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Question: Rohan's mother is 26 years older than him. The product of their ages (in years) 3 years from now will be 360. We would like to find Rohan's present age.

Solution:

Theoretical Solution:

Let Rohan's age, $R=x$.

Then Mother's age, $M=x+26$ Then after 3 years we get

$$(M+3)(R+3) = 360 \quad (1)$$

$$(x+29)(x+3) = 360 \quad (2)$$

$$x^2 + 32x - 273 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$(4)$$

Solving the equation we get, $x = 7$ or $x = -39$. Eliminating $x = -39$ (Age considered to be a non-negative value)

Rohan's present age is 7.

Computational Solution:

Two methods for finding the solution of a quadratic equation are:

Matrix-Based Method:

For a polynomial equation of form $x^n + b_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0 = 0$ we construct a matrix called companion matrix of form

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 & \dots & -b_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The eigenvalues of this matrix are the roots of the given polynomial equation.

Finding eigenvalues

I. QR ALGORITHM WITH HOUSEHOLDER TECHNIQUE AND WILKINSON SHIFT

A. QR Decomposition

QR decomposition factors a given matrix A into:

$$A = QR,$$

where Q is an orthogonal matrix ($Q^T Q = I$), and R is an upper triangular matrix.

B. Householder Transformations

Householder transformations are used to zero out elements below the diagonal of a matrix column. Given a vector v , the Householder matrix is:

$$H = I - 2 \frac{vv^T}{v^T v} \quad (6)$$

The way it works is:

Initialize Q as Identity matrix. Let \mathbf{x} be the first column of A , and $\alpha = \|\mathbf{x}\|$.

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} - \alpha \mathbf{e}_1 \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|} \quad (8)$$

$$Q = I - 2\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^H \quad (9)$$

By this we obtain Q_1 such that:

$$Q_1 A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & A' & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

This can be repeated for A' (obtained from $Q_1 A$ by deleting the first row and first column), resulting in a Householder matrix Q'_2 . Note that Q'_2 is smaller than Q_1 . Since we want it really to operate on $Q_1 A$ instead of A' we need to expand it to the upper left, filling in a 1, or in general:

$$Q_k = \begin{pmatrix} I_{k-1} & 0 \\ 0 & Q'_k \end{pmatrix}$$

After $n - 1$ iterations of this process.

$$R = Q_{n-1} \dots Q_2 Q_1 A \quad (10)$$

$$Q^\top = Q_{n-1} \dots Q_2 Q_1 \quad (11)$$

$$Q = Q_1 Q_2 \dots Q_{n-1} \quad (12)$$

C. QR Algorithm for Eigenvalues

The QR algorithm iteratively applies QR decomposition to a shifted matrix $A - \mu I$ and reconstructs it as:

$$A = RQ + \mu I$$

converging to an upper triangular form with eigenvalues on the diagonal.
where μ can be calculated by:

$$\mu = a_m - \frac{\delta}{|\delta|} \frac{b_{m-1}^2}{|\delta| + \sqrt{\delta^2 + b_{m-1}^2}}$$

where B is the lower rightmost 2×2 matrix of A , $B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{m-1} & b'_{m-1} \\ b'_{m-1} & a_m \end{pmatrix}$

$$\delta = \frac{a_{m-1} - a_m}{2}$$

If $\delta = 0$, then $\mu = a_m - b_{m-1}$

D. Complex Eigenvalues

In case a matrix has complex eigenvalues a hessenberg matrix (2×2) will be formed along the diagonal of the triangularised matrix A such that:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & a & b & \dots \\ \vdots & c & d & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

then:

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{a + d + \sqrt{(a + d)^2 - 4(ad - bc)}}{2} \quad (13)$$

$$\lambda_3 = \frac{a + d - \sqrt{(a + d)^2 - 4(ad - bc)}}{2} \quad (14)$$

$$(15)$$

Companion matrix formed is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 273 & -32 \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

The solution given by the code is

$$x_1 = 7.000000 + 0.000000i \quad (17)$$

$$x_2 = -39.000000 + 0.000000i \quad (18)$$

Newton-Raphson Method:

Start with an initial guess x_0 , and then run the following logical loop,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad (19)$$

where,

$$f(x) = x^2 + 32x - 273 \quad (20)$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 32 \quad (21)$$

The update equation will be

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 + 32x_n - 273}{2x_n - 32} \quad (22)$$

$$(23)$$

The problem with this method is if the roots are complex but the coefficients are real, x_n either converges to an extrema or grows continuously without any bound. However, to obtain complex solutions, we can just take the initial guess point to be a random complex number.

The output of a program written to find roots is shown below:

$$r_1 = 7.00 \quad (24)$$

$$r_2 = -39.00 \quad (25)$$

