



**HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT ON NUMERICAL
SOLUTION OF NONLINEAR EQUATIONS**

Question 1

You are required to fit the curve

$$y = \ln(ax) + a^{1.5x}$$

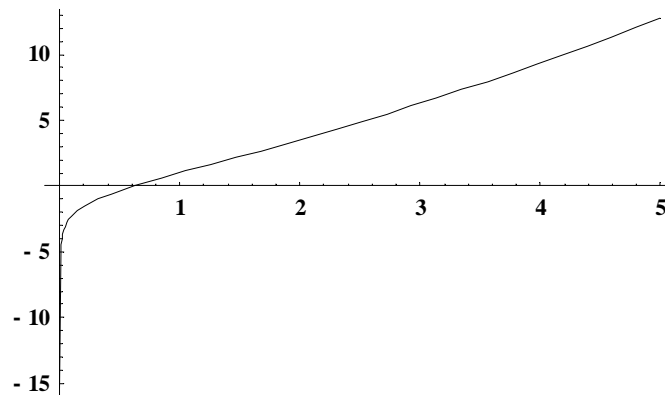
through the point (1,0).

- Use a graphical method to estimate a value for a .
- Using as an initial guess your registration number, evaluate the root correct to 2 decimal places using the Newton-Raphson method.

In order for the curve to pass through the point (0,1) it must satisfy the equation

$$0 = \ln(a * 1) + a^{1.5*1}.$$

Hence, a must satisfy the equation $\ln(a) + a^{1.5} = 0$. Plotting the function $f(a) = \ln(a) + a^{1.5}$ suggests that the root of the equation is approximately $a \approx 0.6$.



To apply the Newton-Raphson method we define the function

$$f(a) = \ln(a) + a^{1.5}$$

and its derivative

$$f'(a) = \frac{f(a)}{d a} = \frac{1}{a} + 1.5 a^{0.5}$$

Hence, Newton-Raphson method is as follows:

$$a_{n+1} = a_n - \frac{f(a_n)}{f'(a_n)}$$

Starting with the value $a_0 = 2500$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 2500 - \frac{f(2500)}{f'(2500)} = 2500 - \frac{\ln(2500) + 2500^{1.5}}{\frac{1}{2500} + 1.5 * 2500^{0.5}} \\
 &= 2500 - \frac{125008}{75.0004} = 833.227 \\
 a_2 &= 833.23 - \frac{f(833.23)}{f'(833.23)} = 833.23 - \frac{\ln(833.23) + 833.23^{1.5}}{\frac{1}{833.23} + 1.5 * 833.23^{0.5}} \\
 &= 833.23 - \frac{24058.5}{43.3} = 267.6 \\
 a_3 &= 267.6 - \frac{f(267.6)}{f'(267.6)} = 267.6 - \frac{4383.12}{24.5415} = 88.9997 \\
 a_4 &= 29.3967, a_5 = 9.46655, a_6 = 2.8206, a_7 = 0.811348, a_8 = 0.609399, \\
 a_9 &= 0.616355, a_{10} = 0.61637
 \end{aligned}$$

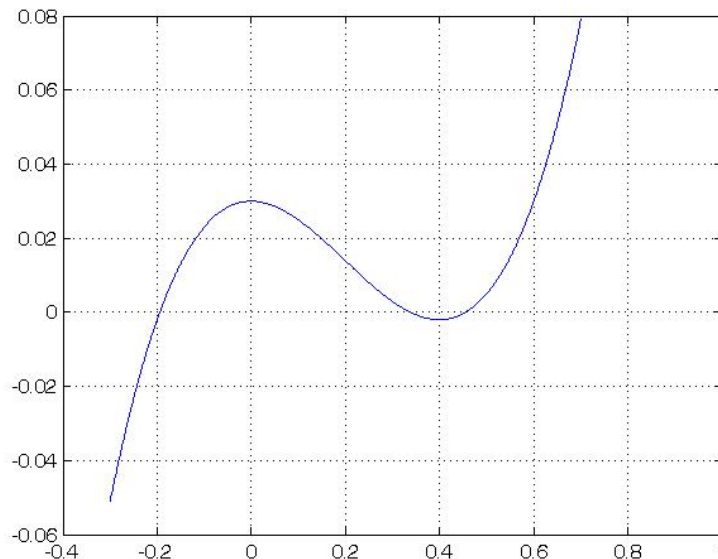
Question 2

Consider the following equation:

$$y_2^3 - 0.6 y_2^2 = -0.03.$$

Starting with the two initial guesses $y_2=0$ and $y_2=0.3$ proceed to compute three iterations using the bisection method. Keep five decimal places in all your calculations.

