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EXTENDED AND MODIFIED HALLEY'S ITERATIVE METHOD FOR

SOLVING NONLINEAR SYSTEMS

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Abstract: In this paper, an efficient method is constructed and used for solving system of nonlinear

equations. The method based on a Halley's iterative method (HIM). This technique is revised and

modified to solve a system of nonlinear equations of n-dimension with n-variables. One of the

obtained methods have order six of convergence. In addition, the proposed method has been tested on a

series of examples published in the literature and show good results when compared it with the

previous literature.

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1. Introduction

Recently, several iterative methods have been made on the development for solving nonlinear

equations and system of nonlinear equations. These methods have been improved using several

different techniques including Taylor series, quadrature formulas, homotopy and decomposition

techniques, see [1-9] and references therein. He [10] suggested an iterative method for solving the

nonlinear equations by rewriting the given nonlinear equation as a system of coupled equations. This

technique has been used by Chun [11] and Noor [12,13] to suggest some higher order convergent

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iterative methods for solving nonlinear equations. Newton method is the well-known iterative method for finding the solution of the nonlinear equations. There exist several classical multipoint methods with fourth-order and sixth-order convergence for solving nonlinear equations. It is well known [9] that the two-step Newton method has fourth-order convergence, which has been suggested by using the technique of updating the solution. Hafiz and Bahgat [14] modified Householder iterative method for solving system of nonlinear equations. He also show that this new method includes famous two step Newton method as a special case. Noor [6] have suggested and analyzed a two-step Halley method using the Newton method as a predictor and Halley's method as corrector. It has been shown that this two-step Halley method is of sixth-order convergence and is an efficient one. In this paper we consider the case of nonlinear systems of equations and we extend and modify the Halley method which constructed by Noor [6]. This technique, however, needs to be revised to solve the system of nonlinear equations. Some illustrative examples have been presented, to demonstrate our method and the results are compared with those derived from the previous methods. All test problems reveals the accuracy and fast convergence of the new method. In the next sections, we use the same notation for the *n*-dimensional case as for the one-dimensional case, interpreting the symbols appropriately.

2. Halley iterative method

Suppose we have system of nonlinear equations of the following form

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0,$$

 $f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0,$
 \vdots
 $f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0,$

where $f_i: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ and the functions f_i is differentiable up to any desired order [15], can be thought of as mapping a vector $\mathbf{X} = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)^T$ of the *n*-dimensional space \mathbb{R}^n , into the real line \mathbb{R} . The system can alternatively be represented by defining a functional $F: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$, by

$$F(x_1,x_2,...x_n) = [f_1(x_1,x_2,...x_n),...,f_n(x_1,x_2,...x_n)]^T$$

Using vector notation to represent the variables $x_1, x_2, \dots x_n$, the previous system then assumes the form:

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \tag{1}$$

For simplicity, we assume that X^* is a simple root of Eq. (1) and X_0 is an initial guess sufficiently close to X^* . Using the Taylor's series expansion of the function $f_k(x)$, we have

$$f_{k}(X_{0}) + \frac{1}{1!} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - x_{i}^{(0)}) f_{k,i}(X_{0}) \right] + \frac{1}{2!} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (x_{i} - x_{i}^{(0)}) (x_{j} - x_{j}^{(0)}) f_{k,ij}(X_{0}) \right] + \dots = 0$$
 (2)

where
$$k = 1, 2, ..., n$$
, $f_{k,i} = \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_i}$, $f_{k,ij} = \frac{\partial^2 f_k}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$ and $X_0 = [x_1^{(0)}, x_2^{(0)}, ..., x_n^{(0)}]^T$ is

the initial approximation of Eq. (1). Matrices of first and second partial derivatives appearing in equation (2) are Jacobian J and Hessian matrix H respectively. In matrix notation

$$F(X_0) + J(X_0)[X^{(1)} - X_0] + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i \otimes [X^{(1)} - X_0]^T H_i(X_0)[X^{(1)} - X_0] = 0$$
(3)

from which we have

$$\left\{J(X_0) + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i \otimes [X^{(1)} - X_0]^T H_i(X_0)\right\} [X^{(1)} - X_0] = -F(X_0)$$

$$X^{(1)} = X_0 - \left\{ J(X_0) + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \otimes [X^{(1)} - X_0]^T H_i(X_0) \right\}^{-1} F(X_0)$$
 (4)

where H_i is the Hessian matrix of the function f_i , \otimes is the Kronecker product and e_i is a $n \times 1$ vector of zero except for a 1 in the position i. First two terms of the equation (3) gives the first approximation, as

$$X^{(1)} = X_0 - J^{-1}(X_0)F(X_0)$$
(5)

