## 49. The Aitken-Steffensen Formula for Systems of Nonlinear Equations. III

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1. Introduction. Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and D a region contained in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $f_i(x)$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  be real-valued nonlinear functions defined on D and  $f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x))$  an *n*-dimensional vector-valued function. Then we shall consider a system of nonlinear equations (1.1) x = f(x),

whose solution is  $\bar{x}$ .

As mentioned in [2], [3] and [4], Henrici [1, p. 116] has considered a formula, which is called the Aitken-Steffensen formula. Now, we have studied the above Aitken-Steffensen formula in [2] and [4], and shown [2, Theorem 2] and [4, Theorem 2]. Moreover, by considering the Steffensen iteration method, we have also shown [3, Theorem 1], which improves the result of [2, Theorem 2].

The purpose of this paper is to show Theorem 1 having a new relation different from [2, Theorem 2], [3, Theorem 1] and [4, Theorem 2].

2. Statement of results. Let  $U(\bar{x}) = \{x ; ||x - \bar{x}|| < \delta\} \subset D$  be a neighbourhood. Let ||x|| and ||A|| be denoted by

$$||x|| = \max_{1 \le i \le n} |x_i|$$
 and  $||A|| = \max_{1 \le i \le n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ ,

where  $A = (a_{ij})$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.

Given  $x^{\scriptscriptstyle(0)} \in R^n$ , define  $x^{\scriptscriptstyle(i)} \in R^n$   $(i=1, 2, \cdots)$  by

(2.1)  $x^{(i+1)} = f(x^{(i)})$   $(i=0, 1, 2, \cdots).$ 

Put

(2.2)  $d^{(i)} = x^{(i)} - \bar{x}$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$ ,

and then define an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D_k$  by

 $D_k = (d^{(k)}, d^{(k+1)}, \cdots, d^{(k+n-1)}).$ 

Throughout this paper, we shall assume the same conditions (A.1)-(A.5) as in [2].

(A.1)  $f_i(x)$   $(1 \le i \le n)$  are two times continuously differentiable on D.

(A.2) There exists a point  $\bar{x} \in D$  satisfying (1.1).

(A.3)  $||J(\bar{x})|| \leq 1$ , where  $J(x) = (\partial f_i(x) / \partial x_j)$   $(1 \leq i, j \leq n)$ .

(A.4) The vectors  $d^{(k)}$ ,  $d^{(k+1)}$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $d^{(k+n-1)}$ ,  $k=0, 1, 2, \cdots$ , are linearly independent.

(A.5)  $\inf \{ |\det D_k| / || d^{(k)} ||^n \} > 0.$ 

Then, we shall consider the Aitken-Steffensen formula

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(2.3)  $y^{(k)} = x^{(k)} - \Delta X^{(k)} (\Delta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1} \Delta x^{(k)}$   $(k=0, 1, 2, \cdots),$ where an *n*-dimensional vector  $\Delta x^{(k)}$ , and  $n \times n$  matrices  $\Delta X^{(k)}$  and  $\Delta^2 X^{(k)}$ are given by

(2.4)  $\Delta x^{(k)} = x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)},$ 

(2.5)  $\Delta X^{(k)} = (x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n)} - x^{(k+n-1)})$ 

and

(2.6)  $\Delta^2 X^{(k)} = \Delta X^{(k+1)} - \Delta X^{(k)}.$ 

In this paper, we shall show the following

**Theorem 1.** Under conditions (A.1)–(A.5), for  $x^{(k)} \in U(\bar{x})$ , a new relation of the form

$$\|y^{(k+1)} - \bar{x}\| \leq M \|y^{(k)} - \bar{x}\| + \varepsilon_k, \qquad \varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0 \ (k \rightarrow \infty)$$

holds with a constant M satisfying  $||J(\bar{x})|| < M < 1$ , where  $\varepsilon_k$  can be considered as "convergent term".

**Remark 1.** It follows from [2, Theorem 1] that  $x^{(k)} \to \bar{x}$  as  $k \to \infty$ , and so, by [2, Theorem 2],  $y^{(k)} \to \bar{x}$  as  $k \to \infty$ .

