

Spring 2022 Class Project
Numerical Methods / Numerical Analysis
MATLAB Implementation

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1. Problem Statement:

Implement Newton-Raphson method using MATLAB to compute the drag coefficient c needed for a parachutist of mass $m = \text{First Two Digits of Your Registration Number} \div 2$ kg to have a velocity of **Second Last Digit of Your Registration Number + 40 m/s** after free falling for time $t = \text{Last Digit of your Registration Number} + 5$ secs. *Note:* The acceleration due to gravity is 9.81 m/s^2 .

The drag coefficient is given by

$$f(c) = \frac{gm}{c} (1 - e^{-(c/m)t}) - v$$

- a. Formulate an iterative formula for the Newton-Raphson method

Using the given equation for estimating c as:

$$f(c) = \frac{gm}{c} (1 - e^{-(c/m)t}) - v$$

Now, we have to find out ' $f(c) = 0$ '. We will be using the NR method for this problem. The MATLAB code for this is given below:

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m = 19/2;           %m = First Two Digits of Your Registration Number ÷ 2
v = 4 + 40;         % Second Last Digit of Your Registration Number + 40 m/s
t = 2 + 5;          %time t = Last Digit of your Registration Number + 5 secs
gravity = 9.8;

%Setting x as symbolic variable that representing c
syms x;

% Input Section
%v(t) = g*m/c *(1- exp(-(c/m)*t) );           % original equation of v
y = gravity*m/x *( 1 - exp(-(x/m)*t) ) - v;    % equation for estimating c

a = 3;           %a = input('Enter initial guess: ');
e = 0.0001;      %e = input('Tolerable error: ');
N = 100;         %N = input('Enter maximum number of steps: ');
funct = [];
error = [];

% Initializing step counter
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step = 1;

% Finding derivate of given function
g = diff(y,x);

% Finding Functional Value
fa = eval(subs(y,x,a));
while abs(fa)> e
    fa = eval(subs(y,x,a));
    ga = eval(subs(g,x,a));
    if ga == 0
        disp('ERROR: Division by zero. ');
        break;
    end
    b = a - fa/ga;
    fprintf('step num=%d\t\tApproximated value=%f\t\tFunction Value When\n', step, a, fa);
    a = b;
    if step>N
        disp('ERROR: Not convergent ! TRY CHANGE THE INITIAL GUESS a ');
        break;
    end
end

func(step) = a;          % saving the value of step in a vector
error(step) = ((1.31-a)/1.31)*100; % vector for error at every iteration
step = step + 1;
end

fprintf('Approximated Value for f(c) is %f\n', a);

% true value plot
x_axis = 0:1:step-2;
tem = 1.31;
const = @(x_axis) (tem).*x_axis.^0);
plot(x_axis, const(x_axis), '--', 'linewidth', 2); hold on;

% calculated numerically
x_axis = 0:1:step-2; % axis for plot
plot(x_axis, func, 'linewidth', 2);

xlabel("Step n"); ylabel("Approx. value of func");
title("Plot of True Value & Approximated Values Over Steps");
legend('true value', 'approx value');

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- b. Choose an appropriate initial guess to start iterations in order to achieve convergence. If the solution diverges re-choose the initial guess.

For my case roll no: 19042, trying out the initial guess which is greater than 0 and less than 10 gives me the approximated value without divergence with limited steps.

let's say for initial guess 3 I get as:

MATLAB Output:

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Command Window

step num=1      Approximated value=3.000000      Function Value When f(a)=-16.369252
step num=2      Approximated value=0.557951      Function Value When f(a)=12.247651
step num=3      Approximated value=1.192319      Function Value When f(a)=1.648620
step num=4      Approximated value=1.306914      Function Value When f(a)=0.041976
step num=5      Approximated value=1.309987      Function Value When f(a)=0.000029
Approximated Value for f(c) is 1.309989
fx >>
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Figure 1: Output of the code with initial guess '3'

Approximated Value for f(c) is = **1.309989**. I'm getting the value within 5 iterations.

