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Question:

It is given that at x = 1, the function $x^4 - 62x^2 + ax + 9$ attains its maximum value, on the interval [0, 2]. Find the value of a.

Solution:

Theoritical Solution:

Given function

$$f(x) = x^4 - 62x^2 + ax + 9 (0.1)$$

If a function has a local maxima at $x = x_0$ then $f'(x_0) = 0$ and $f''(x_0) \le 0$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 124x + a ag{0.2}$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 124 (0.3)$$

$$f'(1) = 4 - 124 + a \tag{0.4}$$

$$f''(1) = 12 - 124 \tag{0.5}$$

(0.6)

f''(1) is anyway negative so f'(1) should be 0

$$a - 120 = 0 \tag{0.7}$$

$$a = 120 \tag{0.8}$$

When a = 120, it satisfies all the conditions.

Computational Solution:

Given function

$$f(x) = x^4 - 62x^2 + ax + 9 (0.9)$$

At any critical point $x = x_0$, $(f'(x_0))^2$ is minimum. We need to minimize

$$L(a) = (f'(1))^{2}$$
 (0.10)

$$L(a) = (a - 120)^2 (0.11)$$

We use the method of gradient descent to find the minimum of the above function, since the objective function is convex.

$$a_{n+1} = a_n - \mu L'(a_n) \tag{0.12}$$

$$L'(a_n) = 2(a_n - 120) \tag{0.13}$$

$$\to a_{n+1} = a_n - 2\mu (a_n - 120) \tag{0.14}$$

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Applying unilateral Z-transform,

$$zX(z) - zx_0 = (1 - 2\mu)X(z) + \frac{240\mu}{1 - z^{-1}}$$
(0.15)

The Unilateral Z-transform of a constant function f(x) = c is $\frac{c}{1-z^{-1}}$ with Radius of convergence being |z| > 1

$$(z - (1 - 2\mu)) X(z) = zx_0 + \frac{240\mu}{1 - z^{-1}}$$
(0.16)

$$X(z) = \frac{zx_0}{z - (1 - 2\mu)} + \frac{240\mu}{(1 - z^{-1})(z - (1 - 2\mu))}$$
(0.17)

$$X(z) = \frac{x_0}{1 - (1 - 2\mu)z^{-1}} + \frac{240\mu}{z - 2(1 - \mu) + (1 - 2\mu)z^{-1}}$$
(0.18)

$$X(z) = \frac{x_0}{1 - (1 - 2\mu)z^{-1}} + \frac{240\mu z^{-1}}{1 - 2(1 - \mu)z^{-1} + (1 - 2\mu)z^{-2}}$$
(0.19)

$$=\sum_{0}^{\infty} (1-2\mu)^{n} z^{-n} + \sum_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1-(1-2\mu)^{n}}{2\mu} z^{-n}$$
 (0.20)

$$=\sum_{0}^{\infty}(1-2\mu)^{n}z^{-n}+\sum_{1}^{\infty}\frac{1}{2\mu}z^{-n}-\sum_{1}^{\infty}\frac{(1-2\mu)^{n}}{2\mu}z^{-n} \tag{0.21}$$

(0.22)

From the last equation, ROC is

$$|z| > |1 - 2\mu| \tag{0.23}$$

$$|z| > 1 \tag{0.24}$$

$$\to 0 < |1 - 2\mu| < 1 \tag{0.25}$$

$$\to \mu \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{0.26}$$

Now, if μ satisfies the previous condition,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) = 0 \tag{0.27}$$

$$\to \lim_{n \to \infty} (-2\mu (a_n - 120)) = 0 \tag{0.28}$$

$$\to -2\mu \lim_{n \to \infty} (a_n - 120) = 0 \tag{0.29}$$

$$\to \lim_{n \to \infty} (a_n) = 120 \tag{0.30}$$

$$\to \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 120 \tag{0.31}$$

Taking initial guess = 50

step size = 0.1

tolerance(minimum value of gradient) = 1e-5

We get

 $a_{min} = 119.99999528200934$

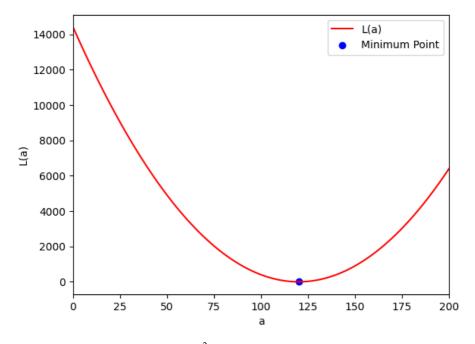


Fig. 0.1: Graph of $L(a) = (a - 120)^2$ and the value of a which satisfies the given conditions

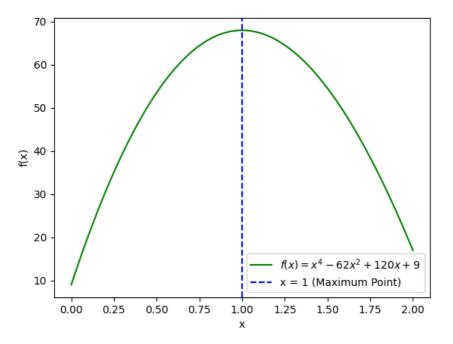


Fig. 0.2: Graph of f(x) when a = 120