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Koenig’s root-finding algorithms

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0.1 Abstract In this paper, we first recall the definition of a family of Koenig’s root-finding algorithms known as Koenig’s algorithms ($K_{p,n}$) for polynomials. In the whole paper p has degree $d \geq 2$ with real coefficients and real (and simple) zeros x_k , $1 \leq k \leq d$.

Now we want to discuss Koenig’s algorithms in details where $n = 4, (K_{p,4}(z))$.

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Definition 0.1.1.

Let

$$p(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_{d-1}z^{d-1} + a_dz^d$$

be a polynomial with real coefficients and real (and simple) zeros x_k , $1 \leq k \leq d$, and $n \geq 2$ is an integer. Koenig’s method of p of order n is defined by the formula

$$K_{p,n}(z) = z + (n - 1) \frac{\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{[n-2]}}{\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{[n-1]}}$$

(0.1.1)

where $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{[n]}$ is the n th derivative of $\frac{1}{p}$.

For $n = 2$ the map $K_{p,n}$ is Newton’s method of p , for $n = 3$ the map

$K_{p,n}$ is Halley’s method of p , and Householder’s method

$$h_p(z) = K_{p,2}(z) - \frac{p}{2p'}K'_{p,2}$$

which we have discussed all of them in the previous papers

0.2 Koenig’s root-finding algorithms of order four

Let p be a polynomial with real coefficients and real (and simple) zeros x_k , $1 \leq k \leq d$, then

$$K_{p,4} = z - 3 \frac{p^2p'' - 2pp'^2}{6pp'p'' - 6p'^3 - p^2p'''} ;$$

(0.2.1)

defined as Koenig’s function of order four associated with p . The fixed points of $K_{p,4}$ are given by the zeros of $p^2p'' - 2pp'^2$. Since we have known $pp'' - 2p'^2 < 0$ on \mathbb{R} , the fixed points of $K_{p,4}$ are the zeros of p together with ∞ , and from proposition (0.5.1) the rational map $K_{p,4}$ has degree $3d - 2$.

Proposition 0.2.1. Let $p: C \rightarrow C$ be a polynomial of degree d , then Koenig’s method $K_{p,4}$ is a rational map, it has a repelling fixed point at ∞ with multiplier $(d + 2)/(d - 1)$.

Proof. When $|z|$ tends to ∞ , we have

$$p(z) \sim \lambda z^d ,$$

we know

$$K_{p,4} = z + 3 \frac{\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)''}{\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)'''}$$

where

$$\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)'' \sim \frac{d(d+1)}{\lambda z^{d+2}},$$

and

$$\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)''' \sim \frac{-d(d+1)(d+2)}{\lambda z^{d+3}},$$

Then

$$K_{p,4} \sim z - 3 \frac{z}{d+2},$$

$$K'_{p,4}(z) \sim 1 - \frac{3}{d+2} \sim \frac{d-1}{d+2},$$

as we know that the multiplier λ , at ∞ is equal to

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{K'_{p,4}(z)} = \frac{d+2}{d-1}.$$

0.3 Derivative of Koenig's method of order four

The derivative of Koenig's method $K_{p,4}$ is

$$K'_{p,4} = \frac{p^3(4pp''''^2 - 24p''p'''' + 6p'^2p^{(4)} + 18p''^3 - 4pp')^{(4)}}{(6pp'p'' - 6p'^3 - p^2p''')^2}, \quad (0.3.1)$$

from (0.3.1), we can see that the roots of $p(z)$ are superattracting fixed points of $K_{p,4}$, but of one degree higher order than for Halley's method. There are three critical points at each fixed point of $K_{p,4}$. The rational map $K_{p,4}$ has $2(3d-2) - 2 = 6d - 6$ critical points, and $3d - 6$ of them are free critical points. Also from proposition (0.5.1), the local degree of $K_{p,4}$ at the roots of p is exactly equal to four.

Remark 0.3.1. Let x be a simple zero of p , then $K_{p,4}(x) = x$ and from (0.5.1) $K'_{p,4}(x) = K''_{p,4}(x) = K'''_{p,4}(x) = 0$, while $K^{(4)}_{p,4} \neq 0$. Thus $K_{p,4}$ is of order four for simple roots.

Since $p(x) = 0$, it follows that $N_p(x) = H_p(x) = K_{p,4}(x) = x$, and this fixed point is superattracting fixed point for the three methods because $N'_p(x) = H'_p(x) = K'_{p,4}(x) = 0$. And since the third derivative of $K_{p,4}$ vanishes, whereas the third derivative of H_p does not, the graph of $K_{p,4}$ is flatter than that of H_p near the fixed point. Thus $K_{p,4}$

is faster convergence to the fixed point than H_p . From figures (1,2), Koenig's function ($K_{p,4}$) looks like Newton's function but ($K_{p,4}$), where $p(z) = z^3 - z$, has non-real critical points wherea Newton's function does not.

