

# Newton's method and high-order algorithms for the $n$ -th root computation

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**Abstract.** We analyze two modifications of the Newton's method to accelerate the convergence of the  $n$ -th root computation of a strictly positive real number. From these modifications, we can define new algorithms with prefixed order of convergence  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p \geq 2$ . Moreover an affine combination of the two modified methods, depending on one parameter, leads to a family of methods of order  $p$ , but of order  $p + 1$  for a specific value of the parameter.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The computation of the  $n$ -th root  $r^{1/n}$  of a strictly positive real number  $r$  is an old problem [1, 14]. Recently several authors have suggested high-order methods for the computation of  $r^{1/2}$ . In [10] and [18], continued fraction expansions are used to derive such methods. In [12], methods similar to those presented in [18] are obtained as a special case of a determinantal family of root-finding methods [11]. Also, methods based on a modification of the Newton's method are obtained in [9]. For the computation of the  $n$ -th root  $r^{1/n}$ , general high-order methods can be derived from the application of the Newton's method to an appropriate modified function [3]. Also third and fourth order methods are presented in [8]. Finally, using combinations of basic functions identified for methods proposed in [3] and [9], new high-order methods are derived for the computation of  $r^{1/2}$  in [15].

In this paper we consider extensions of the Newton's method applied to the function

$$(1.1) \quad f(x) = x^n - r$$

to find the  $n$ -th root of  $r$ . In order to accelerate the convergence, we consider the following two possibilities. As suggested in [6], [4], the first possibility use a modification of the function  $f(x)$  and then apply the Newton's method on the modified function. In fact we consider  $F(x) = g(x)f(x)$  and then consider the iteration

$$(1.2) \quad x_{k+1} = \Phi_0(x_k) = x_k - \frac{F(x_k)}{F^{(1)}(x_k)}.$$

This approach, used in [3], is summarized in Section 2. The second possibility is to modify the Newton's method by changing the step size of the correction when we apply it to  $f(x)$ . Hence we look for a good choice of  $G(x)$  and we consider the iteration

$$(1.3) \quad x_{k+1} = \Phi_1(x_k) = x_k - G(x_k) \frac{f(x_k)}{f^{(1)}(x_k)}.$$

This approach was used in [9] for the square-root computation and is extended in Section 3 to the computation of the  $n$ -th root. Finally in Section 4 we consider combinations of the  $p$ -th order methods obtained in Sections 2 and 3 of the form

$$(1.4) \quad x_{k+1} = \Phi_\lambda(x_k) = (1 - \lambda)\Phi_0(x_k) + \lambda\Phi_1(x_k).$$

We obtain new  $p$ -order methods for any values of the parameter  $\lambda$  except for a specific value for which the new method is of order  $p + 1$ .

## 2. NEWTON'S METHOD ON $F(x) = g(x)f(x)$ .

To get high order method for finding  $r^{1/n}$ , we try to find a function  $g_p(x)$  such that

$$F_p(x) = g_p(x)f(x) = g_p(x)(x^n - r)$$

satisfies the assumptions of following result about Newton's method.

**Theorem 2.1.** [2],[6],[17] *Let  $p$  be an integer  $\geq 2$  and let  $F_p(x)$  be a regular function such that  $F_p(\alpha) = 0$ ,  $F_p^{(1)}(\alpha) \neq 0$ ,  $F_p^{(j)}(\alpha) = 0$  for  $j = 2, \dots, p-1$ , and  $F_p^{(p)}(\alpha) \neq 0$ . Then the Newton's method applied to the equation  $F_p(x) = 0$  generates a sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^{+\infty}$  where*

$$x_{k+1} = \Phi_{0,p}(x_k) = x_k - \frac{F_p(x_k)}{F_p^{(1)}(x_k)} \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

which converges to  $\alpha$  for a given  $x_0$  sufficiently close to  $\alpha$ . Moreover, the convergence is of order  $p$ , and the asymptotic constant is

$$K_{0,p}(\alpha) = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x_{k+1} - \alpha}{(x_k - \alpha)^p} = \frac{p-1}{p!} \frac{F_p^{(p)}(\alpha)}{F_p^{(1)}(\alpha)}. \quad \square$$

