

ON THE SOLUTION OF EQUATIONS WITH NONDIFFERENTIABLE OPERATORS

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Abstract. We approximate solutions of equations with nondifferentiable operators using the Newton-Kantorovich method and the majorant theory. Under some as easy to verify assumptions as the ones given by Zabrejko and Nguen in [9] we improve their error estimates.

1. Introduction

Let X and Y be Banach spaces, and let $U(x_0, R)$ denote the closed ball with center $x_0 \in X$ and of radius R in X . Suppose that two operators F and G are defined on a convex subset D of X containing $U(x_0, R)$, with values in Y , where F is Fréchet differentiable at every interior point of $U(x_0, R)$ and satisfies the condition

$$\|F'(x+h) - F'(x)\| \leq A(r, \|h\|), x \in U(x_0, r), 0 \leq r \leq R, 0 \leq \|h\| \leq R - r, \quad (1)$$

while G satisfies the condition

$$\|G(x+h) - G(x)\| \leq B(r, \|h\|), x \in U(x_0, r), 0 \leq r \leq R, 0 \leq \|h\| \leq R - r. \quad (2)$$

Here A, B are nonnegative and continuous functions of two variables such that if one of the variables is fixed then A, B are non-decreasing functions of the other on the interval $[0, R]$. Moreover, the following are true:

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- (a) the function $\frac{\partial A(0,t)}{\partial t}$ is positive, continuous and non-decreasing on $[0, R-r]$ with $A(0,0) = 0$; (3)
- (b) B is linear in the second variable and the function $\frac{\partial B(R,t)}{\partial t}$ is positive, continuous and non-decreasing on $[0, R-r]$.

the definition of B implies that

$$B(r,t) \leq B(R,t), \text{ for all } 0 \leq r \leq R \text{ and } 0 \leq t \leq R-r. \quad (4)$$

Further, assume that the operator $F'(x_0)$ is invertible. We are concerned with approximating a solution x^* of the equation

$$F(x) + G(x) = 0 \quad (5)$$

in $U(x_0, R)$ using the approximations

$$z_{n+1} = z_n - F'(x_0)^{-1}(F(z_n) + G(z_n)), \quad z_0 = x_0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (6)$$

and

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - F'(x_n)^{-1}(F(x_n) + G(x_n)), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (7)$$

Equation (5) has been studied extensively in the case when $G = 0$, using the modified iteration (6) or the Newton-Kantorovich iteration (7), [2], [3], [4],[5]. In particular, Potra and Pták have obtained elegant error estimates by means of a method based on a special variant of Banach's closed graph theorem [1], [4], [8]. Zincenko in [10] and Zabrejko and Ngyen in [9] studied the case $G \neq 0$ under the hypotheses (1) and (2) provided that A, B are given by

$$A(r,t) = k(r)t \quad (8)$$

and

$$B(r,t) = \epsilon(r)t, \quad (9)$$

where $k(r)$ and $\epsilon(r)$ are non-decreasing functions on the interval $[0, R]$. Further work on equation (5) can be found in [8].

In this paper we show that under very similar assumptions our error estimates on the distances $\|x^* - x_n\|$, $\|x_n - x_{n+1}\|$ ($\|x^* - z_n\|$, $\|z_n - z_{n+1}\|$) are better than the ones given in [9].

We will assume that for a fixed $r \in [0, R]$ the functions A and B can be extended such that $\|h\| \in [0, r]$.

