#### CHAPTER

# 10

# Numerical Solutions of Nonlinear Systems of Equations

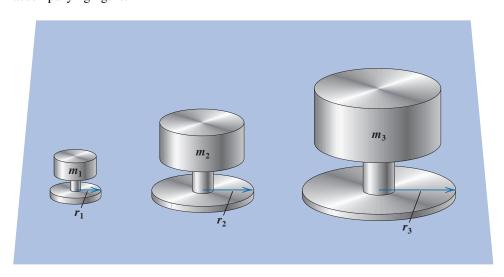
#### Introduction

The amount of pressure required to sink a large heavy object into soft, homogeneous soil lying above a hard base soil can be predicted by the amount of pressure required to sink smaller objects in the same soil. Specifically, the amount of pressure p to sink a circular plate of radius r a distance d in the soft soil, where the hard base soil lies a distance d > d below the surface, can be approximated by an equation of the form

$$p = k_1 e^{k_2 r} + k_3 r,$$

where  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$  are constants depending on d and the consistency of the soil, but not on the radius of the plate.

There are three unknown constants in this equation, so three small plates with differing radii are sunk to the same distance. This will determine the minimal size plate required to sustain a large load. The loads required for this sinkage are recorded, as shown in the accompanying figure.



This produces the three nonlinear equations

$$m_1 = k_1 e^{k_2 r_1} + k_3 r_1,$$

$$m_2 = k_1 e^{k_2 r_2} + k_3 r_2,$$

$$m_3 = k_1 e^{k_2 r_3} + k_3 r_3$$

in the three unknowns  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$ . Numerical approximation methods are usually needed for solving systems of equations when the equations are nonlinear. Exercise 12 of Section 10.2 concerns an application of the type described here.

Solving a system of nonlinear equations is a problem that is avoided when possible, customarily by approximating the nonlinear system by a system of linear equations. When this is unsatisfactory, the problem must be tackled directly. The most straightforward approach is to adapt the methods from Chapter 2, which approximate the solutions of a single nonlinear equation in one variable, to apply when the single-variable problem is replaced by a vector problem that incorporates all the variables.

The principal tool in Chapter 2 was Newton's method, a technique that is generally quadratically convergent. This is the first technique we modify to solve systems of nonlinear equations. Newton's method, as modified for systems of equations, is quite costly to apply, and in Section 10.3 we describe how a modified Secant method can be used to obtain approximations more easily, although with a loss of the extremely rapid convergence that Newton's method can produce.

Section 10.4 describes the method of Steepest Descent. It is only linearly convergent, but it does not require the accurate starting approximations needed for more rapidly converging techniques. It is often used to find a good initial approximation for Newton's method or one of its modifications.

In Section 10.5, we give an introduction to continuation methods, which use a parameter to move from a problem with an easily determined solution to the solution of the original nonlinear problem.

Many of the proofs of the theoretical results in this chapter are omitted because they involve methods that are usually studied in advanced calculus. A good general reference for this material is Ortega's book entitled *Numerical Analysis–A Second Course* [Or2]. A more complete reference is [OR].

#### 10.1 Fixed Points for Functions of Several Variables

A system of nonlinear equations has the form

$$f_{1}(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}) = 0,$$

$$f_{2}(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}) = 0,$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$f_{n}(x_{1}, x_{2}, ..., x_{n}) = 0,$$
(10.1)

where each function  $f_i$  can be thought of as mapping a vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^t$  of the n-dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ . A geometric representation of a nonlinear system when n = 2 is given in Figure 10.1.

This system of n nonlinear equations in n unknowns can also be represented by defining a function  $\mathbf{F}$  mapping  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as

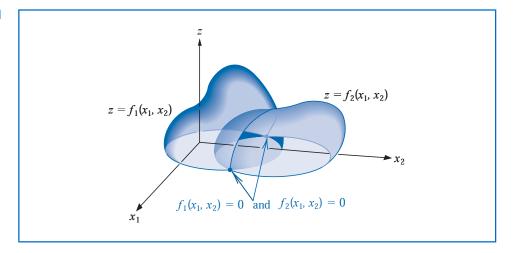
$$\mathbf{F}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \dots, f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))^t.$$

If vector notation is used to represent the variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , then system (10.1) assumes the form

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}.\tag{10.2}$$

The functions  $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_n$  are called the **coordinate functions** of **F**.

Figure 10.1



#### **Example 1** Place the $3 \times 3$ nonlinear system

$$3x_1 - \cos(x_2 x_3) - \frac{1}{2} = 0,$$
  
$$x_1^2 - 81(x_2 + 0.1)^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06 = 0,$$
  
$$e^{-x_1 x_2} + 20x_3 + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3} = 0$$

in the form (10.2).