3. Preliminaries. As mentioned in [2], we have, by (2.1), (2.2) and (A.2),

(3.1)  $d^{(k+1)} = J(\bar{x})d^{(k)} + \xi(x^{(k)}),$ 

 $\xi(x^{(k)})$  being an *n*-dimensional vector, and by (A.1),

 $(3.2) \|\xi(x^{(k)})\| \leq L_1 \|d^{(k)}\|^2 for x^{(k)} \in U(\bar{x}),$ 

a constant  $L_1$  being suitably chosen.

Define an  $n \times n$  matrix  $Y(x^{(k)}, \dots, x^{(k+n)})$  by

$$Y(x^{(k)}, \dots, x^{(k+n)}) = (\xi(x^{(k+1)}) - \xi(x^{(k)}), \dots, \xi(x^{(k+n)}) - \xi(x^{(k+n-1)})).$$

Then, we have shown in [2] that there exist constants  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  such that the inequalities

(3.3)  $||Y(x^{(k)}, \dots, x^{(k+n)})|| \leq L_2 ||d^{(k)}||^2,$ (3.4)  $||\Delta X^{(k)}|| \leq L_3 ||d^{(k)}||$ 

hold for  $x^{(k)} \in U(\bar{x})$ .

For the proof of Theorem 1, we need the following two lemmas. Lemma 1 follows from [2, Theorem 1].

Lemma 1. Under conditions (A.1)–(A.3), we have (3.5)  $||x^{(k+1)} - \bar{x}|| \leq M_1 ||x^{(k)} - \bar{x}||$ for  $x^{(k)} \in U(\bar{x})$  and a constant  $M_1$  with  $||J(\bar{x})|| < M_1 < 1$ , and hence have (3.6)  $x^{(k+1)} \in U(\bar{x})$ .

Lemma 2 ([2, Lemma 4]). Under conditions (A.1)–(A.5), for  $x^{(k)} \in U(\bar{x})$ , an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\varDelta^2 X^{(k)}$  is invertible, and there exists a constant  $L_4$  such that the inequality

 $(3.7) ||(\varDelta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1}|| \leq L_4 ||d^{(k)}||^{-1}$ 

holds for sufficiently large k.

As easily seen, we obtain

(3.8)  $\begin{aligned} & \Delta x^{(k+1)} = (J(\bar{x}) - I) [\Delta x^{(k)} + d^{(k)} + (J(\bar{x}) - I)^{-1} \xi(x^{(k+1)})], \\ \text{from (2.4), by (2.2), (3.1) and (A.3). By (2.5), we have } D_{k+1} = \Delta X^{(k)} + D_k, \\ \text{and, by (3.1),} \end{aligned}$ 