A plot of the function $y = f(x) = x^3 - 0.6 x^2 + 0.03$ is as follows:



This can be easily generated in Matlab using the commands:

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>> x=-0.3:0.001:0.7;
>> y=x.^3-0.6*x.^2+0.03;
>> plot(x,y)
>> grid on

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There are 3 roots $x \approx -0.2, 0.35, 0.45$.

Improved x	x	$y = f(x) = x^3 - 0.6x^2 + 0.03$
Initial Guess	0.35	-0.000625
Initial Guess	0.34	-5.6000e-005
Guess Again !!!!!	0.33	5.9700e-004
$\frac{0.33+0.34}{2} =$	0.335	2.6038e-004
$\frac{0.335+0.34}{2} =$	0.3375	9.9609e-005
$\frac{0.3375+0.34}{2} =$	0.3388	2.1154e-005

The exact answer can be found using the command 'root' in Matlab:

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>> roots([1 -0.6 0 0.03])
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ans =
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0.4552
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0.3391
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-0.1943
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>>
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Question 3

Water in a rectangular channel flows into a gradual contraction section as is indicated in Figure 1. If the flowrate is $Q = 0.708 \text{ m}^3 / \text{s}$ and the upstream depth is $y_1 = 0.61 \text{ m}$, determine the downstream depth, y_2 .

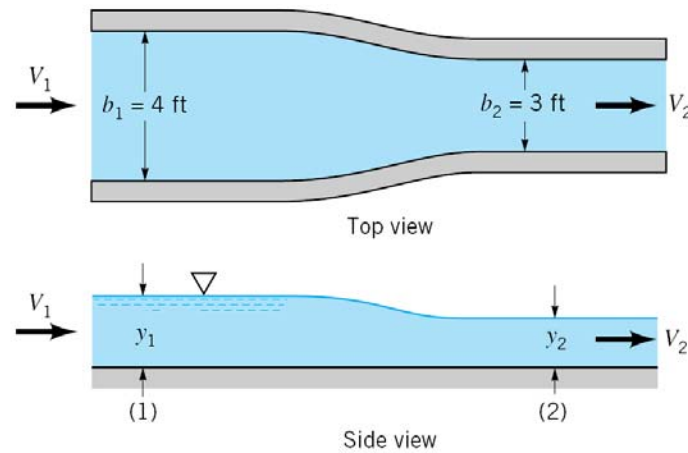


Figure 1: Top and side view of the channel

When one attempts to solve the above problem will result to the following equation:

$$y_2^3 - 0.656 y_2^2 = -0.031.$$

Starting with the two initial guesses $y_2=0$ and $y_2=0.5$ proceed to compute three iterations using the bisection method. Keep five decimal places in all your calculations.

Improved x	x	$y = f(x) = x^3 - 0.656 x^2 + 0.031$
Initial Guess	0.0	0.031
Initial Guess	0.5	-0.008
$\frac{0.0+0.5}{2} =$	0.25	0.005625
$\frac{0.5+0.25}{2} =$	0.375	-0.00851562
$\frac{0.25+0.375}{2} =$	0.3125	-0.00254492
$\frac{0.25+0.3125}{2} =$	0.28125	0.00135669

Improved x	x	$y = f(x) = x^3 - 0.656x^2 + 0.031$
Initial Guess	0.5	-0.008
Initial Guess	1.0	0.375
$\frac{0.5+1.0}{2} =$	0.75	0.083875
$\frac{0.5+0.75}{2} =$	0.625	0.0188906
$\frac{0.5+0.625}{2} =$	0.5625	0.00141602
$\frac{0.5+0.5625}{2} =$	0.53125	-0.00420776
$\frac{0.5625+0.53125}{2} =$	0.546875	-0.00163626

There are three solutions of the equation $x^3 - 0.656x^2 + 0.031 = 0$. These are $x = -0.191279, 0.291717$ and 0.555563 correct to 6 decimal places.

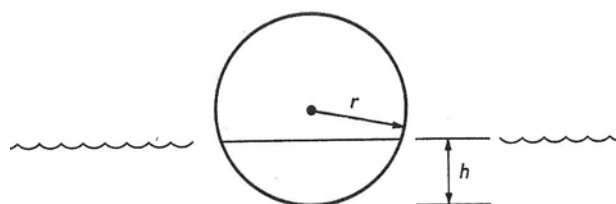
Question 4

Using a graphical method estimate a root of the equation $e^x - 3x = 0$. Using two appropriate initial guesses for x use the bisection method to find this root. How many iterations would you need to evaluate the root correct to four significant places – that is $|x - x_0| < 0.00005$. How many for eight places?