**Solution** Define the three coordinate functions  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ , and  $f_3$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  as

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 3x_1 - \cos(x_2 x_3) - \frac{1}{2},$$

$$f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 - 81(x_2 + 0.1)^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06,$$

$$f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = e^{-x_1 x_2} + 20x_3 + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3},$$

Then define **F** from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  by

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$= (f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3), f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3), f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3))^t$$

$$= \left(3x_1 - \cos(x_2x_3) - \frac{1}{2}, x_1^2 - 81(x_2 + 0.1)^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06, e^{-x_1x_2} + 20x_3 + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3}\right)^t.$$

Before discussing the solution of a system given in the form (10.1) or (10.2), we need some results concerning continuity and differentiability of functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Although this study could be presented directly (see Exercise 12), we use an alternative method that permits us to present the more theoretically difficult concepts of limits and continuity in terms of functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 10.1** Let f be a function defined on a set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and mapping into  $\mathbb{R}$ . The function f is said to have the **limit** L at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , written

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x}\to\mathbf{x}_0}f(\mathbf{x})=L,$$

if, given any number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a number  $\delta > 0$  exists with

$$|f(\mathbf{x}) - L| < \varepsilon$$
,

whenever  $\mathbf{x} \in D$  and

$$0<||\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_0||<\delta.$$

The existence of a limit is also independent of the particular vector norm being used, as discussed in Section 7.1. Any convenient norm can be used to satisfy the condition in this definition. The specific value of  $\delta$  will depend on the norm chosen, but the existence of a  $\delta$  is independent of the norm.

The notion of a limit permits us to define continuity for functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Although various norms can be used, continuity is independent of the particular choice.

**Definition 10.2** Let f be a function from a set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . The function f is **continuous** at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in D$  provided  $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \to \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x})$  exists and

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \to \mathbf{x}_0} f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}_0).$$

Continuous definitions for functions of *n* variables follow from those for a single variable by replacing, where necessary, absolute values by norms.

Moreover, f is **continuous** on a set D if f is continuous at every point of D. This concept is expressed by writing  $f \in C(D)$ .

We can now define the limit and continuity concepts for functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by considering the coordinate functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 10.3** Let **F** be a function from  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of the form

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = (f_1(\mathbf{x}), f_2(\mathbf{x}), \dots, f_n(\mathbf{x}))^t,$$

where  $f_i$  is a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  for each i. We define

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x}\to\mathbf{x}_0}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})=\mathbf{L}=(L_1,L_2,\ldots,L_n)^t,$$

if and only if  $\lim_{\mathbf{x}\to\mathbf{x}_0} f_i(\mathbf{x}) = L_i$ , for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The function **F** is **continuous** at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in D$  provided  $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \to \mathbf{x}_0} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$  exists and  $\lim_{\mathbf{x} \to \mathbf{x}_0} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)$ . In addition, **F** is continuous on the set *D* if **F** is continuous at each **x** in *D*. This concept is expressed by writing  $\mathbf{F} \in C(D)$ .

For functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ , continuity can often be shown by demonstrating that the function is differentiable (see Theorem 1.6). Although this theorem generalizes to functions of several variables, the derivative (or total derivative) of a function of several variables is quite involved and will not be presented here. Instead we state the following theorem, which relates the continuity of a function of n variables at a point to the partial derivatives of the function at the point.

### **Theorem 10.4** Let f be a function from $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ into $\mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbf{x}_0 \in D$ . Suppose that all the partial derivatives of f exist and constants $\delta > 0$ and K > 0 exist so that whenever $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\| < \delta$ and $\mathbf{x} \in D$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j} \right| \le K$$
, for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Then f is continuous at  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .

#### Fixed Points in $\mathbb{R}^n$

In Chapter 2, an iterative process for solving an equation f(x) = 0 was developed by first transforming the equation into the fixed-point form x = g(x). A similar procedure will be investigated for functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

#### **Definition 10.5** A function **G** from $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ into $\mathbb{R}^n$ has a **fixed point** at $\mathbf{p} \in D$ if $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}$ .

The following theorem extends the Fixed-Point Theorem 2.4 on page 62 to the *n*-dimensional case. This theorem is a special case of the Contraction Mapping Theorem, and its proof can be found in [Or2], p. 153.

## **Theorem 10.6** Let $D = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^t \mid a_i \le x_i \le b_i, \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ for some collection of constants $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ and $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ . Suppose **G** is a continuous function from $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ into $\mathbb{R}^n$ with the property that $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) \in D$ whenever $\mathbf{x} \in D$ . Then **G** has a fixed point in D.

Moreover, suppose that all the component functions of **G** have continuous partial derivatives and a constant K < 1 exists with

$$\left| \frac{\partial g_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i} \right| \le \frac{K}{n}, \quad \text{whenever } \mathbf{x} \in D,$$

for each  $j=1,2,\ldots,n$  and each component function  $g_i$ . Then the sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$  defined by an arbitrarily selected  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  in D and generated by

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = G(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}), \text{ for each } k > 1$$

converges to the unique fixed point  $\mathbf{p} \in D$  and

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{p}\|_{\infty} \le \frac{K^k}{1 - K} \|\mathbf{x}^{(1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(0)}\|_{\infty}.$$
 (10.3)

#### **Example 2** Place the nonlinear system

$$3x_1 - \cos(x_2 x_3) - \frac{1}{2} = 0,$$
  
$$x_1^2 - 81(x_2 + 0.1)^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06 = 0,$$
  
$$e^{-x_1 x_2} + 20x_3 + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3} = 0.$$

in a fixed-point form  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x})$  by solving the *i*th equation for  $x_i$ , show that there is a unique solution on

$$D = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3)^t \mid -1 < x_i < 1, \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, 3\}.$$

and iterate starting with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0.1, 0.1, -0.1)^t$  until accuracy within  $10^{-5}$  in the  $l_{\infty}$  norm is obtained.