One such function  $g_p(x)$  suggested in [3] is

$$(2.1) \quad g_p(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} a_i (x^n - r)^{i-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \frac{(x^n - r)^{i-1}}{r^i}.$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad \binom{1/n}{i} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = 0, \\ \frac{\frac{1}{n}(\frac{1}{n}-1)\dots(\frac{1}{n}-(i-1))}{i!} & \text{for } i \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

We have the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.** [3] *Let  $n$  be an integer  $\geq 2$ ,  $p$  be an integer  $\geq 2$ , and*

$$(2.3) \quad F_p(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} a_i (x^n - r)^i$$

where  $a_i = \frac{1}{r^i} \binom{1/n}{i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p-1$ . Then

$$(2.4) \quad F_p(r^{1/n}) = 0,$$

$$(2.5) \quad F_p^{(1)}(r^{1/n}) = r^{-1/n},$$

$$(2.6) \quad F_p^{(j)}(r^{1/n}) = 0 \quad \text{for } j = 2, \dots, p-1,$$

$$(2.7) \quad F_p^{(p)}(r^{1/n}) = -n^p p! \binom{1/n}{p} r^{-\frac{p}{n}},$$

$$(2.8) \quad F_p^{(p+1)}(r^{1/n}) = (p+2-np) \frac{p-1}{2} n^p p! \binom{1/n}{p} r^{-\frac{p+1}{n}}.$$

**Proof.** We use the identity

$$(2.9) \quad Q_p(y) = F_p((y+r)^{1/n}) = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} a_i y^i$$

to find  $F_p^{(j)}(r^{1/n})$  for  $j = 0, \dots, p+1$ . It is clear that  $F_p(r^{1/n}) = 0$ . For  $j \geq 1$ , we have

$$F_p^{(j)}((y+r)^{1/n}) = \sum_{k=1}^j F_p^{(k)}((y+r)^{1/n}) G_{k,j}(y),$$

where the  $G_{k,j}(y)$  are regular functions of  $y$  near 0. More precisely, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_{1,j}(y) &= \frac{d^j}{dy^j} (y+r)^{1/n}, \\ G_{j-1,j}(y) &= \gamma_j \left[ \frac{d}{dy} (y+r)^{1/n} \right]^{j-2} \frac{d^2}{dy^2} (y+r)^{1/n}, \\ G_{j,j}(y) &= \left[ \frac{d}{dy} (y+r)^{1/n} \right]^j, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma_1 = 0$  and  $\gamma_{j+1} = \gamma_j + j = \frac{j(j+1)}{2}$  for  $j \geq 2$ . Since

$$Q_p^{(j)}(y) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=j}^{p-1} a_i \frac{i!}{(i-j)!} y^{i-j} & \text{for } j = 1, \dots, p-1 \\ 0 & \text{for } j \geq p, \end{cases}$$

We obtain the result by setting  $y = 0$  recursively for  $j = 1, \dots, p+1$ .  $\square$

It follows that the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^{+\infty}$  generated by  $x_0$  given sufficiently close to  $r^{1/n}$ , and

$$(2.10) \quad x_{k+1} = \Phi_{0,p}(x_k)$$

$$(2.11) \quad = x_k - \frac{F_p(x_k)}{F_p^{(1)}(x_k)}$$

$$(2.12) \quad = x_k - \frac{(x_k^n - r) \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \left(\frac{x_k^n - r}{r}\right)^{i-1}}{n x_k^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} i \binom{1/n}{i} \left(\frac{x_k^n - r}{r}\right)^{i-1}}$$

for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , converges to  $r^{1/n}$ . Moreover, the convergence is of order  $p$ , and the asymptotic constant is

$$(2.13) \quad K_{0,p}(r^{1/n}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x_{k+1} - r^{1/n}}{(x_k - r^{1/n})^p} = -(p-1)n^p \binom{1/n}{p} r^{-\frac{p-1}{n}}.$$

### 3. MODIFIED STEP SIZE FOR THE NEWTON'S METHOD APPLIED ON $f(x)$ .

To get high order method for finding  $r^{1/n}$ , we try to find a function  $G(x)$  such that the modified Newton's method given by

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - G(x_k) \frac{f(x_k)}{f^{(1)}(x_k)}$$

satisfies the assumptions of following result about fixed-point method.

