AI1110 Assignment 1(Paper 2018)

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Q4 (c)

Solve $x^2 + 7x = 7$ and give your answer correct to two decimals.

Solution

Given, To Find the roots of

$$x^2 + 7x - 7 = 0 (1)$$

We know that for the quadratic equation of form

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 (2)$$

the roots are

$$\frac{-b+\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}, \frac{-b-\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a} \quad (3)$$

$$\implies \frac{-7 + \sqrt{49 - 4(-7)}}{2(1)}, \frac{-7 - \sqrt{49 - 4(-7)}}{2(1)}$$
(4)

$$\implies \frac{-7 + \sqrt{77}}{2}, \frac{-7 - \sqrt{77}}{2} \tag{5}$$

$$\implies \frac{-7 + 8.7749}{2}, \frac{-7 - 8.7749}{2} \tag{6}$$

$$\implies -7.8874, 0.8874 \tag{7}$$

($\sqrt{77}$ can be found by long division method up to four decimals)

$$\implies$$
 The roots are $-7.8874, 0.8874$ (8)

On rounding them off to 2 decimal places we get the roots as -7.89 and 0.89.

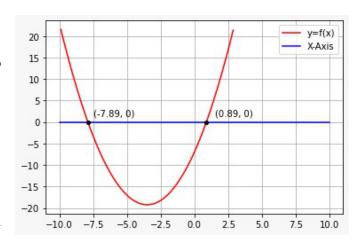


Figure 1: Plot of $x^2 + 7x - 7 = 0$

... The solutions of

$$x^2 + 7x = 7 \tag{9}$$

are

$$x = -7.89$$
 (10)

$$x = 0.89 \tag{11}$$