2. Existence Theorems

We will need to define the constants

$$a = \|F'(x_0)^{-1}(F(x_0) + G(x_0))\|, \quad b = \|F'(x_0)^{-1}\| \quad (10)$$

and the functions

$$\omega(r) = \int_0^r k(t)dt, \quad (11)$$

$$\varphi(r) = a + b \int_0^r \omega(t)dt - r, \quad (12)$$

$$\varphi_\gamma(r) = a + b \int_0^r A(0, t)dt - r, \quad (13)$$

$$\psi(r) = b \int_0^r \epsilon(t)dt, \quad (14)$$

$$\psi_\gamma(t) = bB(R, t), \quad (15)$$

$$\chi(r) = \varphi(r) + \psi(r) \quad (16)$$

and

$$\chi_\gamma(r) = \varphi_\gamma(r) + \psi_\gamma(r). \quad (17)$$

As in [9], the main advantage of our approach consists in the fact that the study of equation (5) reduces to the study of a simple scalar equation

$$\chi_\gamma(r) = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad [0, R]. \quad (18)$$

The following theorem justifies our claim.

Theorem 1. *Suppose that the function $\chi_\gamma(r) = \varphi_\gamma(r) + \psi_\gamma(r)$ has a unique zero s in the interval $[0, R]$, and $\chi_\gamma(R) \leq 0$. Then equation (5) has a solution*

x^* in $U(x_0, r)$. This solution is unique in $U(x_0, s)$, and the iterates generated by (6) are well-defined for all n , belong to $U(x_0, s)$, and satisfy the estimates

$$\|z_{n+1} - z_n\| \leq \bar{s}_{n+1} - \bar{s}_n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (19)$$

and

$$\|z_n - x^*\| \leq s - \bar{s}_n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (20)$$

Moreover, the sequence defined by

$$\bar{s}_{n+1} = d(\bar{s}_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \bar{s}_0 = 0 \quad (21)$$

where

$$d_\gamma(r) = r + \chi_\gamma(r) \quad (22)$$

is monotonically increasing and converges to s .

Proof. Let us define the sequence

$$z_{n+1} = P(z_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, z_0 = x_0 \quad (23)$$

where

$$P(z) = I - F'(x_0)^{-1}(F(z) + G(z)). \quad (24)$$

Moreover, consider the numerical sequence given by (21).

As in [9, p.675], a simple geometrical argument shows that the sequence (21) is monotonically increasing and convergent to s .

We shall show the estimate

$$\|z_{n+1} - z_n\| \leq \bar{s}_{n+1} - \bar{s}_n. \quad (25)$$

For $n = 0$ the inequality (25) is true since

$$\|z_1 - z_0\| = \|F'(x_0)^{-1}(F(x_0) + G(x_0))\| = a = d(0) = \bar{s}_1 - \bar{s}_0.$$

Let us assume that (25) holds for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z_{k+1} - z_k\| = \|P(z_k) - P(z_{k-1})\| \\ & \leq \|z_k - z_{k-1} - F'(x_0)^{-1}(F(z_k) - F(z_{k-1}))\| + \|F'(x_0)^{-1}(G(z_k) - G(z_{k-1}))\| \\ & \leq b \int_0^1 \|F'((1-t)z_{k-1} + tz_k) - F'(x_0)\| \|z_k - z_{k-1}\| dt + b \|G(z_k) - G(z_{k-1})\|. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Set

$$h = (1-t)z_{k-1} + tz_k - (1-t)x_0 - tx_0,$$

then

$$\|h\| \leq (1-t)\|z_{k-1} - x_0\| + t\|z_k - x_0\| \leq (1-t)\bar{s}_{k-1} + t\bar{s}_k. \quad (27)$$

Using (1), (2), (4), (26), (27) and the induction hypothesis, (26) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_{k+1} - z_k\| &\leq b \int_{\bar{s}_{k-1}}^{\bar{s}_k} A(0,t)dt + bB(\bar{s}_{k-1}, \|z_k - z_{k-1}\|) \\ &\leq b \left[\int_{\bar{s}_{k-1}}^{\bar{s}_k} A(0,t)dt + bB(R, \bar{s}_k - \bar{s}_{k-1}) \right] = d_\gamma(\bar{s}_k) - d_\gamma(\bar{s}_{k-1}) = \bar{s}_{k+1} - \bar{s}_k, \end{aligned}$$

which shows (25) for $n = k$.

