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Analisi matematica. — *On the convergence of approximate iterations for an abstract equation.* Nota di TADEUSZ JANKOWSKI, presentata (*) dal Socio G. SANSONE.

RIASSUNTO. — In questa Nota si studiano soluzioni approssimanti di una soluzione dell'equazione astratta $x = f(x)$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Many Authors have been interested in the solution of an abstract equation

$$(1) \quad x = f(x).$$

The most simple approximate solutions of this equation are the simple iterations $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$ (see [3]–[8]). Because of the rounding error or error in the evaluation of f , in place of the sequence $\{x_n\}$ another sequence $\{x_n^*\}$ is produced (for a more detailed discussion of this problem see [5]).

The sequence $\{x_n^*\}$ may be generated in a variety of ways. In papers [3]–[5], [7] it was considered the convergence problem for a sequence $\{x_n^*\}$ such that

$$\rho(x_{n+1}^*, f(x_n^*)) \searrow 0,$$

where the ρ has the properties of a metric. The approximate iterations x_n^* can be also of the form

$$x_{n+1}^* = f_n(x_n^*), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

(see [3]–[5], [7]), or

$$(2) \quad x_n^* = f_n(x_n^*), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

(see [1], [3]–[5], [8]), or of similar form (see [2]–[5]) where f_n is convergent to f .

In this paper we give conditions under which the sequence (2) and

$$g_n = h_n(g_n, g_{n-1}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

are convergent to the solution of Eq. (1). There are estimations better than the known ones.

2. PRELIMINARIES AND LEMMAS

Let G denote a partially ordered set (an ordering relation is denoted by $<$; we write $u \leq v$ iff $u < v$ or $u = v$); there exists in G an element o such that $o \leq u$ for any $u \in G$. Moreover, a relation $u + v$ is defined in G

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and for any non-increasing sequence $\{u_n\} \subset G$ there exists a unique element $u \in G$ called the limit of the sequence $\{u_n\}$ and we write $u = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n$ or $u_n \searrow u$ (the precise definition of the set G is in [6] or [4] or [2]).

Suppose that

Assumption H_1 . The function $a: \Delta \rightarrow G$, $\Delta \subset G$ is non-decreasing and such that:

- 1) $0 \in \Delta$ and if $k \in \Delta$, then $u \in \Delta$ for any $u \leq k$;
- 2) if $u_n \in \Delta$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, and $u_n \searrow u$ then $a(u_n) \searrow a(u)$;
- 3) $u = 0$ is the only solution in Δ of the equation $u = a(u)$.

We state the following

LEMMA 1 (see [4]). *If Assumption H_1 is fulfilled, the sequence $\{\delta_n\} \subset G$ is convergent to the element 0 and there exists $b \in \Delta$ such that $\delta_0 + a(b) \leq b$, then for the sequence $\{z_n\}$ of the form*

$$z_0 = b, \quad z_{n+1} = \delta_n + a(z_n), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

we have $z_n \searrow 0$.

By induction we can prove the following

LEMMA 2. *Suppose that Assumption H_1 is fulfilled for the function $d: \Delta \times \Delta \rightarrow G$, and that the sequence $\{c_n\} \subset G$ is such that $c_n \searrow 0$. Moreover let the elements u_0 and u_1 of the sequence $\{u_n\}$ be such that $u_1 \leq u_0$ and $c_1 + d(u_1, u_0) \leq u_1$ and $u_{n+1} = c_n + d(u_n, u_{n-1})$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$.*

Then we have $u_{n+1} \leq u_n$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, and $u_n \searrow 0$.

Proof. We have $u_2 = c_1 + d(u_1, u_0) \leq u_1 \leq u_0$. By induction we get $u_{n+1} \leq u_n$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$. According to Assumption H_1 we obtain the assertion of the lemma.

Remark 1. It is easy to see that the assertion of Lemma 2 remains true if there exists $b \in \Delta$ such that $c_1 + d(b, b) \leq b$ and $u_1 = u_0 = b$.

3. THE MAIN SPACE R

Let R denote an abstract space such that for some sequences $\{x_n\} \subset R$ there exists a uniquely determined limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x \in R$. Moreover, for any $x^* \in R$ and $b \in G$ the sphere $S(x^*, b) = [x \in R, \rho(x, x^*) \leq b]$ is a closed set where the function $\rho: R \times R \rightarrow G$ has the property of a metric. The space R is complete in the following sense: if $\{c_n\} \subset G$, $c_n \searrow 0$ and for $\{x_n\} \subset R$ the Cauchy condition $\rho(x_n, x_{n+m}) \leq c_n$, $n, m = 0, 1, \dots$, is satisfied, then there exists a limit $y \in R$ of sequence $\{x_n\}$ (see also [4] and [6] or [2]).