Substitution again of (5) into the right hand side of (4) gives the second approximation

$$X^{(1)} = X_0 - \left\{ J(X_0) - \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \otimes [J^{-1}(X_0)F(X_0)]^T H_i(X_0) \right\}^{-1} F(X_0)$$
 (6)

This is extended Halley's method and this formulation allows us to suggest the following iterative methods for solving system of nonlinear equations (1).

3. Algorithms

In this section, we suggest four algorithms for solving system of nonlinear equations:

Algorithm.1. For a given $X^{(k)} = [x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, ..., x_n^{(k)}]^T$ calculate the approximation solution $X^{(k+1)} = [x_1^{(k+1)}, x_2^{(k+1)}, ..., x_n^{(k+1)}]^T$ for k = 0, 1, 2, ... by the iterative scheme

$$X^{(k+1)} = X^{(k)} - J^{-1}(X^{(k)})F(X^{(k)})$$
(7)

which is the Newton–Raphson method for n dimension.

Algorithm.2. For a given $X^{(k)} = [x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, ..., x_n^{(k)}]^T$ calculate the approximation solution $X^{(k+1)} = [x_1^{(k+1)}, x_2^{(k+1)}, ..., x_n^{(k+1)}]^T$ for k = 0, 1, 2, ... by the iterative schemes

$$X^{(k+1)} = X^{(k)} - \left\{ J(X^{(k)}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{e_i}{2!} \otimes [J^{-1}(X^{(k)})F(X^{(k)})]^T H_i(X^{(k)}) \right\}^{-1} F(X^{(k)})$$
(8)

We also remark that, if $f_{k,ij} = 0$, $\forall k,i,j=1,2,...,n$, then Algorithm 2 reduces to the Newton method. That is, Algorithm 2 which is the generalized of Halley's method for solving system of nonlinear equations. Several authors have already studied the convergence of iteration (8) in Banach space setting (see [16] and etc.). Now using Algorithm 1 as a predictor and Algorithm 2 as a corrector, we suggest and analyze a new two-step iterative method for solving system of nonlinear equations.

Algorithm.3. For a given $X^{(k)} = [x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, ..., x_n^{(k)}]^T$ calculate the approximation solution $X^{(k+1)} = [x_1^{(k+1)}, x_2^{(k+1)}, ..., x_n^{(k+1)}]^T$ for k = 0, 1, 2, ... by the iterative schemes

$$\mathbf{Y}^{(k)} = \mathbf{X}^{(k)} - J^{-1}(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})F(\mathbf{X}^{(k)}), \tag{9}$$

$$X^{(k+1)} = Y^{(k)} - \left\{ J(Y^{(k)}) - \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i \otimes [J^{-1}(Y^{(k)})F(Y^{(k)})]^T H_i(Y^{(k)}) \right\}^{-1} F(Y^{(k)})$$
 (10)

The famous for Algorithm 3 states that the maximum order of convergence is six, when the function is of one variable (see [6]). Algorithm 3 is extended of modified

Halley method. It is clear that for $\mathbf{Y}^{(k)} = \mathbf{X}^{(k)}$ Algorithm 3 is exactly Algorithm 2. If, $f_{k,ij} = 0, \forall k,i,j=1,2,...,n$ then Algorithm 3 reduce to the following two-step method.