We have shown that (21) is a Cauchy sequence in a Banach space and as such it converges to a solution $x^* \in U(x_0, s)$. We will now show that x^* is a unique solution of equation (5) in $U(x_0, s)$. Let us define the sequences

$$y_{n+1} = P(y_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad y_0 \in U(x_0, R) \quad (28)$$

and

$$s_{n+1}^+ = d_\gamma(s_n^+), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad s_0^+ = R. \quad (29)$$

To show uniqueness it suffices to show the estimates

$$\|z_n - y_n\| \leq s_n^+ - s_n^-, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots. \quad (30)$$

Using the same geometrical argument as in [9, p. 675] we can show that the sequence (29) is monotonically decreasing and convergent to s . That is, if for y_0 we choose the second solution $x_1^* \in U(x_0, r)$ of equation (5), we get by (30), that $\|x_1^* - x^*\| \leq s_n^+ - s_n^-$. That is, $x_1^* = x^*$. For $n = 0$, (30) is true since $\|y_0 - z_0\| \leq R - 0 = R$. Let us assume that (30) holds for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Using (1) and (2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|y_{k+1} - z_{k+1}\| = \|p(y_k) - P(z_k)\| \\
 & \leq \|y_k - z_k - F'(x_0)^{-1}(F(y_k) - F(z_k))\| + \|F'(x_0)^{-1}(G(y_k) - G(z_k))\| \\
 & \leq b \int_0^1 \|F'((1-t)z_k + ty_k) - F'(x_0)\| \cdot \|y_k - z_k\| dt + bB(R, s_k^+ - s_k^-) \\
 & \leq b \int_0^1 A(0, (1-t)s_k^- + ts_k^+)(s_k^+ - s_k^-) dt + bB(R, s_k^+ - s_k^-) \\
 & \leq b \int_{s_k^-}^{s_k^+} A(0, t) dt + bB(R, s_k^+ - s_k^-) = d_\gamma(s_k^+) - d_\gamma(s_k^-) = s_{k+1}^+ - s_{k+1}^-.
 \end{aligned}$$

That completes the proof of the theorem.

We can now prove the main theorem.

Theorem 2. *Assume*

- (i) *the hypotheses of Theorem 1 are true;*
- (ii) *the number R defined in Theorem 1 is such that*

$$1 - bA(0, R) > 0$$

and

$$T(R) \leq R$$

where

$$T(r) = a + \frac{b \int_0^r A(r, t) dt + bB(r, r)}{1 - bA(0, r)}, \quad r \in [0, \infty).$$

Then

- (a) the sequence $\{\bar{\rho}_n\}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ given by

$$\bar{\rho}_0 = 0, \quad \bar{\rho}_1 = a,$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{n+1} = \bar{\rho}_n - \frac{b \int_{\bar{\rho}_{n-1}}^{\bar{\rho}_n} A(\bar{\rho}_{n-1}, t) dt + \psi_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_n) - \psi_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_{n-1})}{\varphi'_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_n)}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (31)$$

is bounded above by R , it is monotonically increasing and converges to some s^* with $s \leq s^* \leq R$. The sequence $\{q_n\}$ given by

$$q_{n+1} = q_n - \frac{\chi_\gamma(q_n)}{\varphi'_\gamma(q_n)}, \quad q_0 = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

is monotonically increasing and converges to s . Moreover

$$q_{n+1} - q_n \leq \bar{\rho}_{n+1} - \bar{\rho}_n,$$

$$s - q_n \leq s^* - \bar{\rho}_n$$

and

$$q_n \leq \bar{\rho}_n \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots.$$

(b) The iterates generated by (7) are well-defined in $U(x_0, s^*)$ for all n , and satisfy the estimates

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \bar{\rho}_{n+1} - \bar{\rho}_n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (32)$$

and

$$\|x_{n+1} - x^*\| \leq s^* - \bar{\rho}_n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (33)$$