Assumption H_2 . The function $f: S(x^*, b) \rightarrow R$, $x^* \in R$, $b \in \Delta$ has the property:

- 1) for any $x, y \in S(x^*, b)$ we have

$$\rho(f(x), f(y)) \leq a(\rho(x, y)),$$

where the function a satisfies Assumption H_1 and $b + b \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} 2b \in \Delta$,

2) there exists a $q \in \Delta$ such that

$$\rho(x^*, f(x^*)) \leq q \quad \text{and} \quad q + a(b) \leq b.$$

Assumption H_3 . Suppose that

1) $f_n: S(x^*, b) \rightarrow R, n = 0, 1, \dots$,

2) for any $x, y \in S(x^*, b)$

$$\rho(f_n(x), f_n(y)) \leq a_n(\rho(x, y)), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where the functions a_n satisfy Assumption H_1 (except 3)), $2b \in \Delta$,

3) for any $v \in \Delta$ we have $a_n(v) \leq a(v), n = 0, 1, \dots$, where the function a satisfies Assumption H_1 .

Assumption H_4 . Suppose that

1) $h_n: S(x^*, b) \times S(x^*, b) \rightarrow R, n = 0, 1, \dots$,

2) for any $x, y, s, t \in S(x^*, b), n = 0, 1, \dots$, we have

$$\rho(h_n(x, y), h_n(s, t)) \leq d_n(\rho(x, s), \rho(y, t)),$$

where the functions $d_n (d_n: \Delta \times \Delta \rightarrow G)$ satisfy Assumption H_1 (except 3)), $2b \in \Delta$,

3) there exists the function $d: \Delta \times \Delta \rightarrow G$ satisfying Assumption H_1 and such that for $u, v \in \Delta$ we have $d_n(u, v) \leq d(u, v), n = 0, 1, \dots$,

4) there exists a $q \in \Delta$ such that for $n = 0, 1, \dots$, we have

$$\rho(x^*, h_n(x^*, x^*)) \leq q \quad \text{and} \quad q + d(b, b) \leq b.$$

4. CONVERGENCE OF APPROXIMATE ITERATIONS

Let us recall the existence theorem from [6] (see also [4] and [2] or [3]).

THEOREM 1. *If Assumption H_2 is fulfilled then there exists in $S(x^*, b)$ a unique solution $\bar{x}$ of Eq. (1) which is the limit of the sequence $\{x_n\}$ of the form $x_0 = x^*, x_{n+1} = f(x_n), n = 0, 1, \dots$.*

We can now formulate two theorems on the convergence of sequences of approximate iterations to the solution $\bar{x}$ of Eq. (1). The sequences of approximate iterations may be defined by the relations $x_{n+1} = f_n(x_n)$ and $y_n = f_n(y_n)$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots$, or $g_n = h_n(g_n, g_{n-1}), n = 1, 2, \dots$, where $\{f_n\}$ and $\{h_n\}$ are sequences convergent to the function f (the elements y_n and g_n are fixed points of the function f_n or h_n respectively; see also 2) of Theorem 2 and 2) of Theorem 3). Now we get

THEOREM 2. *If Assumptions H_2 and H_3 are fulfilled and if*

1) $x_0 = x^*, x_{n+1} = f_n(x_n), n = 0, 1, \dots$,

2) $\rho(f_n(x_n), f(x_n)) \leq \delta_n \searrow \delta, \delta_0 \leq q$,

3) $\rho(f_n(x^*), x^*) \leq q, n = 0, 1, \dots$,

4) the sequence $\{y_n\}$ of the fixed points y_n of the functions f_n has the property:

$$(a) \quad \rho(y_{n+1}, y_n) \leq \varepsilon_n \quad \forall \varepsilon, \varepsilon_0 \leq q,$$

$$(b) \quad \rho(y_0, x^*) \leq b,$$

then there exists in $S(x^*, b)$ a unique solution $\bar{x}$ of Eq. (1) and

$$(3) \quad \rho(x_n, \bar{x}) \leq z_n, \quad \rho(y_n, \bar{x}) \leq z_n + \tilde{z}_n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where the sequence $\{\tilde{z}_n\}$ is defined in Lemma 1 with a_n instead of a and with ε_n instead of δ_n .

Moreover if $\varepsilon = \delta = 0$ then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \bar{x}.$$

Proof. We see that for any function y_n Assumption H_2 is satisfied: by Theorem 1 above, y_n exists and $y_n \in S(x^*, b)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$. Since $x_0 \in S(x^*, b)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{n+1}, x^*) &\leq \rho(f_n(x_n), f_n(x^*)) + \rho(f_n(x^*), x^*) \\ &\leq a_n(\rho(x_n, x^*)) + q, \end{aligned} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

we get $x_n \in S(x^*, b)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$.

Further we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) &\leq \rho(f_n(x_n), f_n(y_n)) + \rho(y_n, y_{n+1}) \\ &\leq a_n(\rho(x_n, y_n)) + \varepsilon_n, \end{aligned} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

Put $w_n = \rho(x_n, y_n)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$; then we have

$$\begin{cases} w_0 \leq b, \\ w_{n+1} \leq a_n(w_n) + \varepsilon_n, \end{cases} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

By induction, we obtain $w_n \leq \tilde{z}_n \leq z_n$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, and from Lemma 1 with $\varepsilon = \delta = 0$ we get the assertion of Theorem 2.

