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A BOUND ON THE MULTIPLICATION EFFICIENCY
OF ITERATION

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ABSTRACT

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Let P_M denote the maximal order for a sequence generated by an iteration with M multiplications. Then $P_M \leq 2^M$ for all positive integer M . Moreover this bound is sharp.

I. INTRODUCTION

For a convergent sequence $\{x_i\}$ generated by $x_{i+1} = \varphi(x_i, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_{i-d+1})$, define the multiplication efficiency measure E to be $\frac{\log_2 p}{M}$, where p is the order of convergence, and M is the number of multiplications or divisions needed to compute φ . In [1] Paterson showed that if

- (i) φ is a rational function,
- (ii) $d = 1$,
- (iii) $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i$ is an algebraic number, and
- (iv) φ has rational coefficients,

then $E \leq 1$. In this note we show $E \leq 1$ removing all these restrictions except (i). Since condition (i) is not a restriction for a computer algorithm, this is a very general result. In particular, we shall show that $E = 1$ for the sequence $\{x_i\}$ defined by $x_{i+1} = x_i^2 + x_i - \frac{1}{4}$ with the limit $-\frac{1}{2}$. Hence our bound on E is sharp.

Let P_M denote the maximal order for a sequence generated by an iteration with M multiplications. Since $E \leq 1$, it follows that $P_M \leq 2^M$ for all positive integer M . Moreover, we shall show that this bound is sharp.

Paterson used results from approximation by rational numbers to obtain his result, while we use a completely different approach here. With the technique we use here, the case $d = 1$ would be very easy to prove. We show that a rational iteration function which generates a p^{th} order convergent sequence must have degree (degree will be defined below) $\geq p$, and therefore must employ at least $\lceil \log_2 p \rceil$ multiplications or divisions (except by constants). Hence, $E = \frac{\log_2 p}{M} \leq 1$.

The result belongs to analytic computational complexity which deals with optimality theory of analytic processes [2].

II. NOTATION

We work over the field of real numbers or the field of complex numbers. Let $\{x_i\}$ be any convergent sequence with limit α , and $x_i \neq \alpha$ for all i . Denote $e_i = |x_i - \alpha|$ for all i .

Definition 1: (Order) The sequence $\{x_i\}$ has an order $p > 1$ (or $\{x_i\}$ is a p^{th} order sequence) iff $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_{i+1}}{e_i^{p-\epsilon}} = 0$ and $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_{i+1}}{e_i^{p+\epsilon}} \neq 0$ for any $\epsilon > 0$.

From the above definition, it is easy to see that if $\{x_i\}$ has order p , then

$$(2.1) \quad p = \sup\{r \mid \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_{i+1}}{e_i^r} = 0\}, \text{ and}$$

$$(2.2) \quad \text{for any fixed positive integer } n, \{x_{in}\}_{i=0}^{\infty} \text{ has order } p^n.$$

It should be noted that in our proofs the only properties of order needed are (2.1) and (2.2), although (2.1) has been used as a definition of order by many people. Definition 1 is the weakest definition on order we have found which enjoys both properties (2.1) and (2.2).

For each number α , we define a class $F(\alpha)$ of convergent sequences with the same limit α as follows: $\{x_i\} \in F(\alpha)$ iff

- (i) $x_i \neq \alpha$ for all but finitely many i
- (ii) $\{x_i\}$ has an order $p > 1$
- (iii) $x_{i+1} = \alpha(x_i, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_{i-d+1})$ for all i , for some multivariate rational expression $\alpha(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ of d variables,

say, $\varphi(y_1, \dots, y_d) = \frac{\varphi_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)}{\varphi_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)}$, where $\varphi_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ and $\varphi_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ are two relatively prime multivariate polynomials of d variables y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d . We say that $\{x_i\}$ is generated by the rational iteration φ . For examples of these φ 's, see [3].