Proof. (a) We will first show that the sequence given by (31) is bounded above by R . This is true for $k = 0, 1$. For $k = 2$ we have

$$\bar{\rho}_2 = a + \frac{b \int_0^a A(0, t) dt + bB(R, a)}{1 - bA(0, a)} \leq T(R) \leq R.$$

Let us assume that $\bar{\rho}_k \leq R$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$. We will show that $\bar{\rho}_k \leq R$ for $k = n + 1$. The sequence given by (31) is such that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}_{n+1} &\leq \bar{\rho}_n + \frac{b \int_{\bar{\rho}_{n-1}}^{\bar{\rho}_n} A(R, t) dt + bB(R, \bar{\rho}_n - \bar{\rho}_{n-1})}{1 - bA(0, R)} \\ &\leq \dots \leq a + \frac{b \left[\int_{\bar{\rho}_{n-1}}^{\bar{\rho}_n} A(R, t) dt + \int_{\bar{\rho}_1}^{\bar{\rho}_2} A(R, t) dt + \dots + \int_{\bar{\rho}_{n-1}}^{\bar{\rho}_n} A(R, t) dt \right]}{1 - bA(0, R)} \\ &\quad + \frac{b(B(R, \bar{\rho}_1 - \bar{\rho}_0 + \bar{\rho}_2 - \bar{\rho}_1 + \dots + \bar{\rho}_n - \bar{\rho}_{n-1}))}{1 - bA(0, R)} \\ &= T(R) \leq R, \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

by hypothesis. Using (31) it can easily be seen that the sequence $\{\bar{\rho}_n\}$ is monotonically increasing. Hence, it converges to some s^* with $a \leq s^* \leq R$. The same proof as the proof of Proposition 3 in [9, p.677] shows that the sequence $\{q_n\}$ is monotonically increasing and converges to s . It can easily be seen using induction on n that $\varphi'(q_n) \leq \varphi'(\bar{\rho}_n)$ for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Using the definitions of the sequences $\{q_n\}$ and $\{\bar{\rho}_n\}$ and the above inequality we can now easily deduce the rest of the results in (a).

(b) As in [9, p.678] for $n = 0$, (32) is true. Suppose that (32) is true for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$. We must show that $F'(x_k)$ is invertible. We have

$$\|x_k - x_0\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^k \|x_j - x_{j-1}\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^k (\bar{\rho}_j - \bar{\rho}_{j-1}) = \bar{\rho}_k \quad (34)$$

(by the induction hypothesis).

By (1) we obtain

$$\|F'(x_0)^{-1}(F'(x_k) - F'(x_0))\| \leq bA(0, \bar{\rho}_k) < bA(0, s^*) = \varphi'_\gamma(s^*) + 1 \leq 1.$$

By the Banach lemma on invertible operators $F'(x_k)$ is also invertible and

$$\|F'(x_k)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{b}{1 - bA(0, \bar{\rho}_k)} = -\frac{b}{\varphi'_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_k)}. \quad (35)$$

Using (7) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| &= \|F'(x_k)^{-1}(F(x_k) + G(x_k))\| \\ &= \|F'(x_k)^{-1}(F(x_k) - F(x_{k-1}) - F'(x_{k-1})(x_k - x_{k-1}) + G(x_k) - G(x_{k-1}))\| \\ &\leq \|F'(x_k)^{-1}\| \left[\int_0^1 \|F'((1-t)x_{k-1} + tx_k) - F'(x_{k-1})\| \cdot \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|G(x_k) - G(x_{k-1})\| \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

By (1), (2), (34) and (35), (36) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| &\leq -\frac{b}{\varphi'_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_k)} \int_0^1 A(\bar{\rho}_{k-1}, (1-t)\bar{\rho}_{k-1} + t\bar{\rho}_k)(\bar{\rho}_k - \bar{\rho}_{k-1}) dt \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\varphi'_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_k)} (\varphi_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_k) - \psi_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_{k-1})) \\ &= -\frac{b}{\varphi'_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_k)} \int_{\bar{\rho}_{k-1}}^{\bar{\rho}_k} A(\bar{\rho}_{k-1}, t) dt - \frac{1}{\varphi'_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_k)} (\psi_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_k) - \psi_\gamma(\bar{\rho}_{k-1})) \\ &= \bar{\rho}_{k+1} - \bar{\rho}_k. \end{aligned}$$

That shows (32) for $n = k$. The estimates (33) follow now immediately using (32).