**Solution** Solving the *i*th equation for  $x_i$  gives the fixed-point problem

$$x_{1} = \frac{1}{3}\cos(x_{2}x_{3}) + \frac{1}{6},$$

$$x_{2} = \frac{1}{9}\sqrt{x_{1}^{2} + \sin x_{3} + 1.06} - 0.1,$$

$$x_{3} = -\frac{1}{20}e^{-x_{1}x_{2}} - \frac{10\pi - 3}{60}.$$
(10.4)

Let  $\mathbf{G}: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) = (g_1(\mathbf{x}), g_2(\mathbf{x}), g_3(\mathbf{x}))^t$ , where

$$g_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{1}{3}\cos(x_2x_3) + \frac{1}{6},$$

$$g_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{1}{9}\sqrt{x_1^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06} - 0.1,$$

$$g_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -\frac{1}{20}e^{-x_1x_2} - \frac{10\pi - 3}{60}.$$

Theorems 10.4 and 10.6 will be used to show that G has a unique fixed point in

$$D = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3)^t \mid -1 \le x_i \le 1, \text{ for each } i = 1, 2, 3 \}.$$

For  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^t$  in D,

$$|g_1(x_1, x_2, x_3)| \le \frac{1}{3} |\cos(x_2 x_3)| + \frac{1}{6} \le 0.50,$$

$$|g_2(x_1, x_2, x_3)| = \left| \frac{1}{9} \sqrt{x_1^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06} - 0.1 \right| \le \frac{1}{9} \sqrt{1 + \sin 1 + 1.06} - 0.1 < 0.09,$$

and

$$|g_3(x_1, x_2, x_3)| = \frac{1}{20}e^{-x_1x_2} + \frac{10\pi - 3}{60} \le \frac{1}{20}e + \frac{10\pi - 3}{60} < 0.61.$$

So we have, for each i = 1, 2, 3,

$$-1 \le g_i(x_1, x_2, x_3) \le 1.$$

Thus  $G(\mathbf{x}) \in D$  whenever  $\mathbf{x} \in D$ .

Finding bounds for the partial derivatives on D gives

$$\left| \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_1} \right| = 0, \quad \left| \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_2} \right| = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial x_3} \right| = 0,$$

as well as

$$\left| \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_2} \right| \le \frac{1}{3} |x_3| \cdot |\sin x_2 x_3| \le \frac{1}{3} \sin 1 < 0.281, \quad \left| \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_3} \right| \le \frac{1}{3} |x_2| \cdot |\sin x_2 x_3| \le \frac{1}{3} \sin 1 < 0.281, \\
\left| \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_1} \right| = \frac{|x_1|}{9\sqrt{x_1^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06}} < \frac{1}{9\sqrt{0.218}} < 0.238, \\
\left| \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_3} \right| = \frac{|\cos x_3|}{18\sqrt{x_1^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06}} < \frac{1}{18\sqrt{0.218}} < 0.119, \\
\left| \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial x_1} \right| = \frac{|x_2|}{20} e^{-x_1 x_2} \le \frac{1}{20} e < 0.14, \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial x_2} \right| = \frac{|x_1|}{20} e^{-x_1 x_2} \le \frac{1}{20} e < 0.14.$$

The partial derivatives of  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$ , and  $g_3$  are all bounded on D, so Theorem 10.4 implies that these functions are continuous on D. Consequently,  $\mathbf{G}$  is continuous on D. Moreover, for every  $\mathbf{x} \in D$ ,

$$\left| \frac{\partial g_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i} \right| \le 0.281$$
, for each  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3$ ,

and the condition in the second part of Theorem 10.6 holds with K = 3(0.281) = 0.843.

In the same manner it can also be shown that  $\partial g_i/\partial x_j$  is continuous on D for each i=1,2,3 and j=1,2,3. (This is considered in Exercise 3.) Consequently, **G** has a unique fixed point in D, and the nonlinear system has a solution in D.

Note that **G** having a unique fixed point in D does not imply that the solution to the original system is unique on this domain, because the solution for  $x_2$  in (10.4) involved the choice of the principal square root. Exercise 7(d) examines the situation that occurs if the negative square root is instead chosen in this step.

To approximate the fixed point **p**, we choose  $\mathbf{x}^{(\hat{0})} = (0.1, 0.1, -0.1)^t$ . The sequence of vectors generated by

$$\begin{split} x_1^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{3} \cos x_2^{(k-1)} x_3^{(k-1)} + \frac{1}{6}, \\ x_2^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{9} \sqrt{\left(x_1^{(k-1)}\right)^2 + \sin x_3^{(k-1)} + 1.06} - 0.1, \\ x_3^{(k)} &= -\frac{1}{20} e^{-x_1^{(k-1)} x_2^{(k-1)}} - \frac{10\pi - 3}{60} \end{split}$$

converges to the unique solution of the system in (10.4). The results in Table 10.1 were generated until

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\|_{\infty} < 10^{-5}.$$

**Table 10.1** 

k	$x_1^{(k)}$	$x_{2}^{(k)}$	$x_3^{(k)}$	$\left\ \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\right\ _{\infty}$
0	0.10000000	0.10000000	-0.10000000	
1	0.49998333	0.00944115	-0.52310127	0.423
2	0.49999593	0.00002557	-0.52336331	$9.4 \times 10^{-3}$
3	0.50000000	0.00001234	-0.52359814	$2.3 \times 10^{-4}$
4	0.50000000	0.00000003	-0.52359847	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$
5	0.50000000	0.00000002	-0.52359877	$3.1 \times 10^{-7}$

We could use the error bound (10.3) with K=0.843 in the previous example. This gives

