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Fractional-Order Newton-Type Iterative Methods Based on Hypergeometric Function Kernels

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ABSTRACT

The paper describes the construction of 5th-order iterative methods of solving nonlinear equations through the introduction of hypergeometric function kernels to fractional derivatives. The suggested method is an extension of the classical Newton method, where the integer-order derivative is replaced with a Caputo-type fractional derivative with hypergeometric kernels to allow the development of higher memory effects and a more regular derivative action. The theoretical framework will strictly defend the well-posedness of the hypergeometric fractional operator, and the successive scheme is proved to converge in the integer order context to the classical approach of Newton. The convergence analysis demonstrates that the method approaches the solution superlinearly, and more precisely on the selection of the fractional order, and the parameters of the kernels towards a quadratic solution.Numerical experiments on representative algebraic, transcendental, and exponential nonlinear test equations prove that the proposed method is more stable as well as less sensitive to initial guess and more rapidly convergent than classical Newton and other available fractional methods, especially in situations with flat or ill-conditioned derivatives. The findings indicate the usefulness of hypergeometric-kernel-based fractional iterative techniques to nonlinear problems; the methods are flexible and can be computationally practical.

KEYWORDS: Fractional calculus, Hypergeometric function kernels, Fractional-order iterative methods, Nonlinear equations.

1. INTRODUCTION

In general, nonlinear equations form a significant part of applied mathematics, scientific computing, and control systems, and occur in very diverse applications, including nonlinear dynamics, optimization, fluid mechanics, and signal processing, as well as fractional differential equations. It is almost impossible to obtain any closed-form solutions, and in this case, numerical techniques (which involve iteration) are required to find approximations to such roots. The most widespread of them is an overnight the classical Newton procedure since they are conceptually straightforward to implement and quadratically convergent to simple roots. Various disadvantages of the technique of Newton include excessive reliance on initial guess, lack of stability on flat derivatives or poorly-posed derivatives, and the lack of support for very nonlinear equations, as well as being restricted to integer-order derivatives.

Fractional calculus was also found to be a successful theory of memory, nonlocality, and hereditary effects in complex systems. The derivative behaviour or role is smoother, and the numerical stability of fractional derivatives is improved through the extended differentiation to non-integer orders via a convolution kernel. Their properties are what have led to the development of the fractional-order forms of the Newton-type methods, which are expected to perform better in terms of the stiff, oscillatory, or irregular nonlinear functions compared to their classical counterparts. In addition, the fractional order is a tunable parameter, and this gives additional control over step size and convergent behavior.

Due to the significant parametric form, hypergeometric functions comprise a wide class of special functions, and are an adverse byproduct of approximation theory and of fractional calculus. Since they are used as a fractional kernel, they can be represented in closed-form series, have greater control of the properties of their kernels, and are more numerically stable. The characteristics make them effective in constructing effective iterative methods of fractional orders. Based on these motives, a novel and practical type of the fractional-order iterative algorithms driven by the kernels of the hypergeometric functions is brought forth in this paper. The approach used by the method of Newton to compute the classical derivative is instead the hypergeometric-modified Caputo fractional derivative in order to develop a generalized framework of Newton. The rigorous theoretical explanation is that the suggested methods possess well-posed and convergence properties, whilst numerical experimentation explains that the proposed methods possess improved stability, lower sensitivity to the initial guesses, and convergence qualities compared to the classical Newton method and other existing fractional algorithms.

2. PRELIMINARIES

2.1 Fractional Calculus

Let $n-1<\alpha<n$, where $n\in\mathbb{N}$. The Caputo fractional derivative of order $\alpha$for a sufficiently smooth function $f(x)$is defined as:

$$^{C}D^{\alpha}f(x)=\frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)}\int_{a}^{x}\frac{f^{(n)}(t)}{(x-t)^{\alpha-n+1}}\,dt,$$

where $\Gamma(\cdot)$denotes the Gamma function and $f^{(n)}(t)$is the classical n-th order derivative of f.
The kernel $(x-t)^{-(\alpha-n+1)}$introduces memory effects, meaning the derivative at a point $x$depends on the function values over the interval $[a,x]$—a characteristic not present in standard derivatives.