That completes the proof of the theorem.

In Theorem 2 we really wanted to show that the sequence $\{q_n\}$ majorizes the sequence $\{x_n\}$. Instead we showed the results for the sequence $\{\bar{\rho}_n\}$.

The corresponding estimates to (19), (20), (32) and (33) in [9] are given by

$$\|z_{n+1} - z_n\| \leq \rho_{n+1}^* - \rho_n^*, \quad (37)$$

$$\|z_n - z^*\| \leq \rho - \rho_n^*, \quad (38)$$

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \rho_{n+1} - \rho_n, \quad (39)$$

and

$$\|x_n - x^*\| \leq \rho - \rho_n \quad (40)$$

where ρ is the unique zero of $\chi(r) = \varphi(r) + \psi(r)$ in $[0, R]$ and the sequences $\{\rho_n^*\}$ and $\{\rho_n\}$ are given by

$$\rho_{n+1}^* = d(\rho_n^*), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \rho_0^* = 0, \quad (41)$$

where

$$d(r) = r + \chi(r) \quad (42)$$

and

$$\rho_{n+1} = \rho_n - \frac{\chi(\rho_n)}{\varphi'(\rho_n)}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \rho_0 = 0. \quad (43)$$

We will now show that under simple assumptions

$$\bar{\rho}_{n+1} - \bar{\rho}_n \leq \rho_{n+1} - \rho_n.$$

We can show similarly that the rest of our error estimates (19), (20) and (33) are better than (37), (38) and (40) respectively.

We will first need to state a theorem whose proof can be found in [9, p.673].

Theorem 3. *Suppose that the function $\chi(r) = \varphi(r) + \psi(r)$ has a unique zero ρ in the interval $[0, R]$, and $\chi(R) \leq 0$. Then equation (5) admits a solution x^* in*

Proof. (a) We will only show (48). The rest will follow similarly. By (12)-(17), (44) and (45) we obtain immediately that

$$\chi_\gamma(r) \leq \chi(r) \quad \text{for all } r \in [0, R]. \quad (55)$$

Moreover, using (44) we get

$$-\varphi'(r) = 1 - b\omega(r) \geq 1 - bA(0, r) > 0. \quad (56)$$

That is

$$-\frac{1}{\varphi'(r)} \leq -\frac{1}{\varphi'_\gamma(r)}. \quad (57)$$

The results now follows from (55), (57), (31) and (43).

(b) By Theorems 2 and 3 to show (53) we only need to show

$$\bar{\rho}_{n+1} - \bar{\rho}_n \leq \rho_{n+1} - \rho_n \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots. \quad (58)$$

By (41) and (43), inequality (58) will be true if

$$b \int_{\bar{\rho}_{n-1}}^{\bar{\rho}_n} A(\bar{\rho}_{n-1}, t) dt + bB(R, \bar{\rho}_n - \bar{\rho}_{n-1}) \leq b \int_0^{\rho_n} \omega(t) dt + a - \rho_n + b \int_0^{\rho_n} \epsilon(t) dt, \quad (59)$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$

and

$$A(0, \bar{\rho}_n) \leq \omega(\rho_n), \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots. \quad (60)$$

The left hand side of (59) is bounded above by the left hand side of (51) for $n = 1$ and by the left hand side of (52) for $n \geq 2$. Whereas the right hand side of (50) is bounded below by the right hand side of (51) for $n = 1$ and the right hand side of (52) for $n \geq 2$. Hence (50) is true for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Inequality (60) is certainly true if inequality (50) is true. That shows (53). Inequality (54) now follows easily. That completes the proof of the proposition.