Algorithm.4. For a given $X^{(k)} = [x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, ..., x_n^{(k)}]^T$ calculate the approximation solution $X^{(k+1)} = [x_1^{(k+1)}, x_2^{(k+1)}, ..., x_n^{(k+1)}]^T$ for k = 0, 1, 2, ... by the iterative schemes

$$\mathbf{Y}^{(k)} = \mathbf{X}^{(k)} - J^{-1}(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})F(\mathbf{X}^{(k)}),\tag{11}$$

$$X^{(k+1)} = Y^{(k)} - J^{-1}(Y^{(k)})F(Y^{(k)}).$$
(12)

4. Numerical results

We present some examples to illustrate the efficiency of our proposed method. Here, numerical results are performed by Maple 15 with 100 digits but only 14 digits are displayed. In Tables 1, 2 we list the results obtained by generalized Halley method (GHM), modified generalized Halley method, which we called, Hafiz and Bahgat Method (HBM) and comparison them with Newton–Raphson method (NM) and Householder method (MHIM) [14]. The following stopping criteria is used for computer programs:

$$||X^{(n+1)} - X^{(n)}|| + ||F(X^{(n)})|| < 10^{-15}$$

and the computational order of convergence (COC) can be approximated using the formula,

$$COC \approx \frac{\ln\left(\|X^{(n+1)} - X^{(n)}\| / \|X^{(n)} - X^{(n-1)}\|\right)}{\ln\left(\|X^{(n)} - X^{(n-1)}\| / \|X^{(n-1)} - X^{(n-2)}\|\right)}$$

Table 2 shows the number of iterations, the computational order of convergence (COC), $\|X^{(n+1)} - X^{(n)}\|$ and norm of the function $F(X^{(n)})$ are also shown in Table 2 for various methods.

4.1. Small systems of nonlinear equations.

Example 1. In a case of one dimension, consider the following nonlinear functions [14], $f_1(x) = xe^{x^2} - \sin^2 x + 3\cos x + 5$, with $x_0 = -3$ and $f_2(x) = e^{x^2 + 7x - 30} - 1$ with $x_0 = 4...$

Example 2. In a case two dimension, consider the following systems of nonlinear functions [14],

$$F_3(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x,y) = x^2 - 10x + y^2 + 8 = 0\\ f_2(x,y) = xy^2 + x - 10y + 8 = 0 \end{cases}$$
 $(x_0, y_0) = (2, 2)$

$$F_{3}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} f_{1}(x,y) = x^{2} - 10x + y^{2} + 8 = 0 \\ f_{2}(x,y) = xy^{2} + x - 10y + 8 = 0 \end{cases}$$
 $(x_{0}, y_{0}) = (2, 2).$

$$F_{4}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} f_{1}(x,y) = x^{4}y - xy + 2x - y - 1 = 0 \\ f_{2}(x,y) = ye^{-x} + x - y - e^{-1} = 0 \end{cases}$$
 $(x_{0}, y_{0}) = (0.8, 0.8).$

Example 3. In a case three dimension, consider the following systems of nonlinear functions [18].

$$F_{5}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} f_{1}(x, y, z) = 15x + y^{2} - 4z - 13 = 0 \\ f_{2}(x, y, z) = x^{2} + 10y - e^{-z} - 11 = 0, \\ f_{3}(x, y, z) = y^{3} - 25z + 22 = 0 \end{cases} X_{0} = (10, 6, -5).$$

$$F_{6}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} f_{1}(x, y, z) = 3x - \cos(yz) - 0.5 = 0 \\ f_{2}(x, y, z) = x^{2} - 81(y + 0.1)^{2} + \sin z + 1.06 = 0, \\ f_{3}(x, y, z) = e^{-xy} + 20z + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$X_{0}=(1.1, 1.1, 1.1).$$

4.2 Large systems of nonlinear equations.

In this subsection, we test HPM with some sparse systems with m unknowns variables. In examples 4 through 6, we compare the NR method with the proposed method HPM focusing on iteration numbers [14].

Example 4. Consider the following system of nonlinear equations:

$$F_7: f_i = e^{x_i} - 1, \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n.$$

The exact solution of this system is $X^* = [0,0,...,0]^T$. To solve this system, we set $X_0 = [0.5, 0.5, ..., 0.5]^T$ as an initial value. Table 6 is shown the result.

Example 5. Consider the following system of nonlinear equations:

$$F_8: f_i = x_i^2 - \cos(x_i - 1), \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n.$$

One of the exact solutions of this system is $X^* = [1,1,...,1]^T$. To solve this system, we set $X_0 = [2,2,...,2]^T$ as an initial value. The results are presented in Table 6.

Example 6. Consider the following system of nonlinear equations [17]:

$$F_9: f_i = \cos x_i - 1, \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n.$$

One of the exact solutions of this system is $X^* = [0,0,...,0]^T$. To solve this system, we set $X_0 = [2,2,...,2]^T$ as an initial guess. The results are presented in Table 6.

