

Q1 For  $1 \leq a \leq 4$ , find a solution of

$$f(x) = \tan(x) + a \sin(x)/x = 0$$

using Newton's method. Plot the solution as a function of  $a$ .

Q2 Given  $n$  points  $(x_j, y_j)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , we can try to fit them by a quadratic polynomial  $P(x) = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2$  using least squares. That means, we solve the minimization problem  $\min \sum_{j=1}^n [c_1 + c_2x_j + c_3x_j^2 - y_j]^2$ . This leads to  $\min_{\mathbf{c}} \|A\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{y}\|$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now for  $n = 10$ ,  $x_j = 1 + (j - 1)/(n - 1)$  and  $y_j = e^{x_j}$ , find  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  and  $c_3$ .