Note that by Theorem 2, s^* can be replaced with R in (50)-(52).

A discussion on the convergence speed of the numerical sequences (21) and (31) can now easily follow as the discussion in [9, p. 679-684]. However, we leave that to the motivated reader.

the ball $U(x_0, \rho)$, this solution is unique in $U(x_0, R)$, and the iterates generated by (6) and (7) are defined for all n , belong to $U(x_0, \rho)$ and satisfy the estimates (37)–(40). Moreover, the sequences $\{\rho_n^*\}$ and $\{\rho_n\}$ are monotonically increasing and convergent to ρ .

We can now justify the claim made at the introduction.

Proposition. *Under the hypotheses of Theorems 2 and 3,*

(a) *If*

$$A(0, t) \leq \omega(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq R - r, \quad (44)$$

and

$$\psi_\gamma(r) \leq \psi(r), \quad 0 \leq r \leq R. \quad (45)$$

Then

$$\|z_{n+1} - z_n\| \leq \bar{s}_{n+1} - \bar{s}_n \leq \rho_{n+1}^* - \rho_n^*, \quad (46)$$

$$\|z_n - z^*\| \leq s - \bar{s}_n \leq \rho - \rho_n^*, \quad (47)$$

$$\bar{q}_{n+1} - q_n \leq \rho_{n+1} - \rho_n \quad (48)$$

and

$$s - q_n \leq \rho - \rho_n \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (49)$$

(b) *If*

$$A(0, s^*) \leq \omega(a), \quad (50)$$

$$b \int_0^a A(0, t) dt + bB(R, a) \leq b \int_0^a \omega(t) dt + b \int_0^a \epsilon(t) dt \quad (51)$$

and

$$b \int_a^{s^*} A(s^*, t) dt + bB(R, s^* - a) \leq b \int_0^{\rho^2} \omega(t) dt + a - \rho + b \int_0^{\rho^2} \epsilon(t) dt. \quad (52)$$

Then

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \bar{\rho}_{n+1} - \bar{\rho}_n \leq \rho_{n+1} - \rho_n \quad (53)$$

and

$$\|x_n - x^*\| \leq s^* - \bar{\rho}_n \leq \rho - \rho_n \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (54)$$

Remark. Let us define the function $\bar{\chi}_\gamma(r)$ by

$$\bar{\chi}_\gamma(r) = b \int_0^r A(r,t)dt + bB(R,r) + (a-r)(1-bA(0,r))$$

and the sequence $\{v_n\}$, by

$$v_{n+1} = v_n - \frac{\bar{\chi}_\gamma(v_n)}{\varphi'_\gamma(v_n)}, \quad v_0 = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (61)$$

Then, under the hypotheses of Theorem 2, $\bar{\chi}_\gamma(0) = a > 0$ and $\bar{\chi}_\gamma(R) \leq 0$. That is, there exists a solution $s_1^* \in (0, R]$ of the equation $\bar{\chi}_\gamma(r) = 0$. Using induction on n , it is simple calculus to show that the sequence $\{v_n\}$, is monotonically increasing and converges to s_1^* . Moreover,

$$\bar{\rho}_n \leq v_n$$

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq v_{n+1} - v_n$$

$$\|x_n - x^*\| \leq s^* - \rho_n \leq s_1^* - v_n, \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$s^* \leq s_1^*.$$

Furthermore, if the following conditions are satisfied

$$\rho - a \leq (v_2 - a)(1 - bA(0, R)), \quad (62)$$

$$A(r, t) \leq \omega(t) \quad (63)$$

and

$$\psi_\gamma(t) \leq \psi(t) \quad \text{for all } r, t \in [0, R], \quad (64)$$

then

$$v_{n+1} - v_n \leq \rho_{n+1} - \rho_n,$$

$$v_n \leq \rho_n$$

and

$$s_1^* - v_n \leq \rho - \rho_n \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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