Consider a sequence in $F(\alpha)$ generated by φ . For the purpose of this note, we assume the cost in generating the sequence to be the number of multiplications or divisions needed to compute φ at each stage. Then it is natural to give the following definition about the measure of efficiency.

Definition 2: (Multiplication Efficiency) The multiplication efficiency E of a sequence in $F(\alpha)$ generated by φ is defined to be $\frac{\log_2 p}{M}$ where p is the order of the sequence and M is the number of multiplications or divisions needed to compute φ , after doing any preconditioning of coefficients (i.e., preconditioning is not counted).

Definition 3: (Optimality) A sequence in $F(\alpha)$ is called optimal if it has the largest multiplication efficiency among all sequences in $F(\alpha)$.

From (2.2) we can check that a very desirable property holds, namely, for any fixed positive integer n , $\{x_i\}$ and $\{x_{in}\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$ have the same multiplication efficiency. In fact, this invariance under composition property implies that any efficiency measure must be a strictly monotonic function of E [4]. Therefore, as far as optimality is concerned, it makes no difference if E or any other possible efficiency measure is used. For instance, the efficiency measure $p^{\frac{1}{M}}$ will give the same answer in optimality problems as E will, since it is a strictly monotonic function of E .

Definition 4: (Degree) Let $\varphi(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d) = \frac{\varphi_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)}{\varphi_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)}$ be a multivariate rational expression, where $\varphi_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ and $\varphi_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ are two relatively prime multivariate polynomials. If $D(\varphi_i)$ is the degree of $\varphi_i(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ for $i = 1, 2$, then the degree $D(\varphi)$ of $\varphi(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ is defined to be $\max(D(\varphi_1), D(\varphi_2))$.

III. PRELIMINARY LEMMA

For each positive integer d , we define an order ($>$) on the set $I_d = \{(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_d) \mid j_i \text{ is a non-negative integer for } i = 1, 2, \dots, d\}$ as follows: for $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_d), (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_d) \in I_d$, $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_d) > (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_d)$ iff there exists $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ such that $j_k > l_k$ and $j_i = l_i$ for $i < k$.

Lemma 1: For any number α , let $\{x_i\}$ be any p^{th} order sequence in $F(\alpha)$ generated by φ , and let $e_i = |x_i - \alpha|$ for all i . Suppose that φ has d variables. Then we have the following:

(i) if $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_d) \in I_d$ with $\sum_{i=1}^d j_i < p$,

$$\text{then } \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i^{p-\epsilon}}{e_i^{j_1} e_{i-1}^{j_2} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}} = 0, \text{ for } \epsilon > 0 \text{ and}$$

sufficiently small, and

(ii) if $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_d), (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_d) \in I_d$

with $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_d) > (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_d)$

and $\sum_{i=1}^d l_i < p$, then

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i^{j_1} e_{i-1}^{j_2} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}}{e_i^{l_1} e_{i-1}^{l_2} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}} = 0.$$

Proof:

(i) Choose ϵ such that $0 < \epsilon < p - \sum_{i=1}^d j_i$ and $0 < \epsilon < p - 1$. Then

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i}{e_{i-1}} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i}{e_{i-1}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot e_{i-1}^{p-\epsilon-1} = 0, \text{ and then}$$

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i}{e_{i-2}} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i}{e_{i-1}} \cdot \frac{e_{i-1}}{e_{i-2}} = 0.$$

In general, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i}{e_{i-k}} = 0$ for any positive integer k . Hence,

$$0 \leq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i^{p-\epsilon}}{e_i^{j_1} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}} \leq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_i^{\sum_{i=1}^d j_i}}{e_i^{j_1} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{e_i}{e_i} \right)^{j_1} \cdots \left(\frac{e_i}{e_{i-d+1}} \right)^{j_d} = 0.$$

(ii) Choose ϵ such that $0 < \epsilon < p - \sum_{i=1}^d l_i$. Let $Q_i = \frac{e_i^{j_1} e_{i-1}^{j_2} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}}{e_i^{l_1} e_{i-1}^{l_2} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}}$.