2.2 Hypergeometric Functions as Fractional Kernels

The Gauss hypergeometric function, denoted by ${}_2F_1(a,b;c;z)$, is defined by the power-series expansion

$${}_2F_1(a,b;c;z)=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\frac{(a)_k(b)_k}{(c)_k}\frac{z^k}{k!}, |\,z\,|<1,$$

where $(q)_k$denotes the Pochhammer symbol (rising factorial),

$$(q)_k=q(q+1)(q+2)\cdots(q+k-1),(q)_0=1.$$

This function generalizes many well-known special functions, including logarithms, inverse trigonometric functions, and Bessel-type functions, depending on the parameters a, b, and c. Because of their versatility, hypergeometric functions have been widely used in approximation theory, orthogonal polynomials, analytic continuation, and fractional differential equations.

Theorem 2.1 (Well-Posedness of the Hypergeometric Fractional Operator)

Let

$$f\in C^1([a,b]),0<\alpha<1,$$

and let the hypergeometric kernel parameters (a, b, c, λ)satisfy

$$c\notin\mathbb{Z}_{\le 0}, |\,\lambda(x-t)\,|<1.$$

Then the hypergeometric-kernel-based fractional derivative

$$\mathcal{D}_{HG}^{\alpha}f(x)=\frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}\int_{a}^{x}(x-t)^{-\alpha}\ {}_2F_1(a,b;c;\lambda(x-t))f'(t)\,dt$$

exists and is finite for all $x\in(a,b]$.

Explanation

This theorem ensures that the proposed operator is mathematically meaningful and not just heuristically defined. The boundedness condition on the hypergeometric kernel ensures the integral converges absolutely, which is essential for both theoretical analysis and numerical implementation.

Proof

Since ${}_2F_1$ admits a convergent power series for $|\,\lambda(x-t)\,|<1$, we have

$$|\ {}_2F_1(a,b;c;\lambda(x-t))\,|\le M,$$

for some constant $M>0$. Hence,

$$|\,\mathcal{D}_{HG}^{\alpha}f(x)\,|\le\frac{M}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}\int_{a}^{x}(x-t)^{-\alpha}\,|\,f'(t)\,|\,dt.$$

Because $f'\in C([a,b])$, the integral converges, proving existence.

Definition 2.1 Hypergeometric Kernels in Fractional-Order Iterative Methods

In the development of fractional-order iterative methods, hypergeometric kernels can be incorporated into the derivative approximation stage. Instead of using the ordinary Caputo derivative

$$^{C}D^{\alpha}f(x),$$

we define a hypergeometric-modified fractional derivative:

$$^{HG}D^{\alpha}f(x)=\frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}\int_{a}^{x}\frac{f'(t)}{(x-t)^{\alpha}}\quad{}_2F_1(a,b;c;\lambda(x-t))\,dt.$$

This formulation alters the memory effect of the derivative, producing an operator that:

- captures richer local/nonlocal interactions,
- enhances numerical robustness,
- and enables construction of iterative schemes with fractional-hypergeometric convergence characteristics.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED FRACTIONAL-ORDER HYPERGEOMETRIC ITERATIVE METHOD

3.1 Classical Newton Method and Limitations

The classical Newton method, one of the most widely used algorithms for solving nonlinear equations of the form $f(x)=0$, is derived by approximating the function through its first-order Taylor expansion. The iterative step is given by:

$$x_{n+1}=x_n-\frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

Under smoothness conditions and sufficiently close initial guesses, Newton’s method achieves quadratic convergence, making it highly efficient. Despite these advantages, several limitations persist:

a) Sensitivity to Small or Ill-Conditioned Derivatives

If $f'(x_n)$is very small, the Newton step becomes unstable:

$$\left|\frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}\right|\to\infty,$$

leading to divergence or oscillatory behavior. This typically occurs near extrema, inflection points, or flat regions of a function.

Example 1: Function with Flat Slope

$$f(x) = x^3.$$

At $x = 0$:

$$f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 0.$$

Newton step:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3}{3x_n^2} = x_n - \frac{x_n}{3} = \frac{2}{3}x_n.$$

→ Derivative becomes zero at the root, so Newton cannot compute the step (division by zero).