**Theorem 3.1.** [13], [16] *Let  $p$  be an integer  $\geq 2$  and let  $\Phi(x)$  be a regular function such that  $\Phi(\alpha) = \alpha$ ,  $\Phi^{(j)}(\alpha) = 0$  for  $j = 1, \dots, p-1$ , and  $\Phi^{(p)}(\alpha) \neq 0$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^{+\infty}$  generated by  $x_{k+1} = \Phi(x_k)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , converges to  $\alpha$  for a given  $x_0$  sufficiently close to  $\alpha$ . Moreover, the convergence is of order  $p$ , and the asymptotic constant is*

$$K_p(\alpha) = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x_{k+1} - \alpha}{(x_k - \alpha)^p} = \frac{\Phi^{(p)}(\alpha)}{p!}. \quad \square$$

To determine  $G(x)$  we start from the Taylor's expansion of  $f(x) = x^n - r$  around  $x$  evaluated at  $r^{1/n}$

$$(3.1) \quad 0 = f(r^{1/n}) = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f^{(i)}(x)}{i!} (r^{1/n} - x)^i.$$

For any  $x$  we look for a correction  $\Delta x$  such that  $x + \Delta x = r^{1/n}$  of the form

$$(3.2) \quad \Delta x = r^{1/n} - x = -G(x) \frac{f(x)}{f^{(1)}(x)}.$$

Using (3.1) and (3.2), we get

$$0 = f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i} \left( -G(x) \frac{f(x)}{f^{(1)}(x)} \right)^i$$

because

$$f^{(i)}(x) = \frac{n!}{(n-i)!} x^{n-i}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Following [5], we define the two functions

$$(3.3) \quad u(x) = \frac{f(x)}{f^{(1)}(x)}$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad t(x) = \frac{f(x)f^{(2)}(x)}{(f^{(1)}(x))^2}.$$

These functions verify  $u^{(1)}(x) = 1 - t(x)$ . Also because the special form of  $f(x)$ , we also have

$$(3.5) \quad u(x) = \frac{x}{n-1} t(x),$$

$$(3.6) \quad t(x) = \frac{n-1}{n} \left(1 - \frac{r}{x^n}\right),$$

and

$$(3.7) \quad t^{(1)}(x) = \frac{n-1}{x} \left(1 - \frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right).$$

Using (3.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -r + x^n \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \left(-G(x) \frac{t(x)}{n-1}\right)^i. \\ 0 &= -r + x^n \left(1 - G(x) \frac{t(x)}{n-1}\right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (3.6) that

$$\left(1 - G(x) \frac{t(x)}{n-1}\right)^n = \frac{r}{x^n} = 1 - \frac{n}{n-1}t(x),$$

and

$$G(x) = \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^{1/n}}{\frac{1}{n-1}t(x)}.$$

Obviously it is a theoretical result because it requires the computation of the  $n$ -th root of  $\left(1 - \frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)$ . We can verify that with this  $G(x)$ , if we start with any  $x$  value we get  $\alpha$  in one step because

$$\begin{aligned} x - G(x)u(x) &= x - \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^{1/n}}{\frac{1}{n-1}t(x)}u(x) \\ &= x - x \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^{1/n}\right) \\ &= x \left(1 - \frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^{1/n} \\ &= x \left(\frac{r}{x^n}\right)^{1/n} \\ &= r^{1/n}. \end{aligned}$$

