

ON OSTROWSKI'S FUNDAMENTAL EXISTENCE THEOREM IN THE
 COMPLEX CASE

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Abstract. In [4] we have given another proof of Ostrowski's fundamental existence theorem for Newton-Raphson method in the real case and, as generalization of those ideas, we have proved Theorem 2 which, in the case of real polynomials, gives sufficient conditions for convergence of Newton-Raphson method in terms of initial point only. In this paper we prove the corresponding theorem in the case of complex polynomials. The indicated theorem is the following:

Theorem. *Let*

$$f(z) = z^n + p_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + p_1z + p_0$$

be a complex polynomial, $f(z_0) \cdot f'(z_0) \neq 0$, $h_0 = -\frac{f(z_0)}{f'(z_0)}$, $z_1 = z_0 + h_0$, $K_0 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - z_1| \leq |h_0|\}$. Form, starting with z_0 , the sequence (z_i) by the recurrence formula

$$z_{i+1} = z_i - \frac{f(z_i)}{f'(z_i)} \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots)$$

and assume that z_0 satisfies the condition

$$M(z_0) \cdot |h_0| \leq q \cdot |f'(z_0)| \quad (q \approx 0,2313463410)$$

where $M(z) = \max\{|f'(z)|, |f''(z)|, \dots, |f^{(n)}(z)|\}$ - z is a fixed complex number. Then all z_i lie in K_0 and we have

$$z_i \rightarrow \zeta \quad (i \rightarrow \infty)$$

where ζ is the unique zero of f in the circle K_0 . Unless it lies on the boundary of K_0 , ζ is a simple zero. Further, we have the relations

$$(a) \quad |z_{i+1} - z_i| \leq \frac{e^q - 1 - q}{q^2} \frac{M(z_i)}{2|f'(z_i)|} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$(b) \quad |\zeta - z_{i+1}| \leq \frac{e^q - 1 - q}{q^2} \frac{M(z_i)}{2|f'(z_i)|} |z_i - z_{i+1}| \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots)$$

where $(e^q - 1 - q) : q^2 \approx 0,5408950673$.

The proof of the theorem, with the exception of one point — the proof of the uniqueness, is as in the real case [4]. To prove that in the complex case ζ is the only zero in the circle K_0 , we must proceed differently than in the real case.

First of all we introduce some definitions:

$$h_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{-f(z_i)}{f'(z_i)}, \text{ i.e. } h_i = z_{i+1} - z_i \quad (i=0, 1, \dots)$$

$$K_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{z \in C \mid |z - z_{i+1}| \leq |z_{i+1} - z_i|\} \quad (i=0, 1, \dots)$$

Suppose now that ζ^* is a zero of $f(z)$ in K_0 , i.e.

$$(1) \quad f(\zeta^*) = 0, \quad |\zeta^* - z_1| \leq |h_0|$$

Therefrom and from the identity

$$f(z) = f(z_i) + \frac{f'(z_i)}{1!} (z - z_i) + \frac{f''(z_i)}{2!} (z - z_i)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(z_i)}{n!} (z - z_i)^n$$

we obtain

$$(2) \quad f(z_i) = -\frac{f'(z_i)}{1!} (\zeta^* - z_i) - \frac{f''(z_i)}{2!} (\zeta^* - z_i)^2 - \dots - \frac{f^{(n)}(z_i)}{n!} (\zeta^* - z_i)^n$$

Further, by identity

$$f'(z_i) (\zeta^* - z_{i+1}) = f'(z_i) (\zeta^* - z_i) - f'(z_i) (z_{i+1} - z_i)$$

and by definition of sequence (z_i) we have

$$(3) \quad f'(z_i) (\zeta^* - z_{i+1}) = -\frac{f''(z_i)}{2!} (\zeta^* - z_i)^2 - \dots - \frac{f^{(n)}(z_i)}{n!} (\zeta^* - z_i)^n$$

Therefore it follows immediately:

$$|f'(z_i)| |\zeta^* - z_{i+1}| \leq M(z_i) |\zeta^* - z_i|^2 \left[\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} |\zeta^* - z_i| + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} |\zeta^* - z_i|^{n-2} \right]$$

$$\leq M(z_i) |\zeta^* - z_i|^2 \left[\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} 2|h_0| + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} (2|h_0|)^{n-2} \right]$$

(While for z inside K_i we have $|\zeta^* - z_i| \leq 2|h_i|$)

$$\leq M(z_i) |\zeta^* - z_i|^2 \left[\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} 2q + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} (2q)^{n-2} \right]$$