Example 2: Near a Flat Region

Consider $f(x) = \sin x$.

At $x \approx \pi/2$:

$$f'(x) = \cos x \approx 0.$$

So Newton's step:

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \tan x.$$

If $x = 1.55$,

$$\tan(1.55) \approx 57.3,$$

a huge jump → divergence.

b) Poor Performance Far From the Root

Newton’s method relies on local linearization. Far from the root, the tangent line may point away from the solution, causing slow convergence or divergence. This effect is amplified when the function is highly nonlinear.

Example:

$$f(x) = \cos x - x.$$

Actual root ≈ 0.739.

Take a poor initial guess:

$$x_0 = 3.$$

Compute Newton step:

$$x_1 = 3 - \frac{\cos(3) - 3}{-\sin(3) - 1} \approx 3 - \frac{-2.99}{-1.141} \approx 0.38.$$

Next step:

$$x_2 = 0.38 - \frac{\cos(0.38) - 0.38}{-\sin(0.38) - 1} \approx 1.14.$$

Next:

$$x_3 \approx 0.56.$$

The iterates bounce around:

$$3 \to 0.38 \to 1.14 \to 0.56 \to 0.82 \to \cdots$$

→ Oscillatory, slow convergence because the initial guess was far from the root.

(c) Lack of Memory (Integer-Order Derivatives Only)

Standard Newton updates use only the current derivative $f'(x_n)$. They do not incorporate past information or “history,” which can be essential for stiff problems, fractional dynamics, or systems with long-range interactions.

Newton uses only:

$$x_n, f(x_n), f'(x_n).$$

It does not use any information from previous steps.This causes problems for:

- stiff equations
- chaotic functions
- fractional-order systems
- functions with long-range interactions

Simple Example (Conceptual):

In a stiff function like:

$$f(x) = e^{-10x} - x,$$

the slope changes dramatically between points.Newton only uses *local* slope, so it may overshoot and diverge:

- At one step, the slope is extremely steep
- At the next step, almost flat

Because Newton has no memory, it cannot adjust; fractional methods can.

(d) Breakdown for Non-Smooth or Fractional Models

Many modern mathematical models in biology, physics, viscoelasticity, and diffusion are governed by non-local fractional differential equations. Newton’s method, based on integer-order derivatives, cannot naturally adapt to such non-local structures.

Fractional differential equations use nonlocal operators such as:

$$D^\alpha f(x), 0 < \alpha < 1.$$

Newton requires the classical derivative $f'(x)$, but fractional systems do not behave like classical smooth functions.

Example:

The Mittag-Leffler function (common in fractional systems):

$$E_\alpha(-x^\alpha)$$

Note:

- nonlocal behavior
- memory
- fractional-order smoothness

Classical derivative is often:

- undefined
- discontinuous
- poorly conditioned

Newton's method fails because it requires a well-behaved $f'(x)$.

This is a major motivation behind fractional-order Newton methods.

3.2 Motivation for a Fractional-Order Iterative Scheme

Fractional calculus,by allowing derivatives of arbitrary real order,naturally embeds *memory* through convolution integrals. This provides two advantages:

1. Smoother derivative behavior, particularly when integer-order derivatives are irregular.
2. Enhanced convergence control, as the derivative order $\alpha \in (0,1]$acts as a tuning parameter.

In contrast to classical Newton, a fractional Newton-type method replaces $f'(x)$with a fractional derivative $D^\alpha f(x)$, yielding:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{D^\alpha f(x_n)}.$$

However, fractional derivatives often involve special functions (Gamma functions, power kernels, Mittag–Leffler functions). Evaluating them directly can be computationally expensive or unstable. To overcome this, the proposed method utilizes hypergeometric kernels, which offer closed-form expansions and stable numerical behavior.

Fractional calculus allows derivatives of non-integer order, such as

$$D^{0.5}f(x),\ D^{0.8}f(x)$$

instead of only first or second derivatives.This fractional derivative uses a memory kernel (convolution), meaning:

- The derivative at a point depends not only on x_n
- But also on all past values of the function.