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(5)} - \mathbf{p}\|_{\infty} \le \frac{(0.843)^5}{1 - 0.843}(0.423) < 1.15,$$

which does not indicate the true accuracy of  $\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$ . The actual solution is

$$\mathbf{p} = \left(0.5, 0, -\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^t \approx (0.5, 0, -0.5235987757)^t, \text{ so } \|\mathbf{x}^{(5)} - \mathbf{p}\|_{\infty} \le 2 \times 10^{-8}.$$

#### **Accelerating Convergence**

One way to accelerate convergence of the fixed-point iteration is to use the latest estimates  $x_1^{(k)},\ldots,x_{i-1}^{(k)}$  instead of  $x_1^{(k-1)},\ldots,x_{i-1}^{(k-1)}$  to compute  $x_i^{(k)}$ , as in the Gauss-Seidel method for linear systems. The component equations for the problem in the example then become

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{3} \cos \left( x_2^{(k-1)} x_3^{(k-1)} \right) + \frac{1}{6}, \\ x_2^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{9} \sqrt{\left( x_1^{(k)} \right)^2 + \sin x_3^{(k-1)} + 1.06} - 0.1, \\ x_3^{(k)} &= -\frac{1}{20} e^{-x_1^{(k)} x_2^{(k)}} - \frac{10\pi - 3}{60}. \end{aligned}$$

With  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0.1, 0.1, -0.1)^t$ , the results of these calculations are listed in Table 10.2.

**Table 10.2** 

k	$x_1^{(k)}$	$x_2^{(k)}$	$x_3^{(k)}$	$\ \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\ _{\infty}$
0	0.10000000	0.10000000	-0.10000000	
1	0.49998333	0.02222979	-0.52304613	0.423
2	0.49997747	0.00002815	-0.52359807	$2.2 \times 10^{-2}$
3	0.50000000	0.00000004	-0.52359877	$2.8 \times 10^{-5}$
4	0.50000000	0.00000000	-0.52359877	$3.8 \times 10^{-8}$

The iterate  $\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$  is accurate to within  $10^{-7}$  in the  $l_{\infty}$  norm; so the convergence was indeed accelerated for this problem by using the Gauss-Seidel method. However, this method does not *always* accelerate the convergence.

Maple provides the function *fsolve* to solve systems of equations. The fixed-point problem of Example 2 can be solved with the following commands:

$$g1 := x1 = \frac{1}{3}\cos(x_2x_3) + \frac{1}{6}$$
:  $g2 := x2 = \frac{1}{9}\sqrt{(x_1)^2 + \sin(x_3) + 1.06} - 0.1$ :  $g3 := x3 = -\frac{1}{20}e^{-x_1\cdot x_2} - \frac{10\pi - 3}{60}$ :  $fsolve(\{g1, g2, g3\}, \{x1, x2, x3\}, \{x1 = -1..1, x2 = -1..1, x3 = -1..1\})$ ;

The first three commands define the system, and the last command invokes the procedure *fsolve*. Maple displays the answer as

$$\{x1 = 0.5000000000, x2 = -2.079196195 \ 10^{-11}, x3 = -0.5235987758\}$$

In general, *fsolve(eqns,vars,options)* solves the system of equations represented by the parameter *eqns* for the variables represented by the parameter *vars* under optional parameters represented by *options*. Under *options* we specify a region in which the routine is required to search for a solution. This specification is not mandatory, and Maple determines its own search space if the options are omitted.

#### **EXERCISE SET 10.1**

**1.** Show that the function  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$\mathbf{F}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + 2x_3, x_1 \cos x_2, x_2^2 + x_3)^t$$

is a continuous at each point of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**2.** Give an example of a function  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  that is continuous at each point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , except at (1,0).

- **3.** Show that the first partial derivatives in Example 2 are continuous on *D*.
- **4.** The nonlinear system

$$-x_1(x_1+1) + 2x_2 = 18$$
,  $(x_1-1)^2 + (x_2-6)^2 = 25$ 

has two solutions.

- a. Approximate the solutions graphically.
- **b.** Use the approximations from part (a) as initial approximations for an appropriate function iteration, and determine the solutions to within  $10^{-5}$  in the  $l_{\infty}$  norm.
- 5. The nonlinear system

$$x_1^2 - 10x_1 + x_2^2 + 8 = 0$$
,  $x_1x_2^2 + x_1 - 10x_2 + 8 = 0$ 

can be transformed into the fixed-point problem

$$x_1 = g_1(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 8}{10}, \quad x_2 = g_1(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1 x_2^2 + x_1 + 8}{10}.$$

**a.** Use Theorem 10.6 to show that  $G = (g_1, g_2)^t$  mapping  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^2$  has a unique fixed point in

$$D = \{ (x_1, x_2)^t \mid 0 \le x_1, x_2 \le 1.5 \}.$$

- **b.** Apply functional iteration to approximate the solution.
- **c.** Does the Gauss-Seidel method accelerate convergence?
- **6.** The nonlinear system

$$5x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0$$
,  $x_2 - 0.25(\sin x_1 + \cos x_2) = 0$ 

has a solution near  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})^t$ .

- **a.** Find a function **G** and a set *D* in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that **G** :  $D \to \mathbb{R}^2$  and **G** has a unique fixed point in *D*
- **b.** Apply functional iteration to approximate the solution to within  $10^{-5}$  in the  $l_{\infty}$  norm.
- **c.** Does the Gauss-Seidel method accelerate convergence?
- 7. Use Theorem 10.6 to show that  $G: D \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  has a unique fixed point in D. Apply functional iteration to approximate the solution to within  $10^{-5}$ , using the  $l_{\infty}$  norm.

