weierstrass method, which is an alteration of Petković's midpoint Newton's method (see [5]). From (7), we have the following:

**Lemma 1.** For a polynomial  $P(z)$ , we have

$$\frac{P(z_i)}{P'(z_i)} \left( \frac{P''(z_i)}{2P'(z_i)^2} O_M(e) + O_M(e)^2 \right) = O_M(e^3)$$

**Proof.** By the Taylor's expansion around  $r_i$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} P(z_i) &= P'(z_i) \left( e_i + \frac{P''(r_i)}{2P'(r_i)} e_i^2 + O_M(e^3) \right) \\ P'(z_i) &= P'(r_i) \left( 1 + \frac{P''(r_i)}{2P'(r_i)} e_i + \frac{P'''(r_i)}{2P'(r_i)} e_i^2 + O_M(e^3) \right) \dots\dots\dots(8) \\ P''(z_i) &= P'(r_i) \left( \frac{P''(r_i)}{P'(r_i)} + \frac{P'''(r_i)}{P'(r_i)} e_i + \frac{P''''(r_i)}{2P'(r_i)} e_i^2 + O_M(e^3) \right) \end{aligned}$$

From (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{P(z_i)}{P'(z_i)} \left( \frac{P''(z_i)P(z_i)}{2P'(z_i)^2} O_M(e) + O_M(e)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( e_i + \frac{P''(r_i)}{2P'(r_i)^2} e_i^2 + O_M(e^3) \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{P''(r_i)}{P'(r_i)} e_i + \frac{P'''(r_i)}{2P'(r_i)} e_i^2 + O_M(e^3) \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma1, we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.** If the approximate zero  $x_i$  grounded from Method 1 is close enough to  $r_i$  and the order of  $e_i$  is the same, then the order of  $\hat{e}_i$  is identical, and  $|\hat{e}_i| = O_M(|e|^3)$  is formed.

**Proof.** We easily see that the following equation is satisfied:

$$P(z_i) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z_i - r_j) = (z_i - r_i) \prod_{j \neq i} (z_i - r_j) = O_M(e) \tag{9}$$

i.e.  $W_i = W_i(z_i) = O_M(P(z_i)) = O_M(e)$  .....

If  $Q(z) = P(z) - \prod_{j=1}^n (z_i - r_j)$  then  $Q(z)$  is a polynomial of order of order  $n-1$  and  $Q(z_i) = P(z_i)$  for all  $i$ .

Therefore  $Q(z)$  is the Lagrange interpolation of points  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  and so we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q(z) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \left( P(z_j) \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{z - z_k}{z_j - z_k} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \left( W_j \prod_{k \neq j} (z_j - z_k) \right) \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{z - z_k}{z_j - z_k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \left( W_j \prod_{k \neq j} (z - z_k) \right) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{W_j}{z - z_j} \right) \prod_{k=1}^n (z - z_k) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(z) &= \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{W_j}{z - z_j} \right) \prod_{j=1}^n (z - z_j) \\ &= W_i \prod_{j \neq i} (z - z_j) + \left( 1 + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{W_j}{z - z_j} \right) \prod_{j=1}^n (z - z_j) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

From (10), it follows that

$$\frac{P'(z)}{P(z)} = \left( \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{z - z_j} \right) + \frac{1 + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{W_j}{z - z_j} - (z - z_i) \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{W_j}{(z - z_j)^2}}{W_i + (z - z_i) \left( 1 + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{W_j}{z - z_j} \right)} \tag{11}$$

Substituting  $z = z_i$  in (11), we get

$$\frac{P'(z_i)}{P(z_i)} = \left( \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{z_i - z_j} \right) + \frac{1 + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{W_j}{z_i - z_j}}{W_i}$$

Therefore, we have

$$W_i = \frac{1 + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{W_j}{z_i - z_j}}{1 - \frac{P(z_i)}{P'(z_i)} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{z_i - z_j}} = \frac{P(z_i)}{P'(z_i)} (1 + O_M(e)) \tag{12}$$

**3. Conclusion**

In this paper, by utilizing the trapezoidal Newton’s method ,we obtain new method for the simultaneous approximation of all simple zeros of polynomials. By simultaneously approximating all simple zeros of polynomials and by comparing numerical experiments with this methods that are of third order, It seems that this method can be applied to various fields.

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