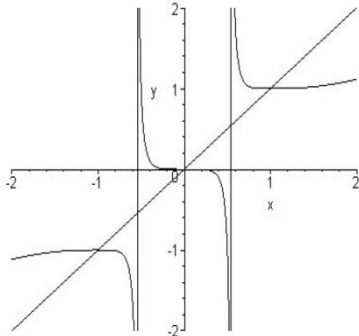


Figure 1: Koenig's function for the polynomial $p(x) = x^3 - x$.

Proposition 0.3.1. Let $p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a polynomial of degree d with real coefficients and real (and simple) zeros. Then the rational map $K_{p,4}$ has $2d - 2$ repelling fixed points in \mathbb{C} and their multipliers are all equal to four.

And $pp'' - 2p'^2 < 0$ on \mathbb{R} , it follows that, if $p > 0$ in (c_1, x_k) , then $p' < 0$ and $p''' < 0$, and if $p < 0$ in (c_1, x_k) , then $p' > 0$ and $p''' > 0$. Thus

$$\frac{p(pp'' - 2p'^2)}{6p'(pp'' - p'^2) - p^2p'''} < 0 \quad \text{in} \quad (c_1, x_k),$$

it follows that $K_{p,4}(x) > x$ in (c_1, x_k) , thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c_1^+} K'_{p,4}(x) = +\infty.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\frac{p(pp'' - 2p'^2)}{6p'(pp'' - p'^2) - p^2p'''} > 0 \quad \text{in} \quad (x_k, c_2),$$

So $K_{p,4}(x) < x$ in (x_k, c_2) , thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c_2^-} K'_{p,4}(x) = -\infty.$$

and at the repelling fixed points of $K_{p,4}$, $g = 0$. Thus $K'_{p,4} = 4$ at each repelling fixed point.

Definition 0.3.1. If $c_1 < c_2$ are consecutive real poles of $K_{p,4}$, then the interval (c_1, c_2) is called a band for $K_{p,4}$.

Proposition 0.3.2. If (c_1, c_2) is a band for $K'_{p,4}$ that contains a root of $p(x)$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c_1^+} K'_{p,4}(x) = +\infty, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c_2^-} K'_{p,4}(x) = -\infty$$

Proof. From

$$K_{p,4} = z - 3 \frac{p(pp'' - 2p'^2)}{6p'(pp'' - p'^2) - p^2p'''} ,$$

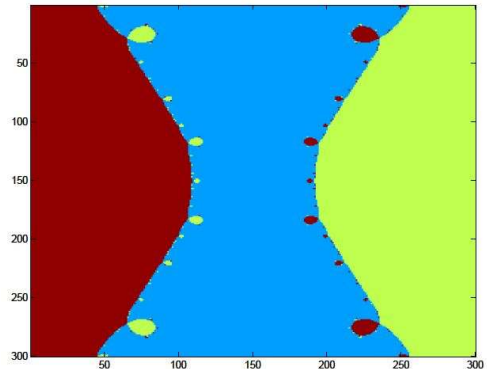


Figure 2: Iteration of Koenig's function for the polynomial $p(z) = z^3 - z$.

Proof. Let

$$K_{p,4}(z) = z + 3 \frac{g(z)}{g'(z)},$$

Where

$$g = \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)'' = \frac{2p'^2 - pp''}{p^3},$$

a rational map $\mathcal{R}: \hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$. Assume that A is not simply connected. Then there exist in $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ two disjoint domains U_0 and U_1 intersecting A , such that $V = \mathcal{R}(U_0) = \mathcal{R}(U_1) \supset \bar{U}_0 \cup \bar{U}_1$, $\mathcal{R}(\partial U_i) = \partial V \subset A$ for $i = 0, 1$, $V \cup A = \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ and V is homeomorphic to a disc.

$$g' = \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)''' = \frac{6pp'p'' - 6p'^3 - p^2p'''}{p^4}.$$

Let x_k , $1 \leq x_k \leq d$, be the zeros of p which are real and simple. The fixed points of $K_{p,4}(z)$ are ∞ , the points x_k and the zeros of the rational map $g = \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)''$.