**a.** 
$$\mathbf{G}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \left(\frac{\cos(x_2 x_3) + 0.5}{3}, \frac{1}{25} \sqrt{x_1^2 + 0.3125} - 0.03, -\frac{1}{20} e^{-x_1 x_2} - \frac{10\pi - 3}{60}\right)^t;$$

$$D = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3)^t \mid -1 < x_i < 1, i = 1, 2, 3 \right\}$$

**b.** 
$$\mathbf{G}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \left(\frac{13 - x_2^2 + 4x_3}{15}, \frac{11 + x_3 - x_1^2}{10}, \frac{22 + x_2^3}{25}\right);$$

$$D = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3)^t \mid 0 \le x_1 \le 1.5, i = 1, 2, 3 \}$$

**c.** 
$$\mathbf{G}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (1 - \cos(x_1 x_2 x_3), 1 - (1 - x_1)^{1/4} - 0.05x_3^2 + 0.15x_3, x_1^2 + 0.1x_2^2 - 0.01x_2 + 1)^t;$$

$$D = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3)^t \mid -0.1 \le x_1 \le 0.1, -0.1 \le x_2 \le 0.3, 0.5 \le x_3 \le 1.1 \}$$

**d.** 
$$\mathbf{G}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\cos(x_2 x_3) + \frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{9}\sqrt{x_1^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06} - 0.1, -\frac{1}{20}e^{-x_1 x_2} - \frac{10\pi - 3}{60}\right)^t;$$

$$D = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3)^t \mid -1 \le x_i \le 1, i = 1, 2, 3 \right\}$$

8. Use functional iteration to find solutions to the following nonlinear systems, accurate to within  $10^{-5}$ , using the  $l_{\infty}$  norm.

**a.** 
$$x_2^2 + x_2^2 - x_1 = 0$$

$$x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_2 = 0.$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2 - 37 = 0,$$

$$x_1 - x_2^2 - 5 = 0,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 3 = 0.$$

**b.** 
$$3x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0$$
,

$$3x_1x_2^2 - x_1^3 - 1 = 0.$$

**d.** 
$$x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - x_2 - 2x_3 = 0$$
,

$$x_1^2 - 8x_2^2 + 10x_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{x_1^2}{7x_2x_3} - 1 = 0.$$

- 9. Use the Gauss-Seidel method to approximate the fixed points in Exercise 7 to within  $10^{-5}$ , using the  $l_{\infty}$  norm.
- **10.** Repeat Exercise 8 using the Gauss-Seidel method.
- 11. In Exercise 10 of Section 5.9, we considered the problem of predicting the population of two species that compete for the same food supply. In the problem, we made the assumption that the populations could be predicted by solving the system of equations

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} = x_1(t)(4 - 0.0003x_1(t) - 0.0004x_2(t))$$

and

$$\frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = x_2(t)(2 - 0.0002x_1(t) - 0.0001x_2(t)).$$

In this exercise, we would like to consider the problem of determining equilibrium populations of the two species. The mathematical criteria that must be satisfied in order for the populations to be at equilibrium is that, simultaneously,

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} = 0$$
 and  $\frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = 0$ .

This occurs when the first species is extinct and the second species has a population of 20,000 or when the second species is extinct and the first species has a population of 13,333. Can an equilibrium occur in any other situation?

**12.** Show that a function **F** mapping  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is continuous at  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in D$  precisely when, given any number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a number  $\delta > 0$  can be found with property that for any vector norm  $\|\cdot\|$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_0)\| < \varepsilon,$$

whenever  $\mathbf{x} \in D$  and  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\| < \delta$ .

13. Let A be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{F}$  be the function from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . Use the result in Exercise 12 to show that  $\mathbf{F}$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

#### 10.2 Newton's Method

The problem in Example 2 of Section 10.1 is transformed into a convergent fixed-point problem by algebraically solving the three equations for the three variables  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$ . It is, however, unusual to be able to find an explicit representation for all the variables. In this section, we consider an algorithmic procedure to perform the transformation in a more general situation.

To construct the algorithm that led to an appropriate fixed-point method in the onedimensional case, we found a function  $\phi$  with the property that

$$g(x) = x - \phi(x) f(x)$$

gives quadratic convergence to the fixed point p of the function g (see Section 2.4). From this condition Newton's method evolved by choosing  $\phi(x) = 1/f'(x)$ , assuming that  $f'(x) \neq 0$ .

A similar approach in the *n*-dimensional case involves a matrix

$$A(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}(\mathbf{x}) & a_{12}(\mathbf{x}) & \cdots & a_{1n}(\mathbf{x}) \\ a_{21}(\mathbf{x}) & a_{22}(\mathbf{x}) & \cdots & a_{2n}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1}(\mathbf{x}) & a_{n2}(\mathbf{x}) & \cdots & a_{nn}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix},$$
(10.5)

where each of the entries  $a_{ij}(\mathbf{x})$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . This requires that  $A(\mathbf{x})$  be found so that

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - A(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$$

gives quadratic convergence to the solution of F(x) = 0, assuming that A(x) is nonsingular at the fixed point p of G.

The following theorem parallels Theorem 2.8 on page 80. Its proof requires being able to express G in terms of its Taylor series in n variables about p.