Suppose that $j_k > l_k$ and $j_i = l_i$ for $i < k$. Then when i is so large that $e_i < 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_i &= e_{i-k+1}^{j_k - l_k} \cdot \frac{e_{i-k}^{j_{k+1}} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}}{e_{i-k}^{l_{k+1}} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}} \\ &\leq e_{i-k+1} \cdot \frac{e_{i-k}^{j_{k+1}} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}}{e_{i-k}^{l_{k+1}} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}} \\ &= \frac{e_{i-k+1}}{e_{i-k}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot e_{i-k}^{(p-\epsilon+j_{k+1}-l_{k+1})} \cdot \frac{e_{i-k-1}^{j_{k+2}} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}}{e_{i-k-1}^{l_{k+2}} \cdots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}} \end{aligned}$$

Case 1, $p - \epsilon + j_{k+i} - l_{k+i} \geq 1$ for $k+i = k+1, \dots, d$. Repeating the above procedure, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_i &\leq \frac{e_{i-k+1}}{e_{i-k}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot e_{i-k} \cdot \frac{e_{i-k-1}^{j_{k+2}} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}}{e_{i-k-1}^{l_{k+2}} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}} \\
 &= \frac{e_{i-k+1}}{e_{i-k}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot \frac{e_{i-k}}{e_{i-k-1}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot e_{i-k-1}^{(p-\epsilon+j_{k+2}-l_{k+2})} \\
 &\quad \cdot \frac{e_{i-k-2}^{j_{k+3}} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}}{e_{i-k-2}^{l_{k+3}} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}} \\
 &\leq \dots \leq \frac{e_{i-k+1}}{e_{i-k}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot \frac{e_{i-k}}{e_{i-k-1}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{e_{i-d+2}}{e_{i-d+1}^{p-\epsilon}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 2, $p-\epsilon+j_{k+n}-l_{k+n} < 1$ and $p-\epsilon+j_{k+i}-l_{k+i} \geq 1$ for $k+i = k+1, \dots, k+n-1$ for some n with $k+n-1 < d$. Since $p-\epsilon-l_{k+n} > 0$, $j_{k+n} < \frac{p-\epsilon+j_{k+n}-l_{k+n}}{d} < 1$. Hence we must have $j_{k+n} = 0$. Consequently, $1 > p-\epsilon-l_{k+n} > \sum_{i=1}^d l_i - l_{k+n}$. This implies that $l_i = 0$ for all i except $i = k+n$. Then

$$Q_i \leq \frac{e_{i-k+1}}{e_{i-k}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{e_{i-k-n+2}}{e_{i-k-n+1}^{p-\epsilon}} \cdot e_{i-k-n+1}^{p-\epsilon+j_{k+n}-l_{k+n}} \cdot e_{i-k-n}^{j_{k+n+1}} \cdot \dots \cdot e_{i-d+1}^{j_d}.$$

Note that $p-\epsilon+j_{k+n}-l_{k+n} > 0$. Therefore, in both cases, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} Q_i = 0$. ■

IV. MAIN RESULT

Theorem 1: For any number α , let $\{x_i\}$ be any p^{th} order sequence generated by φ . Then $D(\varphi) \geq p$.

Proof: Write

$$(4.1) \quad \varphi_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d) - \alpha \varphi_2(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d) \\ = \sum_{(j_1, \dots, j_d) \in I_d} C(j_1, \dots, j_d) (y_1^{-\alpha})^{j_1} \dots (y_d^{-\alpha})^{j_d}$$

for constants $C(j_1, \dots, j_d)$. Suppose that $D(\varphi) < p$. Then $C(j_1, \dots, j_d) = 0$ for all $(j_1, \dots, j_d) \in I_d$ with $\sum_{i=1}^d j_i \geq p$: Moreover, we shall use induction to show that $C(j_1, \dots, j_d) = 0$ for all (j_1, \dots, j_d) with $\sum_{i=1}^d j_i < p$. Note that

for $\epsilon > 0$,

$$0 = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x_{i+1} - \alpha|}{|x_i - \alpha|^{p-\epsilon}} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\varphi(x_i, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_{i-d+1}) - \alpha|}{|x_i - \alpha|^{p-\epsilon}}$$