To obtain a numerical method we use the MacLaurin's expansion of  $(1+x)^{1/n}$

$$(1+x)^{1/n} = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} x^i + \binom{1/n}{p} (1+\theta(x)x)^{\frac{1}{n}-p} x^p$$

where  $\theta(x) \in (0, 1)$ . For  $p \geq 2$  we take

$$(3.8) \quad G_p(x) = \frac{1 - \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^i}{\frac{1}{n-1}t(x)},$$

and define

$$(3.9) \quad \Phi_{1,p}(x) = x - G_p(x)u(x) = x - G_p(x) \frac{x}{n-1}t(x).$$

Then we have the following result.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f(x)$  and  $t(x)$  given by (1.1) and (3.4). Let  $n$  be an integer  $\geq 2$ ,  $p$  be an integer  $\geq 2$ , and let  $\Phi_{1,p}(x)$  be defined by

$$(3.10) \quad \Phi_{1,p}(x) = x \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^i.$$

Then

$$(3.11) \quad \Phi_{1,p}(r^{1/n}) = r^{1/n},$$

$$(3.12) \quad \Phi_{1,p}^{(j)}(r^{1/n}) = 0 \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, p-1,$$

$$(3.13) \quad \Phi_{1,p}^{(p)}(r^{1/n}) = (-1)^p n^p p! \binom{1/n}{p} r^{-\frac{p-1}{n}},$$

$$(3.14) \quad \Phi_{1,p+1}^{(p+1)}(r^{1/n}) = (-1)^p \frac{p(p-1)}{2} n^p (n+1) p! \binom{1/n}{p} r^{-p/n}.$$

**Proof.** Since  $t(r^{1/n}) = 0$ , we have  $\Phi_{1,p}(r^{1/n}) = r^{1/n}$ . Also, using (3.7) and the identity

$$(3.15) \quad \binom{1/n}{i+1} = \binom{1/n}{i} \frac{\frac{1}{n} - i}{i+1},$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{1,p}^{(1)}(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^i \\ &\quad + x \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} i \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^{i-1} \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t^{(1)}(x)\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} \left[ \binom{1/n}{i} (1 - ni) - \binom{1/n}{i+1} n(i+1) \right] \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^i \\ &\quad + \binom{1/n}{p-1} (1 - n(p-1)) \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^{p-1} \\ &= np \binom{1/n}{p} \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x)\right)^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, because  $t(r^{1/n}) = 0$  and  $p \geq 2$ , it follows that  $\Phi_{1,p}^{(1)}(r^{1/n}) = 0$ . For  $j = 2, \dots, p$ , we have

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi_{1,p}^{(j)}(x) &= \left(t(x)\right)^{p-(j-2)} g_j(x) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{p-1} \frac{(j-1)(j-2)}{2} \frac{n^p}{(n-1)^{p-1}} \frac{p!}{(p-(j-1))!} \binom{1/n}{p} \left(t(x)\right)^{p-(j-1)} \left(t^{(1)}(x)\right)^{j-3} t^{(2)}(x) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{p-1} \frac{n^p}{(n-1)^{p-1}} \frac{p!}{(p-j)!} \binom{1/n}{p} \left(t(x)\right)^{p-j} \left(t^{(1)}(x)\right)^{j-1} \end{aligned}$$

where the  $g_j(x)$  are regular functions of  $x$  near  $r^{1/n}$ . It follows that  $\Phi_{1,p}^{(j)}(r^{1/n}) = 0$  for  $j = 2, \dots, p-1$ , and

$$(3.17) \quad \Phi_{1,p}^{(p)}(r^{1/n}) = (-1)^{p-1} n^p p! \binom{1/n}{p} r^{-\frac{p-1}{n}}.$$

