

Theorem: Banach Contraction Principle

If $f: X \rightarrow X$ s.t. $\rho(f(x), f(y)) \leq \alpha \rho(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in X$ (complete)

then \exists a unique fixed pt x s.t. $\forall x_0 \in X, f^{(n)}(x_0) \rightarrow x$.
 $\leftarrow n$ applications

Problem: $Q_n [0, 1]$. prove $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \frac{p}{q}$ leads to contradiction.

Linear Algebra:

$A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n \quad Ax = b$ is a system of eqns. $\overset{A^{-1} \text{ exists}}{\Downarrow}$ If $\det(A) \neq 0$ there is a solution: $A^{-1}b$.

$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow 0 = -Ax + b \Leftrightarrow x = (I - A)x + b$. let $Tx := (I - A)x + b$.

Think about $Tx = x$. $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

We have such a fixed pt if T is a contraction map

Distance: define $\rho(x, x') = \max_j |x_j - x'_j|$ want to think about $\rho(Tx, Tx')$

Condition (assumption)

If $I - A = \alpha_{ij}$ ($= -a_{ij} + \delta_{ij}$) \leftarrow Kronecker symbol, $= 1$ if $i=j$ 0 otherwise.

$\otimes \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| < k < 1 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n$ Prove this also implies A invertible

$$\rho(Tx, Tx') = \max_i \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} (x_j - x'_j) \right| \leq \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| |x_j - x'_j| \leq \max_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}| \right) \cdot \max_j |x_j - x'_j| < k \rho(x, x')$$

so can apply Banach Contraction Principle

Key: rewrite equation so $x = f(x)$ for some transformation f .

$\dots = \dots + \int \dots$ \leftarrow Volterra equation

$$y(t) = f(t) + \int_a^t K(t,s) y(s) ds \quad \leftarrow \text{Volterra equation}$$

$$\downarrow \text{Ay equivalent}$$

$y = f + Ay \longrightarrow$ find fixed points which are functions.

$$y \in C[a,b], \quad a \leq t \leq b.$$

Def: $C[a,b]$ is the space of continuous functions $[a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

with distance $\rho(f,g) = \max_{x \in [a,b]} |f(x) - g(x)|$ **Exercise**: show ρ is a metric on $C[a,b]$ for convergence

Exercise: $d(f,g) = \int_a^b |f-g|$ is not a complete metric on $C[a,b]$.