From (0.3.2), we can see that g has $3d$ poles. When $z \rightarrow \infty$, then $p(z) \sim \lambda z^d$ and it follows that g has a zero of order $d + 2$ at ∞ . Since the number of zeros for any rational map is equal to the number of poles, then g has $3d - (d + 2) = 2d$ finite zeros. Since we have proved that $2p'^2 - pp'' > 0$ on \mathbb{R} , $2d - 2$ zeros of g are non-real repelling fixed points of $K_{p,4}$. Now we have

$$K'_{p,4} = 4 - \frac{3gg''}{g'^2}$$

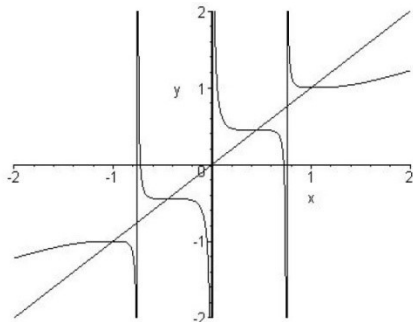


Figure 3: Koenig's function for the polynomial $p(x) = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 1/5)$.

0.4 Immediate basins of Koenig's method of order four

In this section, we want to prove that each component of Fatou set of Koenig's method $K_{p,4}$ is simple connected.

Lemma 0.4.1. ([6]) *Let A be the immediate basin of attraction to a fixed point for*

Theorem 0.4.2. *The immediate basins of attraction to the roots of any polynomial with real coefficients and only real (and simply) zeros $x_k, 1 \leq k \leq d$ for Halley's method, are simply connected.*

Proof. In [6] Feliks Przytycki has proved that the immediate basins of attraction for N_p is simply connected. We can apply the same proof, so we can assume that A is a multiply connected immediate basin of attraction for $\mathcal{R} = H_p$ to a root $x \in \mathbb{R}$ of a polynomial p . Choose $z \in V \cap A$, V given by Lemma (0.4:1), and branches \mathcal{R}^{-1} ,

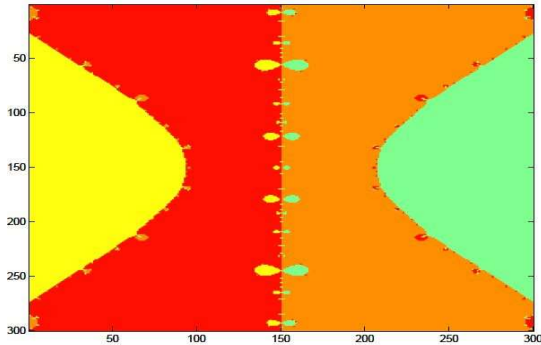


Figure 4: Iteration of Koenig's function for the polynomial $p(z) = (z^2 - 1)(z^2 - 1/5)$.

so that $w_i = R^{-1}(z) \in U_i \cap A$. Join z with w_i by a curve

$\gamma_i^0 \subset V \cap A$. Take care additionally to have $\gamma_i^0 \cap cl(\cup_{n>0} R^n(critR)) = \emptyset$. Define by induction $\gamma_i^n = R^{-1}(\gamma_i^{n-1})$, where R^{-1} is the extension of the preliminary branch along the curve $\cup_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_i^j$. Define $\gamma_i = \cup_{n=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i^n$. The curve γ_i converges to a fixed point $\zeta_i \in U_i$ of R . The reason is that $R_{v_i}^{-1} \circ \dots \circ R_{v_i}^{-1}$, n times, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, is a normal family of functions on a neighborhood of γ_i with the set of limit functions on boundary of A which is nowhere dense. So

all limit functions are constant, hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} diam(\gamma_i^n) = 0$. Therefore all limit points of the sequence of curves γ_i^n are fixed points for R . On the other hand they must be isolated from each other. So we actually have only one limit

point. The conclusion is that the boundary of A contains two different fixed points ζ_0, ζ_1 belonging to two

different components of the boundary of A . But the only fixed points for H_p are the roots of p (real), the roots of p' (real), and ∞ . Since we have proved that H_p is continuous on \mathbb{R} . Thus $A \cap \mathbb{R}$ is an interval. We arrived at a contradiction.

Theorem 0.4.3. *Immediate basins of attraction of Koenig's function $K_{p,A}$ are simply connected, whenever p is a complex polynomial with real coefficients and only real and simple zeros $x_k, 1 \leq k \leq d$.*

Proof. We follow the same steps of proof of theorem (0.4.2) with some changes. In this case we work on the interval (a_1, a_2) , where a_1, a_2 are two consecutive poles of $K_{p,A}$ instead of the interval (r_1, r_2) , where r_1, r_2 are two repelling fixed points of H_p .