Finally, taking the derivative of (3.16) for  $j = p$ , we obtain

$$\Phi_{1,p}^{(p+1)}(x) = t(x)g_{p+1}(x) + (-1)^{p-1} \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \frac{n^p}{(n-1)^{p-1}} p! \binom{1/n}{p} \left(t^{(1)}(x)\right)^{p-2} t^{(2)}(x)$$

where the  $g_{p+1}(x)$  is regular functions of  $x$  near  $r^{1/n}$ . The result follows for  $\Phi_{1,p}^{(p+1)}(r^{1/n})$  because  $t^{(1)}(r^{1/n}) = (n-1)r^{-1/n}$  and  $t^{(2)}(r^{1/n}) = -(n-1)(n+1)r^{-2/n}$ .  $\square$

Then the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^{+\infty}$  generated by :  $x_0$  given sufficiently close to  $r^{1/n}$ , and

$$(3.18) \quad x_{k+1} = \Phi_{1,p}(x_k)$$

$$(3.19) \quad = x_k \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x_k)\right)^i$$

for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , converges to  $r^{1/n}$ . Moreover, the convergence is of order  $p$ , and the asymptotic constant is

$$(3.20) \quad K_{1,p}(r^{1/n}) = \frac{\Phi_{1,p}^{(p)}(\alpha)}{p!} = (-1)^{p-1} n^p \binom{1/n}{p} r^{-\frac{p-1}{n}}.$$

Moreover if  $x_k > r^{1/n}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} - r^{1/n} &= \Phi_{1,p}(x_k) - \Phi_{1,p}(r^{1/n}) \\ &= \Phi_{1,p}^{(1)}(\xi) \\ &= (-1)^{p-1} \frac{n^p}{(n-1)^{p-1}} \binom{1/n}{p} \left(t(\xi)\right)^{p-1} \\ &> 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\xi \in (r^{1/n}, x_k)$ ,  $t(\xi) = \frac{n-1}{\xi}u(\xi) > 0$  and  $(-1)^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{p} > 0$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} - x_k &= x_k \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \left(-\frac{n}{n-1}t(x_k)\right)^i \\ &= x_k \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (-1)^i \left(\frac{n}{n-1}\right)^i \binom{1/n}{i} \left(t(x_k)\right)^i \\ &< 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $t(x_k) = \frac{n-1}{x_k}u(x_k) > 0$  and  $(-1)^i \binom{1/n}{i} < 0$ . Then for any  $x_0 > r^{1/n}$ , the sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^{+\infty}$  monotonically decreases and converges to  $r^{1/n}$ .

#### 4. HIGHER ORDER METHODS.

In the preceding two sections we have obtained two families of methods for the computation of  $r^{1/n}$ . In this section we combine the two families to get new higher order methods.

We start with two  $p$ -order methods

$$x_{k+1} = \Phi_{0,p}(x_k) = x_k - \frac{(x_k^n - r) \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \left(\frac{x_k^n - r}{r}\right)^{i-1}}{n x_k^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} i \binom{1/n}{i} \left(\frac{x_k^n - r}{r}\right)^{i-1}},$$

and

$$x_{k+1} = \Phi_{1,p}(x_k) = x_k \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \binom{1/n}{i} \left(-\frac{n}{n-1} t(x_k)\right)^i,$$

and consider an affine combination

$$\Phi_{\lambda,p}(x) = (1 - \lambda)\Phi_{0,p}(x) + \lambda\Phi_{1,p}(x).$$

This method converges to  $r^{1/n}$  if  $x_0$  is given sufficiently close to  $r^{1/n}$  because  $\Phi_{\lambda,p}(r^{1/n}) = r^{1/n}$  and

$$\Phi_{\lambda,p}^{(1)}(r^{1/n}) = (1 - \lambda)\Phi_{0,p}^{(1)}(r^{1/n}) + \lambda\Phi_{1,p}^{(1)}(r^{1/n}) = 0.$$

We obtain a method of order  $p$  with an asymptotic constant given by

$$K_{\lambda,p}(r^{1/n}) = (1 - \lambda)K_{0,p}(r^{1/n}) + \lambda K_{1,p}(r^{1/n}).$$