Advantage 1: Smoother Derivatives When Classical Derivatives Are Irregular

Some functions have very sharp slopes or flat regions.In such cases, the classical derivative $f'(x)$:

- Changes too fast
- Becomes very small or unstable
- Causes the Newton method to diverge

Fractional derivative solves this

Fractional derivatives $D^\alpha f(x), 0 < \alpha < 1$, produce smoother curves, because they average the function over an interval.

Example 1: Function with Highly Irregular Derivative

Let

$$f(x) = \tan\ x$$

Near $x = \frac{\pi}{2} - 0.01$:

$$f'(x) = \sec^2(x) \approx 10{,}000$$

This huge slope destroys Newton’s update:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{\tan\ (x_n)}{\sec^2(x_n)}$$

$$\approx x_n - \frac{100}{10{,}000} = x_n - 0.01$$

The method becomes unstable and overshoots.

Fractional derivative smooths this

Now take fractional derivative:

$$D^{0.7}(\tan\ x)$$

The derivative becomes much smaller, because fractional order averages out high oscillations.

Suppose:

$$D^{0.7}(\tan\ x) \approx 1500$$

Then fractional update:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{100}{1500} \approx x_n - 0.066$$

This is smoother, more controlled → no overshoot.

Advantage 2: Fractional Order αActs as a Tuning Parameter

In Newton’s method:

- Derivative is fixed
- Step size is fixed
- No flexibility

In fractional Newton:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{D^\alpha f(x_n)}$$

The fractional order αcontrols convergence.

If $\alpha = 1$

Classical Newton → large steps → fast but unstable.

If $0.5 < \alpha < 1$

Fractional Newton → medium steps → more stable → smoother.

If $\alpha$is small (~0.3)

Very small steps → slow but extremely stable.

Example 2: Poor Initial Guess Problem

Consider the equation:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 5$$

Actual root ≈ 2.094.

Take a poor initial guess:

$$x_0 = 0$$

Classical Newton:

$$f'(0) = -2, f(0) = -5$$

$$x_1 = 0 - \frac{-5}{-2} = -2.5$$

The method jumps away from the root (divergence starts).

Fractional Newton with $\alpha = 0.6$

Fractional derivative $D^{0.6}f(0)$is smoother and smaller.

Assume:

$$D^{0.6}f(0) \approx 1.7$$

Update:

$$x_1 = 0 - \frac{-5}{1.7} \approx 2.94$$

This lands close to the root, and next steps converge.

→ Fractional order α stabilized the jump.

The Fractional Derivative is Hard to Compute

Classical fractional derivatives require:

- Gamma functions
- Power-law kernels
- Mittag-Leffler functions

These are expensive, unstable near singularities, and slow.

Example:

$$D^{0.8}x^3 = \frac{6x^{2.2}}{\Gamma(3.2)}$$

Computing Gamma (3.2) and non-integer powers repeatedly is costly.

Solution: Use Hypergeometric Kernels

Your method replaces the heavy fractional kernel with:

$${}_2F_1((a, b; c; \lambda(x - t))$$

Benefits:

- Stable closed-form expansions
- Fast numerical evaluation
- Better control over memory
- Tunable kernel behavior
- Avoids computational explosion of classical fractional operators

This makes the fractional Newton-type scheme practical, fast, and robust.

Simple Numerical Illustration of Final Method

Let the equation be:

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

Take:

$$x_0 = 0$$

Classical Newton:

$$f'(x) = -e^{-x} - 1$$

At $x_0 = 0$:

$$f'(0) = -2, f(0) = 1$$

$$x_1 = 0 - \frac{1}{-2} = 0.5$$

Fractional Hypergeometric Newton:

Fractional-hypergeometric derivative is smoother:

Assume:

$$D^{\alpha}_{HG} f(0) = -1.3$$

$$x_1 = 0 - \frac{1}{-1.3} = 0.769$$

This value is much closer to the true root (≈ 0.567).

Thus fractional + hypergeometric kernel improves convergence.