Assume that A is a non simply connected immediate basin of attraction for $K_{p,A}$ to a root $x \in \mathbb{R}$ of a polynomial p . We follow the same proof of theorem (0.4.2) until we arrive to the conclusion that boundary A contains two different fixed points belonging to two different components of boundary of A . But the only fixed points for $K_{p,A}$ are the roots of p and ∞ . We arrived at a contradiction.

Since $K_{p,A}$, (where for simplicity $p(z) = z^3 - z$), has non real free critical points, then we are in the same situation of Halley's method.

0.5 General form of Koenig's method

The following rational map

$$K_{p,n}(z) = z + (n-1) \frac{\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{[n-2]}}{\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^{[n-1]}}$$

is the general form of Koenig's function. We end this chapter with some general remarks describe, without proof, the dynamics of the general form of Koenig's function $K_{p,A}$. We will consider p be a special polynomial of degree $d > 2$ which is a complex polynomial with real coefficients and real (and simple) zeros $x_k, 1 \leq k \leq d$, and $p'(x_k) = p''(x_k) = 0$.

Proposition 0.5.1. *Let $p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a polynomial of degree $d \geq 2$. Then for any $n \geq 2$,*

- (a) *The rational map $K_{p,n}$ has degree $(n-1)(d-1) + 1$.*
- (b) *If p has d distinct roots, then $K_{p,A}$ has*

(c) *The local degree of $K_{p,n}$ at the roots of p is exactly n .*

(d) *Koenig's method $K_{p,n}$ is a rational map, it has a repelling fixed point at ∞ with multiplier $1 + \frac{n-1}{d-1}$.*

Proof. For details proof see [9].

In general case of the map $K_{p,n}, n \geq 2$ and p is special polynomial of degree $d \geq 2$ with real coefficients and real (and simple) zeros, we have two cases.

Case (1) If n is even, then the map $K_{p,n}$ has $nd - 2$ real critical points, and $(n-2)(d-2)$ non-real critical points which are distributed as follows; each basin of $x_k, 2 \leq k \leq d-1$, contains n real critical points and $n-2$ non-real critical points, symmetric to the real line; the two basins of x_1, x_d each contains $(n-1)$ real critical points. And there are $(d-1)$ real poles of $K_{p,n}$.

Case (2) If n is odd then the map $K_{p,n}$ has $(n-1)d$ real critical points and $(n-1)(d-2)$ non-real critical points, where each basin $x_k, 1 \leq k \leq d$, contains $(n-1)$ real critical points and each basin $x_k, 2 \leq k \leq d-1$, contains $(n-1)$ non-real critical points. And there are no real poles.

The following figures show how the critical points (c.p) distributed around the fixed points of the map $K_{p,n}$, where p is special polynomial.

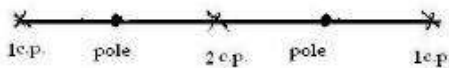


Figure 5: $n = 2, d = 3$ (Newton), number of critical points $2d - 2$.



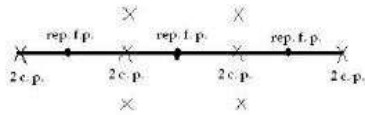


Figure 8: $n = 3, d = 4$ (Halley), number of critical points $4d - 4$.

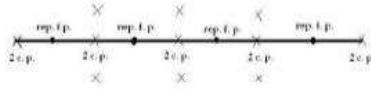


Figure 9: $n = 3, d = 5$ (Halley), number of critical points $4d - 4$.

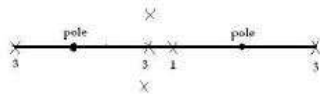


Figure 10: $n = 4, d = 3$ ($K_{p,s}$), number of critical points $6d - 6$.

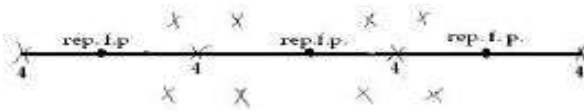


Figure 12: $n = 5, d = 4$ ($K_{p,s}$), number of critical points $8d - 8$.

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المخلص

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وسيتم مناقشة طريقة $d \geq 2$ في هذه الورقة $p(z)$ ونعتبر درجة $1 \leq k \leq d$ حيث x_k وكذلك ايجاد تفاضل دالة كونج للتعرف على حركة النقاط الحرجه $n = 4$ كونج بالتفصيل عندما تحت تكرار الداله وتم اثبات ان الاحواض الفورية للجذور تكون مرتبطه ارتباط بسيط وفي النهايه تعرضنا للصوره العامه لدالة كونج .