#### **Theorem 10.7** Let **p** be a solution of G(x) = x. Suppose a number $\delta > 0$ exists with

- (i)  $\partial g_i/\partial x_j$  is continuous on  $N_\delta = \{ \mathbf{x} \mid ||\mathbf{x} \mathbf{p}|| < \delta \}$ , for each i = 1, 2, ..., n and j = 1, 2, ..., n;
- (ii)  $\partial^2 g_i(\mathbf{x})/(\partial x_j \partial x_k)$  is continuous, and  $|\partial^2 g_i(\mathbf{x})/(\partial x_j \partial x_k)| \le M$  for some constant M, whenever  $\mathbf{x} \in N_\delta$ , for each i = 1, 2, ..., n, j = 1, 2, ..., n, and k = 1, 2, ..., n;
- (iii)  $\partial g_i(\mathbf{p})/\partial x_k = 0$ , for each i = 1, 2, ..., n and k = 1, 2, ..., n.

Then a number  $\hat{\delta} \leq \delta$  exists such that the sequence generated by  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})$  converges quadratically to  $\mathbf{p}$  for any choice of  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ , provided that  $\|\mathbf{x}^{(0)} - \mathbf{p}\| < \hat{\delta}$ . Moreover,

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{p}\|_{\infty} \le \frac{n^2 M}{2} \|\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} - \mathbf{p}\|_{\infty}^2$$
, for each  $k \ge 1$ .

To apply Theorem 10.7, suppose that  $A(\mathbf{x})$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix of functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  in the form of Eq. (10.5), where the specific entries will be chosen later. Assume, moreover, that  $A(\mathbf{x})$  is nonsingular near a solution  $\mathbf{p}$  of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ , and let  $b_{ij}(\mathbf{x})$  denote the entry of  $A(\mathbf{x})^{-1}$  in the *i*th row and *j*th column.

For 
$$G(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - A(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$$
, we have  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) = x_i - \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) f_j(\mathbf{x})$ . So

$$\frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_k}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases}
1 - \sum_{j=1}^n \left( b_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_k}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\partial b_{ij}}{\partial x_k}(\mathbf{x}) f_j(\mathbf{x}) \right), & \text{if } i = k, \\
- \sum_{j=1}^n \left( b_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_k}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\partial b_{ij}}{\partial x_k}(\mathbf{x}) f_j(\mathbf{x}) \right), & \text{if } i \neq k.
\end{cases}$$

Theorem 10.7 implies that we need  $\partial g_i(\mathbf{p})/\partial x_k = 0$ , for each i = 1, 2, ..., n and k = 1, 2, ..., n. This means that for i = k,

$$0 = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{p}),$$

that is,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{p}) = 1.$$
 (10.6)

When  $k \neq i$ ,

$$0 = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} b_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_k}(\mathbf{p}),$$

so

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} b_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_k}(\mathbf{p}) = 0.$$
 (10.7)

#### The Jacobian Matrix

Define the matrix  $J(\mathbf{x})$  by

$$J(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(\mathbf{x}) & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}(\mathbf{x}) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}(\mathbf{x}) & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}(\mathbf{x}) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1}(\mathbf{x}) & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2}(\mathbf{x}) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n}(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (10.8)

Then conditions (10.6) and (10.7) require that

$$A(\mathbf{p})^{-1}J(\mathbf{p}) = I$$
, the identity matrix. so  $A(\mathbf{p}) = J(\mathbf{p})$ .

An appropriate choice for  $A(\mathbf{x})$  is, consequently,  $A(\mathbf{x}) = J(\mathbf{x})$  since this satisfies condition (iii) in Theorem 10.7. The function  $\mathbf{G}$  is defined by

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - J(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}).$$

and the functional iteration procedure evolves from selecting  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  and generating, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} - J(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}). \tag{10.9}$$

This is called **Newton's method for nonlinear systems**, and it is generally expected to give quadratic convergence, provided that a sufficiently accurate starting value is known and that  $J(\mathbf{p})^{-1}$  exists. The matrix  $J(\mathbf{x})$  is called the **Jacobian** matrix and has a number of applications in analysis. It might, in particular, be familiar to the reader due to its application in the multiple integration of a function of several variables over a region that requires a change of variables to be performed.

A weakness in Newton's method arises from the need to compute and invert the matrix  $J(\mathbf{x})$  at each step. In practice, explicit computation of  $J(\mathbf{x})^{-1}$  is avoided by performing the operation in a two-step manner. First, a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  is found that satisfies  $J(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})\mathbf{y} = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})$ . Then the new approximation,  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$ , is obtained by adding  $\mathbf{y}$  to  $\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ . Algorithm 10.1 uses this two-step procedure.

The Jacobian matrix first appeared in a 1815 paper by Cauchy, but Jacobi wrote *De determinantibus functionalibus* in 1841 and proved numerous results about this matrix.



#### **Newton's Method for Systems**

To approximate the solution of the nonlinear system  $F(x)=\mathbf{0}$  given an initial approximation x:

**INPUT** number *n* of equations and unknowns; initial approximation  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^t$ , tolerance TOL; maximum number of iterations N.

**OUTPUT** approximate solution  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^t$  or a message that the number of iterations was exceeded.

Step 1 Set k = 1.

**Step 2** While  $(k \le N)$  do Steps 3–7.

**Step 3** Calculate  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$  and  $J(\mathbf{x})$ , where  $J(\mathbf{x})_{i,j} = (\partial f_i(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_j)$  for  $1 \le i,j \le n$ .

**Step 4** Solve the  $n \times n$  linear system  $J(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{y} = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ .

Step 5 Set x = x + y.

