

16. NONLINEAR EQUATIONS

Problem statement: Solution of equation: $f(x) = 0$

Symbolic solution: manipulation with expressions

Numeric solution: (i) separation of roots

(ii) iterative approximation of separate roots

16.1 Symbolic Solution

Characteristics:

1. Symbolic solution is not always possible
2. Substitution allows conversion to numerical solution

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% Example 16.1: Symbolic solution of equation: ax^2+bx+c=0
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syms a b c x  
r=solve('a*x^2+b*x+c=0'); pretty(simple(r))  
r1=subs(r1,[a b c],[1 7 8])
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% Example 16.2: Symbolic solution of equation: tan(x)+sin(x)=2
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syms a b c x  
r=solve('tan(x)+sin(x)=2'), double(r)  
ezplot('tan(x)+sin(x)-2'); grid on
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16.2 Numeric Solution

16.2.1 General Iterative Methods for Real Roots Estimation

Principle of the Newton Method:

1. Estimation of the initial approximation of the root: $x(1)$
2. Definition of the tangent to function $f(x)$ at point $[x(1), f(x(1))]$
 $y - f(x(1)) = f'(x) (x - x(1))$
3. Intersection of the tangent with x-axis: $x(2) = x(1) - f(x(1))/f'(x(1))$

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%%% Example 16.3: Solution of equation sin(x)-0.1x=0 by Newton method for
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%%% initial approximation x(1), accuracy eps and maximum number of iterations M
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x(1)=4.25; eps=0.0001; M=10;
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for i=2:M  
    x(i)=x(i-1)-f(x(i-1))/fd(x(i-1));  
    if (abs(x(i)-x(i-1))<eps), break; end  
end  
ezplot('sin(x)-0.1*x',[-2 8]); grid on  
hold on; stem(x,f(x)); hold off  
line([x(1:end-1);x(2:end)], [f(x(1:end-1));...  
zeros(1,length(x(2:end)))]);
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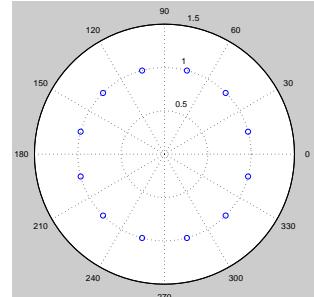
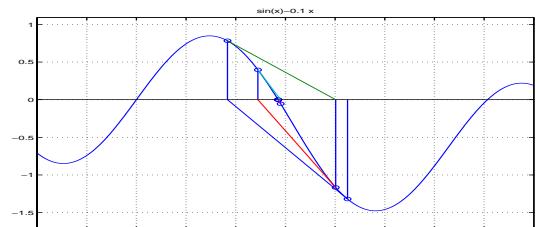
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function y=f(x)      function yd=fd(x)  
y=sin(x)-0.1*x;     yd=cos(x)-0.1;
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16.2.2 Roots of Algebraic Equations

Equation definition: $f(x) \equiv c_1x^n + c_2x^{n-1} + \dots + c_{n+1} = 0$

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%%% Example 16.4: Solution of algebraic equation x^12+1=0
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c=[1 zeros(1,11) 1];  
r=roots(c)  
polar(angle(r), abs(r), 'o'); grid on  
cc=poly(r)
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EXAMPLES 16

16.1 Evaluate symbolic and numeric solution of a selected nonlinear equation

16.2 Find and plot roots of selected algebraic equations

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SYMS
SOLVE
SUBS
EZPLOT
PRETTY
ROOTS
POLY
POLAR