



# Optimization

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# Chapter Two



# Line Search

## Lecture 4

## 4: Fibonacci Method:

### Definition (14): (Fibonacci - Sequence)

The Fibonacci – sequence  $\{F_k\}$  is defined as follows:

$$F_0 = F_1 = 1, \quad F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (13)$$

Thus the Fibonacci numbers are 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, ...

If we use  $\frac{F_{n-k}}{F_{n-k+1}}$  instead of  $\tau$  in (6) and (4) in golden section method, we immediately obtain the formula

$$\lambda_k = a_k + \left[ 1 - \frac{F_{n-k}}{F_{n-k+1}} \right] (b_k - a_k)$$

$$\lambda_k = a_k + \left[ \frac{F_{n-k+1} - F_{n-k}}{F_{n-k+1}} \right] (b_k - a_k)$$

$$\lambda_k = a_k + \frac{F_{n-k-1}}{F_{n-k+1}} (b_k - a_k), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (14)$$

$$\mu_k = a_k + \frac{F_{n-k}}{F_{n-k+1}} (b_k - a_k), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (15)$$

Which is called the Fibonacci Formula.



As stated in the last section (Golden Search Method), in Case 1, if  $\Phi(\lambda_k) \leq \Phi(\mu_k)$ , the new interval of uncertainty is

$[a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}] = [a_k, \mu_k]$ , so

$b_{k+1} - a_{k+1} = \mu_k - a_k$ . From (15), we have

$$\mu_k - a_k = \frac{F_{n-k}}{F_{n-k+1}} (b_k - a_k). \text{ Hence}$$

$$b_{k+1} - a_{k+1} = \frac{F_{n-k}}{F_{n-k+1}} (b_k - a_k) \dots \dots \dots (16)$$

Which give a reduction in each iteration. This is also true for Case 2.

Assume that we ask for the length of final interval no more than  $\delta$ , i. e.  $b_n - a_n \leq \delta$ .





If we put  $k + 1 = n$  in (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_n - a_n &= \frac{F_1}{F_2} (b_{n-1} - a_{n-1}) \\ &= \frac{F_1}{F_2} \frac{F_2}{F_3} \frac{F_3}{F_4} \dots \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n} (b_1 - a_1) = \frac{F_1}{F_n} (b_1 - a_1) = \frac{1}{F_n} (b_1 - a_1) \\ \therefore b_n - a_n &= \frac{1}{F_n} (b_1 - a_1) \dots \dots \dots (17) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b_n - a_n \leq \delta$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{F_n} (b_1 - a_1) \leq \delta$$

$$\therefore F_n \geq \frac{b_1 - a_1}{\delta} \dots \dots \dots (18)$$

The procedure of the Fibonacci method is similar to the Algorithm of Golden Section Method (Algorithm 2).

Let  $F_k = r^k$ . Since  $F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\therefore r^{k+1} = r^k + r^{k-1} \rightarrow r^k r = r^k + r^k r^{-1} \rightarrow r^k r - r^k - r^k r^{-1} = 0 \rightarrow r^k (r - 1 - r^{-1}) = 0.$$

Since  $r^k \neq 0$  (*properties of the exponential function*)

$$\therefore r - 1 - r^{-1} = 0 \rightarrow r^2 - r - 1 = 0 \dots \dots \dots (19)$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \dots \dots \dots (20)$$

Then the general solution of the difference equation  $F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1}$  is

$$F_k = Ar_1^k + Br_2^k \dots \dots \dots (21)$$

Using the initial conditions  $F_0 = F_1 = 1$ , we get

$$A + B = 1 \dots \dots \dots (*)$$

$$Ar_1 + Br_2 = 1 \dots \dots \dots (**)$$

Now, we solve the above two equations to find  $A$  and  $B$ .

Multiply the equation (\*) by  $r_1$ , we get

$$Ar_1 + Br_1 = r_1 \dots \dots \dots (***)$$



Now, the difference between the equations (\*\*\*) and (\*\*), we get

$$B = \frac{r_1 - 1}{r_1 - r_2}. \text{ Since } r_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ and } r_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \rightarrow r_1 - r_2 = \sqrt{5} \text{ and}$$

$$r_1 - 1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} - 1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5} - 2}{2} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} = -\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} = -r_2.$$

$\therefore B = -\frac{r_2}{\sqrt{5}}$ . From the equation (\*), we have

$$A = 1 - B = 1 - \left(-\frac{r_2}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = 1 + \frac{r_2}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{5} + r_2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{\sqrt{5} + \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\frac{2\sqrt{5} + 1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{r_1}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

Substituting the values of  $A$  and  $B$  in the equation (21), we get

$$F_k = Ar_1^k + Br_2^k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} [r_1^{k+1} - r_2^{k+1}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k+1} - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right] \quad (22)$$



## Theorem (6):

$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{k-1}}{F_k} = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} = \tau$ , where  $\tau$  is given in Golden Section Method.

### Proof:

Since  $F_{k+1} = F_k + F_{k-1}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\therefore F_{k-1} = F_{k+1} - F_k \rightarrow \frac{F_{k-1}}{F_k} = \frac{F_{k+1} - F_k}{F_k} = \frac{F_{k+1}}{F_k} - 1.$$

Let  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{k-1}}{F_k} = L > 0$ .

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\frac{F_{k-1}}{F_k}} = \frac{F_k}{F_{k-1}} = \frac{F_{k+1}}{F_k}.$$

$\therefore$  We can write  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{k+1}}{F_k} = \frac{1}{L}$

$$\therefore \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{k-1}}{F_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{k+1}}{F_k} - 1.$$

$$\therefore L = \frac{1}{L} - 1 \rightarrow L^2 + L - 1 = 0 \rightarrow L = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{k-1}}{F_k} = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} = \tau \text{ (Since } L > 0 \text{)}.$$





## Note (14):

**Theorem (6) shows that when  $k \rightarrow \infty$  the Fibonacci method and the golden section method have the same reduction rate of the interval of uncertainty. Therefore the Fibonacci method converges with converges ratio  $\tau$  .**



## Algorithm (3): (Fibonacci Method)

### Step 1:

Let initial interval  $[a_1, b_1]$  be given and the number of function evaluations  $N - 1$ , ( $N \geq 3$ ) be preset.

### Step 2:

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots, N - 2$ , compute

$x_1^k = \frac{F_{N-k-1}}{F_{N-k+1}} [b_k - a_k] + a_k$  and  $x_2^k = \frac{F_{N-k}}{F_{N-k+1}} [b_k - a_k] + a_k$ . Then calculate  $f(x_1^k)$  and  $f(x_2^k)$ .

### Step 3:

If  $f(x_2^k) > f(x_1^k)$ , set  $a_{k+1} = a_k$ ,  $b_{k+1} = x_2^k$ , and go to step 5.

Otherwise go to step 4.

### Step 4:

If  $f(x_2^k) \leq f(x_1^k)$ , set  $a_{k+1} = x_1^k$ ,  $b_{k+1} = b_k$ , and go to step 5.

### Step 5:

If  $k = N - 2$ , stop and determine the required interval is  $[a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}]$ .

Otherwise go to step 2.



## H.W.

Use the Fibonacci method to find the location of the minimizer for the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2} & \text{for } x \leq 2 \\ -x + 3 & \text{for } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Use the initial interval  $[0, 3]$  and  $N = 6$ .