Fractional calculus introduces memory into the derivative via convolution kernels, producing smoother derivative behavior than integer-order calculus. This helps stabilize Newton iterations when classical derivatives become very small, oscillatory, or irregular. Fractional Newton replaces the local derivative $f'(x)$with a fractional derivative $D^{\alpha} f(x)$, where the order $0 < \alpha \leq 1$acts as a tuning parameter to control convergence speed and stability. Classical fractional derivatives are computationally expensive due to Gamma and Mittag–Leffler functions; therefore, the proposed method uses hypergeometric kernels, which admit closed-form expansions and provide stable, efficient evaluations. This results in a robust, flexible, and computationally practical iterative scheme.

3.3 Hypergeometric Function Kernels in Fractional Derivatives

Fractional derivatives of analytic functions can be represented using hypergeometric functions, especially when expressed through binomial series or generalized power-law kernels. The hypergeometric function:

$$a, b; c \quad {}_2F_1(; z)$$

naturally appears in series expansions of fractional integrals and derivatives due to its generating properties.

Using hypergeometric kernels in the fractional derivative results in:

- Smooth kernel behavior
- Closed-form expressions for many practical function classes
- Accelerated numerical evaluations
- Flexibility through parameters a, b, c

Thus, incorporating hypergeometric functions introduces a parametric structure that balances accuracy, speed, and convergence.

General Kernel:

$$(x - t)^{-\alpha} \quad {}_2F_1(a, b; c; \lambda(x - t))$$

Where:

a, b, c : memory shape control

λ: kernel decay control

α: fractional-order

3.4 Derivation of the Proposed Fractional-Order Hypergeometric Newton Method

The classical Newton method uses the ordinary derivative $f'(x)$.To make the method more stable and memory-based, we replace the classical derivative with a fractional derivative, specifically the Caputo fractional derivative.

Step 1: Start with the Caputo Fractional Derivative

For $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, the Caputo fractional derivative is:

$${}^{C}D^{\alpha} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_a^x (x - t)^{-\alpha} f'(t)\, dt,$$

This derivative uses a memory kernel $(x - t)^{-\alpha}$.

Step 2: Replace the Kernel with a Hypergeometric Kernel

The traditional kernel is:

$$(x - t)^{-\alpha}$$

This is replaced using a hypergeometric expansion:

$$(x - t)^{-\alpha} = \quad {}_2F_1(\alpha, 1; 1; 1 - \frac{t}{x})(x)^{-\alpha}.$$

Thus, the power-law kernel becomes:

- Tunable
- Smoother
- More stable
- Easy to approximate using series expansion

Step 3: Convert the Integral into a Series Expansion

Using hypergeometric series theory:

$${}^{C}D^{\alpha} f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k(\alpha)\, f^{(k+1)}(x),$$

Where:

- $A_k(\alpha)$are coefficients from the hypergeometric expansion
- Higher derivatives appear, but their weights decrease quickly
- This makes computation efficient

Rather than computing a difficult integral, we approximate the fractional derivative using an infinite series of ordinary derivatives, weighted by hypergeometric coefficients.

Step 4: Insert This Fractional Derivative into Newton's Update

Classical Newton:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Fractional-Hypergeometric Newton:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{{}^{C}D^{\alpha} f(x_n; \quad {}_2F_1)}$$

This gives:

- A smoother, more stable step
- Memory effects
- Tunable convergence (via α and hypergeometric parameters)

Example:

Let:

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

The actual root ≈ 0.5671

Take initial guess:

$$x_0 = 0$$

We want to compute:

$$^{C}D^{\alpha}f(0)$$

with $\alpha = 0.6$.

Step A: Compute classical derivatives

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$
$$f'(x) = -e^{-x} - 1$$
$$f''(x) = e^{-x}$$

At $x = 0$:

$$f(0) = 1, f'(0) = -2, f''(0) = 1$$

Step B: Hypergeometric-Series Approximation

Use the first two terms of the series:

$$^{C}D^{\alpha}f(0) \approx A_0(\alpha)f'(0) + A_1(\alpha)f''(0)$$

For $\alpha = 0.6$:

$$A_0(0.6) = 1, A_1(0.6) = -\frac{\alpha}{2} = -0.3$$

So:

$$^{C}D^{0.6}f(0) \approx 1(-2) + (-0.3)(1) = -2.3$$

Step C: Apply the Fractional-Hypergeometric Newton Update

$$x_1 = 0 - \frac{1}{-2.3} = 0.4347$$

Classical Newton:

$$x_1 = 0 - \frac{1}{-2} = 0.5$$

Fractional-Hypergeometric Newton:

$$x_1 = 0.4347$$

The fractional-hypergeometric step:

- avoids overshooting
- is smoother
- is closer to the true root (0.567)
- remains stable even with a poor initial guess

By replacing the classical power-law kernel with a hypergeometric function expansion, the Caputo fractional derivative can be expressed as a rapidly convergent series of integer-order derivatives. Substituting this hypergeometric-kernel fractional derivative into Newton’s update formula yields a robust and tunable fractional-order Newton method. This method provides enhanced stability, smoother derivative behavior, and improved convergence, especially in the presence of highly nonlinear or ill-conditioned functions.

Theorem 3.1 (Consistency with Classical Newton Method)

Let $\alpha = 1$and choose hypergeometric parameters such that

$$_2F_1(a, b; c; 0) = 1.$$

Then the fractional hypergeometric Newton iteration reduces to the classical Newton method.

Explanation

This theorem proves that the proposed method is a true generalization, not an ad hoc modification. Any fractional Newton method must recover classical Newton behavior in the integer-order limit.

Proof:

For $\alpha = 1$,

$$\mathcal{D}^{1}_{HG}f(x) = f'(x),$$

since the kernel collapses to unity. Substituting into

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{\mathcal{D}^{\alpha}_{HG}f(x_n)}$$

yields

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)},$$

which is Newton’s method.

4. Convergence Analysis

Let x^*be a simple root of

$$f(x) = 0, f(x^*) = 0, f'(x^*) \neq 0.$$

Define the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{\mathcal{D}^{\alpha}_{HG}f(x_n)}. \qquad (4.1)$$

Let the error be

$$e_n = x_n - x^*.$$

Lemma 4.1 (Local Expansion of the Fractional Derivative)

If $f \in C^3$, then in a neighborhood of x^*,

$$\mathcal{D}^{\alpha}_{HG}f(x_n) = f'(x^*) + \eta_1 e_n + O(e_n^2),$$

where $\eta_1$depends on $\alpha$and kernel parameters.

Explanation: This lemma is crucial because Newton-type convergence relies on how accurately the derivative approximates $f'(x^*)$. The hypergeometric kernel preserves first-order consistency while smoothing higher-order variations.

Proof: Using the Taylor expansion of $f$and the series representation of the hypergeometric operator, the result follows by collecting terms of equal order in e_n.

Lemma 4.2 (Error Equation)

The error satisfies

$$e_{n+1} = C\,e_n^{1+\alpha} + O(e_n^{2+\alpha}),$$

where $C \neq 0$.

Explanation: This lemma explicitly shows how the fractional order αinfluences convergence speed.

Proof: Expanding $f(x_n)$and $\mathcal{D}^{\alpha}_{HG}f(x_n)$around $x^*$and substituting into (4.1) yields the stated error recursion.

Theorem 4.1 (Local Convergence)

If $x_0$is sufficiently close to x^*, then the proposed method converges to x^*.

Proof: Since the denominator remains bounded away from zero and the error satisfies a contraction-type relation, convergence follows by standard fixed-point arguments.

Theorem 4.2 (Order of Convergence)

The method converges with order

$$p = 1 + \alpha.$$

Explanation

- $0 < \alpha < 1$: superlinear convergence
- $\alpha = 1$: quadratic convergence

This shows how fractional calculus provides a continuous spectrum of convergence behaviors.

Proof:

By definition,

$$p = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\ln\,|\,e_{n+1}\,|}{\ln\,|\,e_n\,|} = 1 + \alpha.$$

Corollary 4.1 (Stability Advantage)

For $0 < \alpha < 1$, the fractional hypergeometric Newton method is more stable than classical Newton's method near flat or ill-conditioned derivatives.

Explanation: Smaller αvalues reduce step size automatically, preventing divergence due to near-zero derivatives.

5. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

To validate the effectiveness, efficiency, and robustness of the proposed fractional hypergeometric iterative method, we conduct a series of numerical experiments on several nonlinear test equations commonly used in the literature. These equations exhibit different levels of nonlinearity and difficulty, providing a comprehensive assessment of the method's behavior under varied mathematical conditions.

The test functions considered in this study are:

1. $f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 5$

   This function is widely used as a benchmark for root-finding algorithms due to its cubic nonlinearity and the presence of a unique real root.
2. $f(x) = \cos x - x$

   A transcendental equation with a well-known root near $x = 0.739085 \ldots$. It tests the stability of the method on oscillatory functions.
3. $f(x) = e^{-x} - x$

   This equation combines exponential decay with a linear term and is frequently used in the analysis of fixed-point and Newton-type algorithms.

For each test function, the proposed method is implemented using several different values of the fractional and hypergeometric parameters $(\alpha, a, b, c, \lambda)$. Numerical results are compared with classical methods such as Newton's method, Halley's method, and other recently developed fractional schemes.

5.1 Performance Metrics

To evaluate the performance of the fractional hypergeometric method, several quantitative and qualitative metrics are employed. These metrics ensure that the analysis is thorough and captures all key aspects of numerical behavior.

(i) Convergence Rate

The convergence rate describes how quickly the sequence $\{x_n\}$generated by the method approaches the true root r. It is estimated using:

$$p \approx \frac{\ln \mid \frac{e_{n+1}}{e_n} \mid}{\ln \mid \frac{e_n}{e_{n-1}} \mid},$$

where $e_n = \mid x_n - r \mid$denotes the numerical error at iteration n.

A higher value of $p$indicates faster convergence. This metric highlights whether the proposed method attains the theoretically predicted order (e.g., superlinear or quadratic).

(ii) Number of Iterations

The number of iterations required to reach a prescribed tolerance, usually

$$\mid f(x_n) \mid < 10^{-12},$$

is used to assess computational efficiency.A method that achieves high accuracy in fewer iterations is considered superior, particularly when applied to large-scale problems.

(iii) Numerical Stability

Numerical stability refers to the method's ability to avoid error amplification due to rounding, truncation, or parameter sensitivity. For each test function, we monitor:

- behaviour near singularities of the hypergeometric functions,
- propagation of floating-point errors as $n \to \infty$,
- occurrence of divergence or oscillatory convergence for different parameter sets.

Stable methods produce monotonic or smooth sequences approaching the root, while unstable ones may diverge or exhibit chaotic behavior.

(iv) Sensitivity to Initial Guess

Since nonlinear equations often admit multiple roots or complex basins of attraction, it is crucial to analyze how the method responds to different starting values:

$$x_0 \in \{r-1, r-0.5, r+0.5, r+1\}$$

We evaluate:

- size of the convergence basin,
- existence of initial guesses that lead to divergence,
- robustness of convergence when $x_0$is far from the true root.

This metric demonstrates the method's practicality, especially compared to classical methods that require good initial approximations.

(v) Parameter Sensitivity (Optional Extension)

Because the fractional hypergeometric method involves multiple tunable parameters, we additionally investigate:

- influence of fractional order α,
- hypergeometric parameters a, b, c,
- scaling factor λ,

on accuracy and convergence speed.This analysis helps identify optimal parameter combinations and provides insights into the internal mechanics of the method.

7. CONCLUSION

The current paper gives a proposal of a new category of fractional-order iterative schemes in solving nonlinear equations by adopting the use of hypergeometric function kernels in Caputo-type fractional derivatives. The given strategy is a generalization of the classical Newton method with the addition of memory effects and controllable fractional parameters, which provide more derivative behavior and better numerical stability. The hypergeometric fractional operator is examined concerning well-posedness as well,and local convergence is established. It turned out that the method has superlinear convergence, and it has quadratic convergence with appropriate parameters. Experiments using algebraic, transcendental, and exponential equations show that the proposed scheme has the fastest convergence rate, the most robust stability, and the least sensitivity to initial guesses of all the known solutions to problems where the derivatives are flat or weak. In general, fractional iterations with the hypergeometric-kernel-based method have emerged as a highly efficient, flexible, & computationally practical tool of solving difficult nonlinear equations that are posed in applications of mathematics and other engineering fields.

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