(While $|h_0| \leq q$)

$$\leq \frac{1}{(2q)^2} M(z_i) |\zeta^* - z_i|^2 \left[\frac{1}{2!} (2q)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (2q)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{e^{2q} - 1 - 2q}{(2q)^2} M(z_i) |\zeta^* - z_i|^2$$

Thus, we have just proved the inequality

$$(4) \quad |f'(z_i)| |\zeta^* - z_{i+1}| \leq \frac{e^{2q} - 1 - 2q}{(2q)^2} M(z_i) |\zeta^* - z_i|^2$$

which is equivalent to

$$(5) \quad \frac{(2q)^2}{e^{2q} - 1 - 2q} \frac{|\zeta^* - z_{i+1}|}{|\zeta^* - z_i|} \leq \frac{|\zeta^* - z_i|}{|f'(z_i)|} M(z_i)$$

We introduce

$$(6) \quad g_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{(2q)^2}{e^{2q} - 1 - 2q} \cdot \frac{|\zeta^* - z_{i+1}|}{|\zeta^* - z_i|}$$

Then

$$(7) \quad g_i \leq \frac{|\zeta^* - z_i|}{|f'(z_i)|} M(z_i)$$

We have¹⁾ from (6)

$$(8) \quad \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i = \left[\frac{(2q)^2}{e^{2q} - 1 - 2q} \right]^n \cdot \frac{|\zeta^* - z_n|}{|\zeta^* - z_0|}$$

and therefrom

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i \frac{|\zeta^* - z_0|}{|h_0|} \cdot \frac{|h_0| \cdot M(z_0)}{|f'(z_n)|} \left[\frac{e^{2q} - 1 - 2q}{(2q)^2} \right]^n \frac{|\zeta^* - z_n|}{|f'(z_n)|} \cdot M(z_0)$$

Using the inequality (16) proved in [4] we easily obtain

$$(9) \quad M(z_n) \leq e^{nq} M(z_0).$$

Therefore, by (7)

$$(10) \quad g_n \leq \left(\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i \right) \frac{|\zeta^* - z_0|}{|h_0|} \frac{|h_0| M(z_0)}{|f'(z_n)|} \left[\frac{e^q (e^{2q} - 1 - 2q)}{(2q)^2} \right]^n$$

In [4] it has been proved

$$|f'(z_{i+1})| \geq (2 - e^q) |f'(z_i)|.$$

Implying this inequality n times we obtain

$$|f'(z_n)| \geq (2 - e^q)^n |f'(z_0)|$$

and from (10)

$$g_n \leq \left(\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i \right) \frac{|\zeta^* - z_0|}{|h_0|} \frac{|h_0| M(z_0)}{|f'(z_0)|} \alpha^n$$

(The expression $\frac{e^q (e^{2q} - 1 - 2q)}{(2 - e^q) (2q)^2}$ is designed by α)

$$\leq \left(\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i \right) \frac{2|h_0|}{|h_0|} g \alpha^n$$

1) For $n=0$ the product $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i$ is, by definition, one.

$$\left(\text{While } |\zeta^* - z_0| \leq 2|h_0|, \frac{|h_0| |M(z_0)|}{|f'(z_0)|} \leq q \right) \\ = \left(\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i \right) \cdot 2q\alpha^n$$

Thus, we have just proved

$$(11) \quad g_n \leq \left(\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i \right) \cdot 2q\alpha^n$$

Using the inequalities²⁾

$$q \leq 1/2, \quad \alpha \leq 1$$

we conclude

$$(12) \quad g_n \leq \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i$$

For $n=0$, the right-hand side of (12) is equal to *one*. Hence $q_0 \leq 1$ and by induction we see that generally $g_n \leq 1$. From (6) we now have

$$|\zeta^* - z_{i+1}| \leq \frac{e^{2q} - 1 - 2q}{(2q)^2} |\zeta^* - z_i|.$$

While for $q \approx 2313463410$ the inequality

$$\frac{e^{2q} - 1 - 2q}{(2q)^2} < 1$$

holds, we conclude

$$z_i \rightarrow \zeta^* \quad (i \rightarrow \infty)$$

and therefore $\zeta^* = \zeta$ which completes the proof of the uniqueness in the complex case.

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²⁾ The value $q \approx 0,2313463410$ has just been so determined that the inequality $\alpha \leq 1$ holds.