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Efficient computation on truncated power series: direct approach versus Newton's method. (English summary)

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In this paper the author considers Newton's method and some of its higher-order generalizations in order to compute the Taylor coefficients of a function x(t) that is defined in an implicit way, f(t, x(t)) = 0. In particular, methods with quadratic, cubic and quartic order of convergence are considered. For such methods, the number of correct coefficients of the truncated power series of x(t) doubles, triples and quadruplicates, respectively.

Some particular cases, for instance, the generating function of the Catalan numbers, are considered. All the examples are developed in a very detailed way with both the Maple and the Mathematica computer algebra systems.

The author concludes that, in general, Newton's method is more efficient than the higher-order methods. In addition, in some cases, the implicit use of Newton's method is faster than the built-in direct computations.

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