From (2.13) and (3.20), we get

$$K_{\lambda,p}(r^{1/n}) = \left[(-1)^p(p-1) + \lambda(1 - (-1)^p(p-1))\right](-1)^{p-1}n^p \binom{1/n}{p-1} r^{-\frac{p-1}{n}}.$$

This asymptotic constant can be made arbitrary small for  $p > 2$ , and is 0 for

$$\lambda = \lambda_p = \frac{(-1)^{p+1}(p-1)}{1 + (-1)^{p+1}(p-1)}.$$

Using Taylor expansions for  $F_p(x_{k+1})$ ,  $F_p^{(1)}(x_{k+1})$ , and  $\Phi_{1,p}^{(1)}(x_{k+1})$  around  $r^{1/n}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} - r^{1/n} &= \Phi_{\lambda,p}(x_k) - \Phi_{\lambda,p}(r^{1/n}) \\ &= (1 - \lambda) \left[ (x_k - r^{1/n}) - \frac{F_p(x_k)}{F_p^{(1)}(x_k)} \right] + \lambda \left[ \Phi_{1,p}(x_k) - \Phi_{1,p}(r^{1/n}) \right] \\ &= \left[ (1 - \lambda) \frac{p-1}{p!} \frac{F_p^{(p)}(r^{1/n})}{F_p^{(1)}(r^{1/n})} + \lambda \frac{\Phi_{1,p}^{(p)}(r^{1/n})}{p!} \right] (x_k - r^{1/n})^p \\ &\quad + (1 - \lambda) F_p^{(p)}(r^{1/n}) \frac{p-1}{p!} \left[ \frac{1}{F_p^{(1)}(x_k)} - \frac{1}{F_p^{(1)}(r^{1/n})} \right] (x_k - r^{1/n})^p \\ &\quad + \left[ (1 - \lambda) \frac{(p+1)F_p^{(p+1)}(\xi') - F_p^{(p+1)}(\xi'')}{(p+1)!F_p^{(1)}(x_k)} + \lambda \frac{\Phi_{1,p}^{(p+1)}(\xi)}{(p+1)!} \right] (x_k - r^{1/n})^{p+1} \\ &= \left[ (1 - \lambda)K_{0,p}(r^{1/n}) + \lambda K_{1,p}(r^{1/n}) \right] (x_k - r^{1/n})^p \\ &\quad + (1 - \lambda) F_p^{(p)}(r^{1/n}) \frac{p-1}{p!} \left[ \frac{1}{F_p^{(1)}(x_k)} - \frac{1}{F_p^{(1)}(r^{1/n})} \right] (x_k - r^{1/n})^p \\ &\quad + \left[ (1 - \lambda) \frac{(p+1)F_p^{(p+1)}(\xi') - F_p^{(p+1)}(\xi'')}{(p+1)!F_p^{(1)}(x_k)} + \lambda \frac{\Phi_{1,p}^{(p+1)}(\xi)}{(p+1)!} \right] (x_k - r^{1/n})^{p+1} \end{aligned}$$



where  $\xi$ ,  $\xi'$  and  $\xi''$  are between  $x_k$  and  $r^{1/n}$ .

For  $\lambda = \lambda_p$ , it follows that the method is of order  $p + 1$  and its asymptotic constant is

$$K_{\lambda_p, p+1}(r^{1/n}) = \left[ (1 - \lambda_p) \frac{{}_pF_p^{(p+1)}(r^{1/n})}{(p+1)!F_p^{(1)}(r^{1/n})} + \lambda_p \frac{\Phi_{1,p}^{(p+1)}(r^{1/n})}{(p+1)!} \right].$$

From (2.5), (2.8) and (3.14), we obtain

$$K_{\lambda_p, p+1}(r^{1/n}) = \left[ \frac{(3 + n - 2np)}{1 + (-1)^{p+1}(p-1)} \right] \frac{p(p-1)}{2(p+1)} n^p \binom{1/n}{p} r^{-p/n}.$$

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