Then, by (4.1), we have

$$(4.2) \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left| \sum_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_d < p} C(j_1, \dots, j_d) (x_i^{-\alpha})^{j_1} \dots (x_{i-d+1}^{-\alpha})^{j_d} \right|}{e_i^{p-\epsilon}} = 0.$$

Since $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} e_k = 0$ for $k=i, \dots, i-d+1$, from (4.2) it follows that $C(0, \dots, 0) = 0$.

Suppose that $C(j_1, \dots, j_d) = 0$ whenever $(j_1, \dots, j_d) < (l_1, \dots, l_d)$ for some $(l_1, \dots, l_d) \in I_d$ with $\sum_{i=1}^d l_i < p$. (4.2) may be written as

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left| \sum_{(j_1, \dots, j_d) \geq (l_1, \dots, l_d)} C(j_1, \dots, j_d) \frac{(x_i^{-\alpha})^{j_1} \dots (x_{i-d+1}^{-\alpha})^{j_d}}{e_i^{l_1} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}} \right|}{e_i^{p-\epsilon} \frac{e_i^{l_1} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}}{e_i^{l_1} \dots e_{i-d+1}^{l_d}}} = 0.$$

Using Lemma 1 for sufficiently small ϵ , we must have $C(l_1, \dots, l_d) = 0$. This completes the induction proof.

Hence $C(j_1, \dots, j_d) = 0$ for all $(j_1, \dots, j_d) \in I_d$.

From (4.1), $\varphi_1(y_1, \dots, y_d) - \alpha \varphi_2(y_1, \dots, y_d) \equiv 0$.

Hence $\varphi(y_1, \dots, y_d) \equiv \alpha$. This is a contradiction.

Hence, $D(\varphi) \geq p$. ■

Theorem 2: If $\varphi(y_1, \dots, y_d)$ is a multivariate rational expression and \bar{M} is the number of multiplications or divisions (except by constants) needed to compute $\varphi(y_1, \dots, y_d)$, then $\bar{M} \geq \log_2 D(\varphi)$.

Proof: Observe that we compute $\varphi(y_1, \dots, y_d)$ through a sequence of arithmetic operations. Let $R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d)$ be the result immediately following the i^{th} multiplication or division (except by constants) for $i=1, 2, \dots, \bar{M}$. Let $R_0(y_1, \dots, y_d)$ be one of y_1, \dots, y_d . Observe that we have either

$$(4.3) \quad R_{n+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d) = \left(\sum_{i=0}^n M_{i,n+1} R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + A_{n+1} \right) \\ \times \left(\sum_{i=1}^n N_{i,n+1} R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + B_{n+1} \right), \text{ or}$$

$$(4.4) \quad R_{n+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d) = \left(\sum_{i=0}^n M_{i,n+1} R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + A_{n+1} \right)$$

$$\div \left(\sum_{i=1}^n N_{i,n+1} R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + B_{n+1} \right)$$

where $M_{i,n+1}$, $N_{i,n+1}$, A_{n+1} , B_{n+1} are many numbers, for $n=0,1,\dots,\bar{M}-1$.