Step 6 If ||y|| < TOL then OUTPUT (x);

(The procedure was successful.) STOP.

**Step 7** Set k = k + 1.

Step 8 OUTPUT ('Maximum number of iterations exceeded'); (The procedure was unsuccessful.) STOP.

#### **Example 1** The nonlinear system

$$3x_1 - \cos(x_2 x_3) - \frac{1}{2} = 0,$$
  
$$x_1^2 - 81(x_2 + 0.1)^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06 = 0,$$
  
$$e^{-x_1 x_2} + 20x_3 + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3} = 0$$

was shown in Example 2 of Section 10.1 to have the approximate solution  $(0.5, 0, -0.52359877)^t$ . Apply Newton's method to this problem with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0.1, 0.1, -0.1)^t$ .

**Solution** Define

$$\mathbf{F}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3), f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3), f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3))^t$$

where

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 3x_1 - \cos(x_2 x_3) - \frac{1}{2},$$
  

$$f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 - 81(x_2 + 0.1)^2 + \sin x_3 + 1.06,$$

and

$$f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = e^{-x_1 x_2} + 20x_3 + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3}.$$

The Jacobian matrix  $J(\mathbf{x})$  for this system is

$$J(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & x_3 \sin x_2 x_3 & x_2 \sin x_2 x_3 \\ 2x_1 & -162(x_2 + 0.1) & \cos x_3 \\ -x_2 e^{-x_1 x_2} & -x_1 e^{-x_1 x_2} & 20 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0.1, 0.1, -0.1)^t$ . Then  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}) = (-0.199995, -2.269833417, 8.462025346)^t$  and

$$J(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9.999833334 \times 10^{-4} & 9.999833334 \times 10^{-4} \\ 0.2 & -32.4 & 0.9950041653 \\ -0.09900498337 & -0.09900498337 & 20 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solving the linear system,  $J(\mathbf{x}^{(0)})\mathbf{y}^{(0)} = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(0)})$  gives

$$\mathbf{y}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3998696728 \\ -0.08053315147 \\ -0.4215204718 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(0)} + \mathbf{y}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4998696782 \\ 0.01946684853 \\ -0.5215204718 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Continuing for  $k = 2, 3, \ldots$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(k)} \\ x_2^{(k)} \\ x_3^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(k-1)} \\ x_2^{(k-1)} \\ x_3^{(k-1)} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k-1)} \\ y_2^{(k-1)} \\ y_3^{(k-1)} \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k-1)} \\ y_2^{(k-1)} \\ y_3^{(k-1)} \end{bmatrix} = -\left(J\left(x_1^{(k-1)}, x_2^{(k-1)}, x_3^{(k-1)}\right)\right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}\left(x_1^{(k-1)}, x_2^{(k-1)}, x_3^{(k-1)}\right).$$

Thus, at the kth step, the linear system  $J(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})\mathbf{y}^{(k-1)} = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})$  must be solved, where

$$\begin{split} J\left(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\right) &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & x_3^{(k-1)} \sin x_2^{(k-1)} x_3^{(k-1)} & x_2^{(k-1)} \sin x_2^{(k-1)} x_3^{(k-1)} \\ 2x_1^{(k-1)} & -162 \left(x_2^{(k-1)} + 0.1\right) & \cos x_3^{(k-1)} \\ -x_2^{(k-1)} e^{-x_1^{(k-1)} x_2^{(k-1)}} & -x_1^{(k-1)} e^{-x_1^{(k-1)} x_2^{(k-1)}} & 20 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{y}^{(k-1)} &= \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k-1)} \\ y_2^{(k-1)} \\ y_3^{(k-1)} \end{bmatrix}, \end{split}$$

and

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1^{(k-1)} - \cos x_2^{(k-1)}x_3^{(k-1)} - \frac{1}{2} \\ \left(x_1^{(k-1)}\right)^2 - 81\left(x_2^{(k-1)} + 0.1\right)^2 + \sin x_3^{(k-1)} + 1.06 \\ e^{-x_1^{(k-1)}x_2^{(k-1)}} + 20x_3^{(k-1)} + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The results using this iterative procedure are shown in Table 10.3.

**Table 10.3** 

k	$x_1^{(k)}$	$x_{2}^{(k)}$	$x_3^{(k)}$	$\ \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\ _{\infty}$
0	0.1000000000	0.1000000000	-0.1000000000	
1	0.4998696728	0.0194668485	-0.5215204718	0.4215204718
2	0.5000142403	0.0015885914	-0.5235569638	$1.788 \times 10^{-2}$
3	0.5000000113	0.0000124448	-0.5235984500	$1.576 \times 10^{-3}$
4	0.5000000000	$8.516 \times 10^{-10}$	-0.5235987755	$1.244 \times 10^{-5}$
5	0.5000000000	$-1.375 \times 10^{-11}$	-0.5235987756	$8.654 \times 10^{-10}$

The previous example illustrates that Newton's method can converge very rapidly once a good approximation is obtained that is near the true solution. However, it is not always easy to determine good starting values, and the method is comparatively expensive to employ. In the next section, we consider a method for overcoming the latter weakness. Good starting values can usually be found using the Steepest Descent method, which will be discussed in Section 10.4.