Note: The assignment involves the development of a small program-code in Matlab that applies the bisection method. I emphasize the necessity of good programming techniques.

Question 5

A sphere of radius r floats in water. The volume of a spherical segment is $\frac{\pi}{3}(3rh^2 - h^3)$. Find the depth to which a sphere of density 800 kg/m^3 sinks in water as a fraction of its radius (see figure) using the bisection and the false position method.



Applying Archimede's principle we obtain:

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho_{\text{sphere}} g = \frac{\pi}{3}(3rh^2 - h^3)\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} g$$

which simplifies to

$$4r^3 800 = (3rh^2 - h^3)1000 \Rightarrow 3.2r^3 = 3rh^2 - h^3$$

$$\Rightarrow h^{*3} - 3h^{*2} + 3.2 = 0 \text{ where } h^* = \frac{h}{r}$$

Using the Newton-Raphson Method

Using physical arguments or by plotting the function $f(h^*) = h^{*3} - 3h^{*2} + 3.2$, observe that there is a solution between 1.0 and 2.0

$$f(h^*) = h^{*3} - 3h^{*2} + 3.2$$

$$f'(h^*) = \frac{df(h^*)}{dh^*} = 3h^{*2} - 6h^*$$

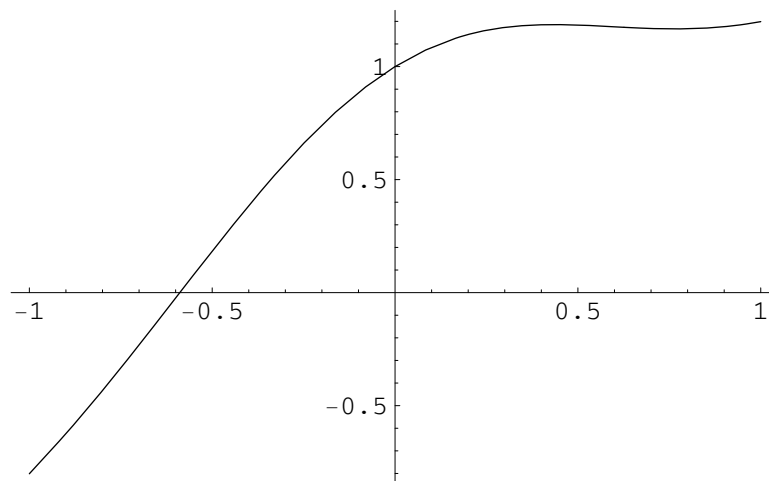
$$\text{Newton-Raphson formula: } h_{n+1}^* = h_n^* - \frac{f(h_n^*)}{f'(h_n^*)}$$

h_n^*	$f(h_n^*)$	$f'(h_n^*)$	h_{n+1}^*
1	1.2	-3	1.4
1.4	0.064	-2.52	1.425396825
1.425396825	0.00079038	-2.457112624	1.425718495
1.425718495	1.33049E-07	-2.456291289	1.425718549
1.425718549	4.09019E-10	-2.456291151	1.425718549

The exact solution is 1.425718549166519

Question 6

The plot of the function $f(x) = x + e^{-x^2} \cos(x)$ is shown in the figure below.



Using the iteration formula $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ (Newton-Raphson process) or the bisection method determine the root of the equation

$$x + e^{-x^2} \cos(x) = 0$$

within three decimal places of accuracy, rounding your numbers to three significant places.

The figure shows the curve $y = x + e^{-x^2} \cos(x)$, hence the root of the equation $x + e^{-x^2} \cos(x) = 0$ must lie at the location $y = 0$, i.e. the point where the curve crosses the x-axis. This point lies between the points $x = -0.5$ and $x = -0.6$.

Bisection Method:

Use initial guesses $x_1 = -0.5$ and $x_2 = -0.6$.

