

NCERT - 10.4.ex.4

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I. QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

Question: Find the roots of the quadratic equation $3x^2 - 2\sqrt{6}x + 2 = 0$

Solution: The given equation:

$$3x^2 - 2\sqrt{6}x + 2 = 3x^2 - \sqrt{6}x - \sqrt{6}x + 2 \quad (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{3}x(\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{2}) - \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{2}) \quad (2)$$

$$= (\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{2}) \quad (3)$$

So, the roots of the equation are the values of x for which

$$(\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{2}) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\sqrt{3}x - \sqrt{2} = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \quad (6)$$

Therefore, the roots of $3x^2 - 2\sqrt{6}x + 2 = 0$ are $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

Solution by the method of Fixed point Iteration

Rearrange the equation to $x = g(x)$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \left(2\sqrt{6} - \frac{2}{x} \right) \quad (7)$$

This gives the iteration function:

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{3} \left(2\sqrt{6} - \frac{2}{x} \right) \quad (8)$$

Iteration: Use the formula repeatedly:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} \left(2\sqrt{6} - \frac{2}{x_n} \right) \quad (9)$$

Stop when $|x_{n+1} - x_n| < \epsilon$

Root: 0.8173993362392574, Iterations: 900

Actual Root: 0.81649658092

Solution by the Newton-Raphson method: we have;

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad (10)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{3x^2 - 2\sqrt{6}x + 2}{6x - 2\sqrt{6}} \quad (11)$$

Iterating and updating the value of x_n , we can obtain the roots of the quadratic equation.
 Newton-Raphson Root: 0.8164972809158475, Iterations: 18
 Actual Root: 0.81649658092

Solution by Matrix method:

The general quadratic equation is expressed as:

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0 \quad (12)$$

Dividing through by a , we get:

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{b}{a}\lambda + \frac{c}{a} = 0 \quad (13)$$

This equation can be rewritten as:

$$\lambda \left(\lambda + \frac{b}{a} \right) + \frac{c}{a} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$-\lambda \left(-\lambda - \frac{b}{a} \right) - (-1) \frac{c}{a} = 0 \quad (15)$$

This form is equivalent to the determinant of the following matrix:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (16)$$

Clearly, the eigenvalues of the matrix:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

are the roots of the required quadratic equation. This matrix \mathbf{C} is called the **Companion matrix**.

The companion matrix \mathbf{C} is:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

QR Decomposition for Eigenvalues

The eigenvalues of the companion matrix can also be found using the **QR decomposition** method. The steps are:

1. Start with the companion matrix \mathbf{C} . 2. Decompose \mathbf{C} into the product of an orthogonal matrix \mathbf{Q} and an upper triangular matrix \mathbf{R} , such that:

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{QR}$$

3. Compute a new matrix \mathbf{C}_1 as:

$$\mathbf{C}_1 = \mathbf{RQ}$$

This process shifts the eigenvalues of \mathbf{C} closer to the diagonal.

4. Repeat the above steps iteratively until \mathbf{C}_k converges to a diagonal matrix. The diagonal entries of the final matrix are the eigenvalues of \mathbf{C} , which correspond to the roots of the quadratic equation.

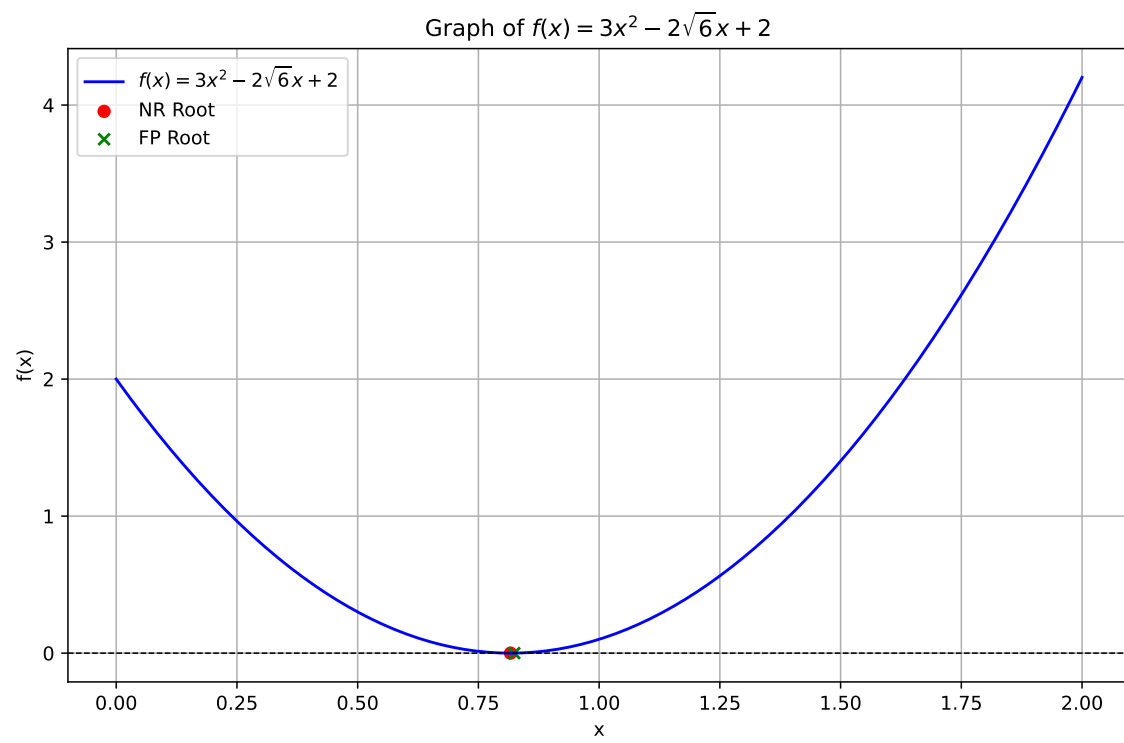


Fig. 0. Solution of given DE