$$d^{(k+i)} - d^{(k+i-1)} = (J(\bar{x}) - I)d^{(k+i-1)} + \xi(x^{(k+i-1)}),$$

so that  $\Delta X^{(k+1)} = J(\bar{x}) \Delta X^{(k)} + Y(x^{(k)}, \dots, x^{(k+n)})$ (3.9)follows from (2.5). We observe that, from Lemma 2, by (3.6),  $\Delta^2 X^{(k+1)}$  is invertible for  $x^{(k)} \in U(\bar{x})$ . Hence, by writing  $(\varDelta^2 X^{(k+1)})^{-1} = \{(\varDelta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1} - [I - (\varDelta^2 X^{(k+1)})^{-1} (J(\bar{x}) - I) \varDelta^2 X^{(k)}] (\varDelta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1}\} (J(\bar{x}) - I)^{-1},$ and using (2.6) and (3.9), we see that  $(\varDelta^2 X^{(k+1)})^{-1} = \{(\varDelta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1} - (\varDelta^2 X^{(k+1)})^{-1} [(J(\bar{x}) - I) \varDelta X^{(k)}]\}$ (3.10)+  $Y(x^{(k+1)}, \dots, x^{(k+n+1)})](\Delta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1} (J(\bar{x}) - I)^{-1}.$ 4. Proof of Theorem 1. We shall prove Theorem 1. As may be seen by Remark 1 in §2, we have  $y^{(k)} \rightarrow \overline{x}$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Now, (2.3) gives  $y^{(k+1)} - \bar{x} = d^{(k+1)} - \Delta X^{(k+1)} (\Delta^2 X^{(k+1)})^{-1} \Delta x^{(k+1)}.$ (4.1)Substituting (3.1), (3.8), (3.9) and (3.10) into (4.1), it yields  $y^{(k+1)} - \bar{x} = J(\bar{x})(y^{(k)} - \bar{x}) + \xi(x^{(k)})$ (4.2) $+p_1(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+1)})+p_2(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+2)})$  $+p_{3}(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+1)})+p_{4}(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+2)}),$ where (4.3) $p_1(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+1)})$  $= -J(\bar{x})\Delta X^{(k)}(\Delta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1}[d^{(k)} + (J(\bar{x}) - I)^{-1}\xi(x^{(k+1)})],$ (4.4) $p_2(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+2)})$  $= J(\bar{x}) \Delta X^{(k)} (\Delta^2 X^{(k+1)})^{-1} [(J(\bar{x}) - I) \Delta X^{(k)}]$ +  $Y(x^{(k+1)}, \dots, x^{(k+n+1)})](\Delta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1}(J(\bar{x})-I)^{-1}\Delta x^{(k+1)},$  $p_3(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+1)})$ (4.5) $= -Y(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n)})(\Delta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1}(J(\bar{x}) - I)^{-1}\Delta x^{(k+1)},$ (4.6) $p_4(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+2)})$  $=Y(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n)})(\varDelta^2 X^{(k+1)})^{-1}[(J(\bar{x})-I)\varDelta X^{(k)}]$ +  $Y(x^{(k+1)}, \dots, x^{(k+n+1)})](\Delta^2 X^{(k)})^{-1}(J(\bar{x})-I)^{-1}\Delta x^{(k+1)}.$ Recall that  $x^{(k+1)} \in U(\bar{x})$ , provided  $x^{(k)} \in U(\bar{x})$ . Then, (3.2), (3.3) and (3.7) lead to (4.7) $\|\xi(x^{(k+1)})\| \le L_1 \|d^{(k+1)}\|^2 \le L_1 \|d^{(k)}\|^2$  $\|Y(x^{(k+1)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+1)})\| \le L_2 \|d^{(k+1)}\|^2 \le L_2 \|d^{(k)}\|^2$ (4.8)and (4.9) $\|(\varDelta^2 X^{(k+1)})^{-1}\| \leq L_4 \|d^{(k+1)}\|^{-1},$ respectively. Since  $d^{(k+1)} = \Delta x^{(k)} + d^{(k)}$ , it follows from (3.8) that  $\|\Delta x^{(k+1)}\| \leq L_5 \|d^{(k+1)}\| \leq L_5 \|d^{(k)}\|$ (4.10)for a constant  $L_5$  chosen suitably. In (4.7), (4.8) and (4.10), we have used the fact (3.5) in Lemma 1. Now, as for equalities (4.3)–(4.6), there exist constants  $L_6$ ,  $L_7$ ,  $L_8$  and  $L_{a}$  such that the following estimates (4.11)–(4.14) hold :  $||p_1(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+1)})|| \leq L_6 ||d^{(k)}||$ (4.11)from (4.3), by (3.4), (3.7) and (4.7);  $||p_2(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+2)})|| \le L_{\tau} ||d^{(k)}||$ (4.12)from (4.4), by (3.4), (3.7), (4.8), (4.9) and (4.10);  $||p_{3}(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+1)})|| \leq L_{8} ||d^{(k)}||^{2}$ (4.13)from (4.5), by (3.3), (3.7) and (4.10);

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(4.14)  $||p_4(x^{(k)}, \cdots, x^{(k+n+2)})|| \leq L_9 ||d^{(k)}||^2$ 

from (4.6), by (3.3), (3.4), (3.7), (4.8), (4.9) and (4.10).

Consequently, (4.2), together with (3.2) and (4.11)-(4.14), shows that

$$\|y^{(k+1)} - \bar{x}\| \leq M \|y^{(k)} - \bar{x}\| + \varepsilon_k$$

holds with a constant M satisfying  $||J(\bar{x})|| \le M \le 1$ , where

 $\varepsilon_k = (L_8 + L_7 + (L_1 + L_8 + L_9) \| d^{(k)} \|) \| d^{(k)} \| \to 0 \quad \text{as } k \to \infty.$ 

Thus we have proved Theorem 1, as desired.

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