Improved x	x	$y = x + e^{-x^2} \cos(x)$
Initial Guess	-0.5	0.1835
Initial Guess	-0.6	-0.0242
$\frac{-0.5 + (-0.6)}{2} =$	-0.55	0.08
$\frac{-0.6 + (-0.55)}{2} =$	-0.575	0.0279
$\frac{-0.6 + (-0.575)}{2} =$	-0.5875	0.0019
$\frac{-0.6 + (-0.5875)}{2} =$	-0.5938	-0.0112
$\frac{-0.5938 + (-0.5875)}{2} =$	-0.5907	-0.0047
$\frac{-0.5907 + (-0.5875)}{2} =$	-0.5891	-0.0015
$\frac{-0.5891 + (-0.5875)}{2} =$	-0.5883	0.0002
$\frac{-0.5891 + (-0.5883)}{2} =$	-0.5887	

The solution is closer to -0.6 rather than -0.5 which is not surprising since if you look closely at the graph the curve crosses the x-axis close to -0.6 . Hence, it would have been more clever (and faster) to chose the initial guesses $x_1 = -0.55$ and $x_2 = -0.6$. (Από `νεση νου, εση πρόθκια).

Newton-Raphson Method:

Again if one uses as an initial guess $x_0 = -0.6$, the answer will converge faster.

However, let me act stupid and use $x_0 = -0.5$.

The derivative of the function $f(x) = x + e^{-x^2} \cos(x)$ is

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = 1 + (-2x)e^{-x^2} \cos(x) + e^{-x^2} (-\sin(x)) = 1 - e^{-x^2} (2x \cos(x) + \sin(x)).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = x_0 - \frac{x_0 + e^{-x_0^2} \cos(x_0)}{1 - e^{-x_0^2} (2x_0 \cos(x_0) + \sin(x_0))} = \\ &= (-0.5) - \frac{(-0.5) + e^{-(0.5)^2} \cos(-0.5)}{1 - e^{-(0.5)^2} (2(-0.5) \cos(-0.5) + \sin(-0.5))} = -0.5 - \frac{0.1835}{2.0568} = -0.5892 \\ x_2 &= x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = x_1 - \frac{x_1 + e^{-x_1^2} \cos(x_1)}{1 - e^{-x_1^2} (2x_1 \cos(x_1) + \sin(x_1))} = \\ &= (-0.5892) - \frac{(-0.5892) + e^{-(0.5892)^2} \cos(-0.5892)}{1 - e^{-(0.5892)^2} (2(-0.5892) \cos(-0.5892) + \sin(-0.5892))} = -0.5892 - \frac{-0.0017}{2.0851} = -0.5884 \\ x_3 &= x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = -0.5884 - \frac{-7.23 \times 10^{-9}}{2.0850} = -0.5884 \end{aligned}$$

Question 7

The periods of the output waveform of a 555 Timer Circuit are obtained by

$T_1 + T_2 = \frac{1}{f}$, where f is the frequency. Given that $R_A = 8670$, $C = 0.01 \times 10^{-6}$ and

$T_2 = 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$ find:

- a. T_1 , f and the duty cycle:

$$T_1 = R_A C \ln(2)$$

$$\text{Duty cycle} = \frac{T_1}{T_1 + T_2} \times 100\% .$$

- b. Write a computer program in Matlab in order to find R_B using the secant method:

$$T_2 = \frac{R_A R_B C}{R_A + R_B} * \ln \left(\left| \frac{R_A - 2R_B}{2R_A - R_B} \right| \right) .$$

a.

$$R_A * C * \ln(2) + T_2 = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\rightarrow (8670) * (0.01E - 6) * \ln(2) + (1.4E - 4) = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\rightarrow (6.00958E - 5) + (1.4E - 4) = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = 2.000958E - 4$$

$$\rightarrow f = 4997.606$$

$$T_1 = R_A * C * \ln(2)$$

$$\rightarrow T_1 = (8670) * (0.01E - 6) * \ln(2)$$

$$\rightarrow T_1 = 6.00958E - 5$$

$$\text{Duty cycle} = \frac{T_1}{T_1 + T_2} * 100\%$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Duty cycle} = \frac{(6.00958E - 5)}{(6.00958E - 5) + (1.4E - 4)} * 100\%$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Duty cycle} = 30.035$$

b.

Matlab M-files

File fun.m

```
function out = fun(w)

RA=8670;
C=0.01*10^(-6);
T2=1.4*10^(-4);
out=RA.*w*C/(RA+w).*log(abs((RA-2.*w)./(2*RA-w)))-T2;
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File secant.m

```
% Plot the function to determine the points where
% it crosses the x-axis
RB=100:100:100000;
plot(RB,fun(RB))

% The following pairs of points were determined
x(1)=10000;20000;
x(2)=11000;21000;

% Secant method
i=2;
while x(i) ~= x(i-1); % continue the iteration
    % until machine precision is achieved
    x(i+1) = x(i) - ...
        fun(x(i))*(x(i)-x(i-1))/(fun(x(i))-fun(x(i-1)));
    x(i+1)
    i=i+1;
end

%plot(x,'+')
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