Remark 2. Theorem 2 is similar to Theorems 2 and 3 [4]. In paper [4] the condition 4) is replaced by $\rho(y_n, \bar{x}) \leq b$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, and there are given the adequate estimations with the function a instead of a_n .

Remark 3. Let

$$a(u) = Lu, \quad L \in [0, 1], \quad u \in \Delta.$$

Then Assumption H_1 and the condition 3) of Assumption H_2 are satisfied $b \geq q(1 - L)^{-1}$. Moreover if we put

$$a_n(u) = L_n u, \quad L_n \in [0, L], \quad u \in \Delta, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

then the estimations (3) are fulfilled with the sequences $\{z_n\}$ and $\{\tilde{z}_n\}$ of the form

$$\begin{cases} z_0 = b, \\ z_{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \delta_{n-i} L^i + L^{n+1} b, \end{cases} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{z}_0 &= b, \\ \tilde{z}_{n+1} &= \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=j}^n L_i \varepsilon_{j-1} + \varepsilon_n, \quad \varepsilon_{-1} \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} b, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2 contains some results of [1] for the case $L_n = L$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$.

Remark 4. If the condition (a) of Theorem 2 replaced by: there exists $\bar{y} \in S(x^*, b)$ such that

$$\rho(y_n, \bar{y}) \leq \delta_n \searrow \delta, \quad \delta_0 + \delta_1 \leq q,$$

then

$$\rho(x_n, \bar{y}) \leq p_n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where $p_0 = b$, $p_{n+1} = a_n(p_n) + 2\delta_n + \delta_{n+1}$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$.

Moreover, if $\delta = 0$ then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bar{y}.$$

Indeed, it is easy to see that

$$w_0 \leq b,$$

$$w_{n+1} \leq a_n(w_n) + \delta_n + \delta_{n+1}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where $w_n = \rho(x_n, y_n)$ (see the proof of Theorem 2).

Now, if $\delta = 0$ then we have

$$\rho(x_n, \bar{y}) \leq \rho(x_n, y_n) + \rho(y_n, \bar{y}) \searrow 0.$$

THEOREM 3. *If Assumption H_4 is fulfilled and if*

$$1) f: S(x^*, b) \rightarrow R.$$

$$2) \rho(h_n(x, x), f(x)) \leq \varepsilon_n \searrow 0, x \in S(x^*, b),$$

$$3) \rho(f_n(x_n), h_n(x_n, x_{n-1})) \leq p_n \searrow 0, p_1 + \varepsilon_1 \leq q,$$

then there exists in $S(x^, b)$ the unique solution $\bar{x}$ of Eq. (1) and the sequence $\{g_n\}$ is well-defined by the relations*

$$g_0 = x^*, \quad g_n = h_n(g_n, g_{n-1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

Further if

$$4) \quad \rho(g_n, g_{n+1}) \leq \delta_n \searrow \delta, \quad \delta_0 + \varepsilon_0 \leq q,$$

$$5) \quad x_0 = \bar{x}, \quad x_{n+1} = f_n(x_n), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(x_1, \bar{x}) \leq b, \quad \rho(x_1, g_1) \leq b,$$

then

$$(4) \quad \rho(x_n, \bar{x}) \leq \tilde{u}_n + k_n \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(g_n, \bar{x}) \leq \tilde{u}_n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{u}_0 = \tilde{u}_1 = b, \\ \tilde{u}_{n+1} = \varepsilon_n + \delta_n + d_n(\tilde{u}_n, \tilde{u}_{n-1}), \end{cases} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

and

$$\begin{cases} k_0 = k_1 = b, \\ k_{n+1} = p_n + \delta_n + d_n(k_n, k_{n-1}), \end{cases} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots.$$

Moreover if $\delta = 0$ then

$$(5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n = \bar{x}.$$

Proof. In paper [4] it is proved that Assumption H_2 with $a(u) = d(u, u)$ holds true, and consequently there exists the unique solution $\bar{x}$ of Eq. (1).

Now we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{n+1}, g_{n+1}) &\leq \rho(f_n(x_n), h_n(x_n, x_{n-1})) + \\ &\quad + \rho(h_n(x_n, x_{n-1}), h_n(g_n, g_{n-1})) + \rho(g_n, g_{n+1}) \leq \\ &\leq p_n + \delta_n + d_n(\rho(x_n, g_n), \rho(x_{n-1}, g_{n-1})), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Further, by induction we can prove

$$\rho(x_n, g_n) \leq k_n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

and by Lemma 2 we get $k_n \searrow 0$.

Finally, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(g_{n+1}, \bar{x}) &\leq \rho(g_{n+1}, g_n) + \rho(h_n(g_n, g_{n-1}), h_n(\bar{x}, \bar{x})) + \rho(h_n(\bar{x}, \bar{x}), f(\bar{x})) \leq \\ &\leq \delta_n + \varepsilon_n + d_n(\rho(g_n, \bar{x}), \rho(g_{n-1}, \bar{x})), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

and hence we obtain the estimations (4).

Now if $\delta = 0$ we get our assertion (5).

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