#### **Using Maple for Initial Approximations**

The graphing facilities of Maple can assist in finding initial approximations to the solutions of  $2 \times 2$  and often  $3 \times 3$  nonlinear systems. For example, the nonlinear system

$$x_1^2 - x_2^2 + 2x_2 = 0$$
,  $2x_1 + x_2^2 - 6 = 0$ 

has two solutions,  $(0.625204094, 2.179355825)^t$  and  $(2.109511920, -1.334532188)^t$ . To use Maple we first define the two equations

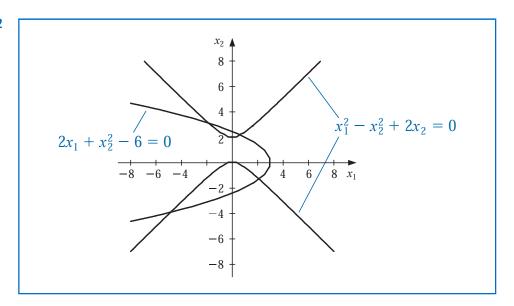
$$eq1 := x1^2 - x2^2 + 2x2 = 0; \ eq2 := 2x1 + x2^2 - 6 = 0;$$

To obtain a graph of the two equations for  $-3 \le x_1, x_2 \le 3$ , enter the commands

with(plots):  $implicitplot(\{eq1, eq2\}, x1 = -6..6, x2 = -6..6)$ ;

From the graph shown in Figure 10.2, we are able to estimate that there are solutions near  $(2.1, -1.3)^t$ ,  $(0.64, 2.2)^t$ ,  $(-1.9, 3.0)^t$ , and  $(-5.0, -4.0)^t$ . This gives us good starting values for Newton's method.

Figure 10.2



The problem is more difficult in three dimensions. Consider the nonlinear system

$$2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 - 4 = 0$$
,  $2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 4 = 0$ ,  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 4 = 0$ .

Define three equations using the Maple commands

$$eq1 := 2x1 - 3x2 + x3 - 4 = 0; eq2 := 2x1 + x2 - x3 + 4 = 0; eq3 := x1^2 + x2^2 + x3^2 - 4 = 0;$$

The third equation describes a sphere of radius 2 and center (0,0,0), so x1, x2, and x3 are in [-2, 2]. The Maple commands to obtain the graph in this case are

with(plots): 
$$implicitplot3d(\{eq1, eq2, eq3\}, x1 = -2..2, x2 = -2..2, x3 = -2..2);$$

Various three-dimensional plotting options are available in Maple for isolating a solution to the nonlinear system. For example, we can rotate the graph to better view the sections of the surfaces. Then we can zoom into regions where the intersections lie and alter the display form of the axes for a more accurate view of the intersection's coordinates. For this problem, a reasonable initial approximation is  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)^t = (-0.5, -1.5, 1.5)^t$ .

#### **EXERCISE SET 10.2**

1. Use Newton's method with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$  to compute  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$  for each of the following nonlinear

**a.** 
$$4x_1^2 - 20x_1 + \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 + 8 = 0,$$
  $\frac{1}{2}x_1x_2^2 + 2x_1 - 5x_2 + 8 = 0.$ 

$$\sin(4\pi x_1 x_2) - 2x_2 - x_1 = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x_1x_2^2 + 2x_1 - 5x_2 + 8 = 0.$$

$$\left(\frac{4\pi - 1}{4\pi}\right)(e^{2x_1} - e) + 4ex_2^2 - 2ex_1 = 0.$$

c. 
$$x_1(1-x_1) + 4x_2 = 12,$$
  
 $(x_1-2)^2 + (2x_2-3)^2 = 25.$ 

$$5x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0,$$
  
$$x_2 - 0.25(\sin x_1 + \cos x_2) = 0.$$

Use Newton's method with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$  to compute  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$  for each of the following nonlinear systems.

**a.** 
$$3x_1 - \cos(x_2x_3) - \frac{1}{2} = 0,$$
  
 $4x_1^2 - 625x_2^2 + 2x_2 - 1 = 0,$   
 $e^{-x_1x_2} + 20x_3 + \frac{10\pi - 3}{3} = 0.$ 

**b.** 
$$x_1^2 + x_2 - 37 = 0,$$
  
 $x_1 - x_2^2 - 5 = 0,$   
 $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 3 = 0.$ 

c. 
$$15x_1 + x_2^2 - 4x_3 = 13$$
,  
 $x_1^2 + 10x_2 - x_3 = 11$ ,  
 $x_2^3 - 25x_3 = -22$ .

**d.** 
$$10x_1 - 2x_2^2 + x_2 - 2x_3 - 5 = 0,$$
  
 $8x_2^2 + 4x_3^2 - 9 = 0,$   
 $8x_2x_3 + 4 = 0.$ 

Use the graphing facilities of Maple to approximate solutions to the following nonlinear

**a.** 
$$4x_1^2 - 20x_1 + \frac{1}{4}x_2^2 + 8 = 0,$$
  
 $\frac{1}{2}x_1x_2^2 + 2x_1 - 5x_2 + 8 = 0.$ 

**b.** 
$$\sin(4\pi x_1 x_2) - 2x_2 - x_1 = 0,$$

$$\left(\frac{4\pi - 1}{4\pi}\right) (e^{2x_1} - e) + 4ex_2^2 - 2ex_1 = 0.$$

c. 
$$x_1(1-x_1) + 4x_2 = 12$$
,  
 $(x_1-2)^2 + (2x_2-3)^2 = 25$ .

**d.** 
$$5x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0$$
,  $x_2 - 0.25(\sin x_1 + \cos x_2) = 0$ .

Use the graphing facilities of Maple to approximate solutions to the following nonlinear systems within the given limits.