Number of iterations F_7 F_7 F_7 F_8 F_8 F_9 F_8 F_9 F_9 $\varepsilon = 10^{-13}$ n = 100n = 50n = 757 7 NM 26 26 26 **GHM** 5 18 5 18 5 18 **MHIM** 2 3 3 11 2 3 11 11 **HBM** 10 10 10

Table 1. Number of iterations for Examples 4-6.

Fig. 1. Approximate solution against the number of iterations for f_2

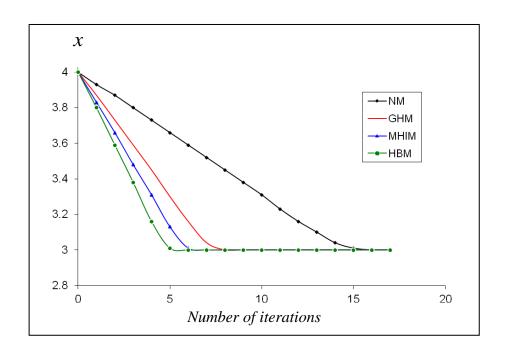


Table 2.Numerical results for Examples 1-6

Methods & functions	IT	COC	$\ X^{(n+1)}-X^{(n)}\ $	$ F(X^{(n)}) $
F_1 , $x_0 = -3$.				
NM	15	2.00000001842997	4.62461580585008E-28	6.52399684550115E-54
GHM	8	3.00210029304863	2.57758679135367E-23	8.83803794298868E-68
MHIM	7	5.99944705395686	6.2904349110937E-65	5E-99
НВМ	6	5.99637282489181	1.64283557214949E-42	5E-99
$F2, x_0 = 4$				
NM	20	2.00000177738031	7.04037622176027E-21	4.23796972290579E-39
GHM	11	3.00002034672401	1.70247250684898E-23	9.03798392491937E-67
MHIM	9	5.99117673752232	7.41858978732436E-45	0
НВМ	8	5.99110889033126	2.1845216055587E-47	0
F_3 , $X_0 = (2, 2)$				
NM	9	2.00000140914961	4.37934644418127E-21	8.47815841458272E-41
GHM	6	3.00024293865263	3.62804255716776E-26	9.11319560570549E-77
MHIM	5	5.99934528347617	1.70074129087303E-85	1.01980390271855E-98
HBM	4	5.71112646345308	2.83986519147165E-19	1.0770329614269E-98
F_4 , $X_0 = (2, 2)$				
NM	9	2.0003080790074	7.53061926402066E-19	2.30110082351703E-36
GHM	6	3.0051732467309	1.87851882722682E-26	1.85601502813661E-77
MHIM	5	6.00352249872292	1.94315799290308E-78	1.22065556157337E-99
НВМ	4	5.86845135076057	5.61471494398326E-20	1E-99
F_5 , X_0 =(10, 6, -5)				
NM	8	2.26089072336615	1.30827439612494E-16	5.41580264395725E-32
GHM	6	2.91590769468174	1.13291396861354E-42	1.41421356237309E-98
MHIM	5	3.9794335938325	1.28885942108228E-31	1E-98
НВМ	4	3.84649791029683	1.54387130390901E-17	6.1593046396652E-71
F_6 , X_0 =(1.1, 1.1, 1.1)				
NM	9	2.0000000032895	6.45188221156175E-20	3.36918186538804E-37
GHM	7	2.44656798277244	6.89405862265531E-17	1.4311394529322E-34
MHIM	5	4.19520706694058	2.82751409494534E-57	3E-99
HBM	4	5.55967632924813	2.10299366302151E-17	4.07677528685015E-70

In Tables 1-2, we list the results obtained by modified Halley iteration method. As we see from this Tables, it is clear that, in most cases, the result obtained by HBM is very superior to that obtained by MHIM, GHM and NM. Fig. 1 confirm this result.

5. Conclusions

The Halley's method continues to be an important subject of investigation. In our study we extend the standard iteration in order to obtain robust algorithms based on Halley iteration method. This method is generalized and modified and applied to solve nonlinear system of equations. The numerical examples show that our method is very effective and efficient. Moreover, our proposed method provides highly accurate results in a less number of iterations as compared with Newton–Raphson method and generalized Householder method.

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