We claim that, for $n=1,2,\dots,\bar{M}$, the following is true. For any numbers k_0, \dots, k_n , C , we have

$$(4.5) \quad \sum_{i=0}^n k_i R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + C = \frac{P_n(y_1, \dots, y_d; k_0, \dots, k_n, C)}{Q_n(y_1, \dots, y_d)}$$

where $P_n(y_1, \dots, y_d; k_0, \dots, k_n, C)$ is a multivariate polynomial depending on k_0, k_1, \dots, k_n , C and $Q_n(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$ is a multivariate polynomial independent of k_0, k_1, \dots, k_n , C ; moreover, both polynomials have degrees $\leq 2^n$. We prove it by induction. It is clear that (4.5) is true for $n = 1$. Suppose that (4.5) is true for all $n \leq N$ for some $N < \bar{M}$. Suppose that (4.3) is true for $n = N$. Then by (4.5) for $n = N$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{N+1} k_i R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + C &= k_{N+1} R_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d) + \sum_{i=0}^N k_i R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + C \\ &= k_{N+1} \left(\sum_{i=0}^N M_{i,N+1} R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + A_{N+1} \right) \times \left(\sum_{i=1}^N N_{i,N+1} R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + B_{N+1} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^N k_i R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + C = \frac{P_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d; k_0, \dots, k_N, C)}{Q_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d)} \end{aligned}$$

where $P_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d; k_0, \dots, k_N, C) = k_{N+1} P_N(y_1, \dots, y_d; M_{0,N+1}, \dots, M_{N,N+1}, A_{N+1})$
 $\cdot P_N(y_1, \dots, y_d; N_{0,N+1}, \dots, N_{N,N+1}, B_{N+1}) + P_N(y_1, \dots, y_d; k_0, \dots, k_N, C) Q_N(y_1, \dots, y_d)$,

and $Q_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d) = Q_N(y_1, \dots, y_d)^2$. Then by the induction hypothesis, we

have that $\sum_{i=0}^{N+1} k_i R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + C$ has degree $\leq 2^{N+1}$.

Similarly, from (4.4) we also have that $\sum_{i=0}^{N+1} k_i R_i(y_1, \dots, y_d) + C$ has the

form $\frac{P_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d; k_0, \dots, k_N, C)}{Q_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d)}$ with degree $\leq 2^{N+1}$ for some

$P_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d; k_0, \dots, k_N, C)$ and $Q_{N+1}(y_1, \dots, y_d)$.

Hence, both cases imply that (4.5) is true for $n = N+1$. This completes the induction. Therefore, for any numbers k_0, \dots, k_n, C , the degree of

$\sum_{i=0}^n k_i R_i + C$ will not reach $D(\varphi)$ until $n \geq \log_2 D(\varphi)$. This implies that

$\bar{M} \geq \log_2 D(\varphi)$. This completes the proof. ■

Note that $M \geq \bar{M}$, since preconditioning is only performed on constant coefficients. Thus, by Theorem 1, $M \geq \bar{M} \geq \log_2 D(\varphi) \geq \log_2 p$. Therefore, we have the following

MAIN RESULT: $E = \frac{\log_2 p}{M} \leq 1.$

Now consider the sequence generated by $\psi(x) = x^2 + x - \frac{1}{4}$ with the limit $-1/2$. Since $\psi'(-1/2) = 0$ and $\psi''(-1/2) \neq 0$, we can easily show that this sequence has order 2. Obviously $M=1$ for this sequence. Thus $E = \frac{\log_2 2}{1} = 1$. Similarly, $E=1$ for the second order sequence generated by $\Gamma(x) = \frac{1}{x} + x - 1$ with the limit 1. Either example shows that our bound on E is sharp. Moreover, we have the following interesting result.

Let P_M denote the maximal order for a sequence generated by an iteration with M multiplications. From our main result, we have the following

Corollary: $P_M \leq 2^M$ for all positive integer M . Moreover this bound is sharp.

Proof: Let ψ_M be the composition of ψ with itself M times where $\psi(x) = x^2 + x - \frac{1}{4}$ as before. Then the sequence generated by ψ_M has order 2^M and ψ_M employs M

multiplications. Hence for each M the maximal order is achieved by the sequence generated by \downarrow_M . ■

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