- c. Calculate the approximated error after every iteration and tabulate your results.

The approximated error is computed as:

$$Et = \frac{\text{true value} - \text{approximated value}}{\text{true value}} \times 100\%$$

Iteration (step)	True Value	Approximated	Et %
1	1.31	3.0	57.408318
2	1.31	0.557951	8.9833145
3	1.31	1.192319	0.2355850
4	1.31	1.306914	0.0010293
5	1.31	1.309987	0.0008672

MATLAB Code for Error Calculation:

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%% Error Plot

x_axis = 0:1:step-2; % axis for plot
plot(x_axis,error,'linewidth',2);
title("Error from NR Method for f(c) ");
xlabel("Step n"); ylabel("Error");

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MATLAB Output:

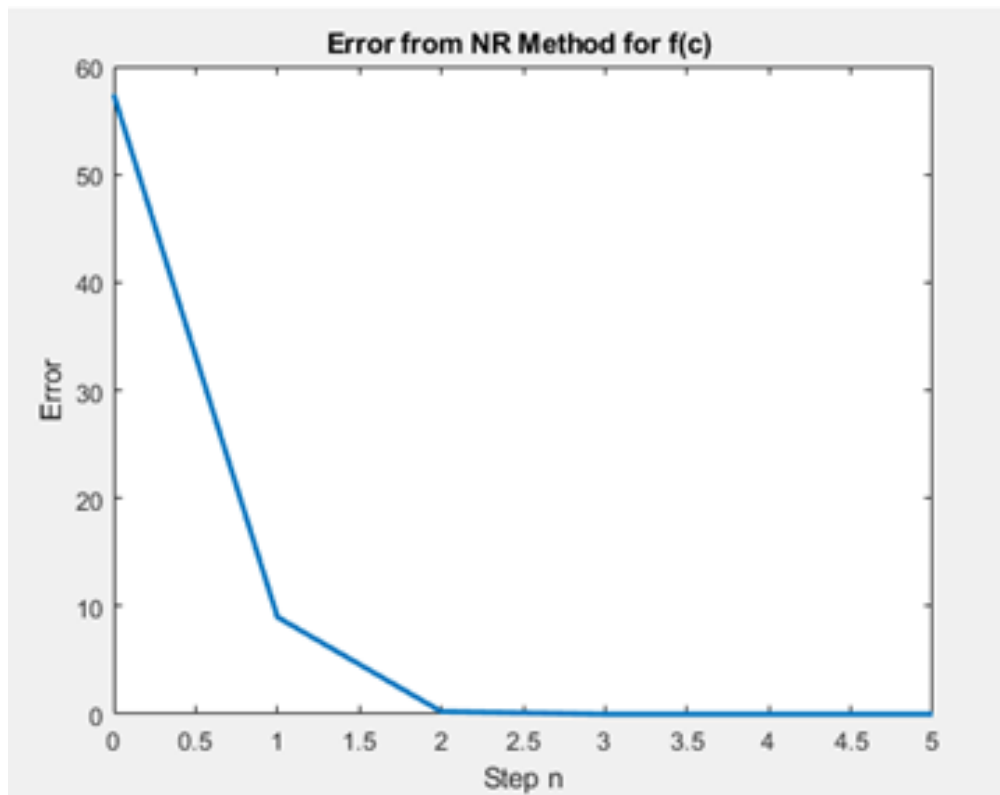


Figure 2: Error plot for NR

- d. The ending criteria of the numerical computation is such that the consecutive calculations have a precision of $1e-4$ (**For Even Registration Number**) and $1e-5$ (**For Odd Registration Number**).

With even roll num (19042) I have chosen 0.0001 error for ending the loop. as line no 14 in my code above (part a)

MATLAB CODE:

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e = 0.0001;    %e = input('Tolerable error: ');
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- e. Plot the computed drag coefficient values with respect to the number of iterations to show convergence.

With the initial guess as 3 the plot for drag coefficient values with respect to the number of iterations is as follow:

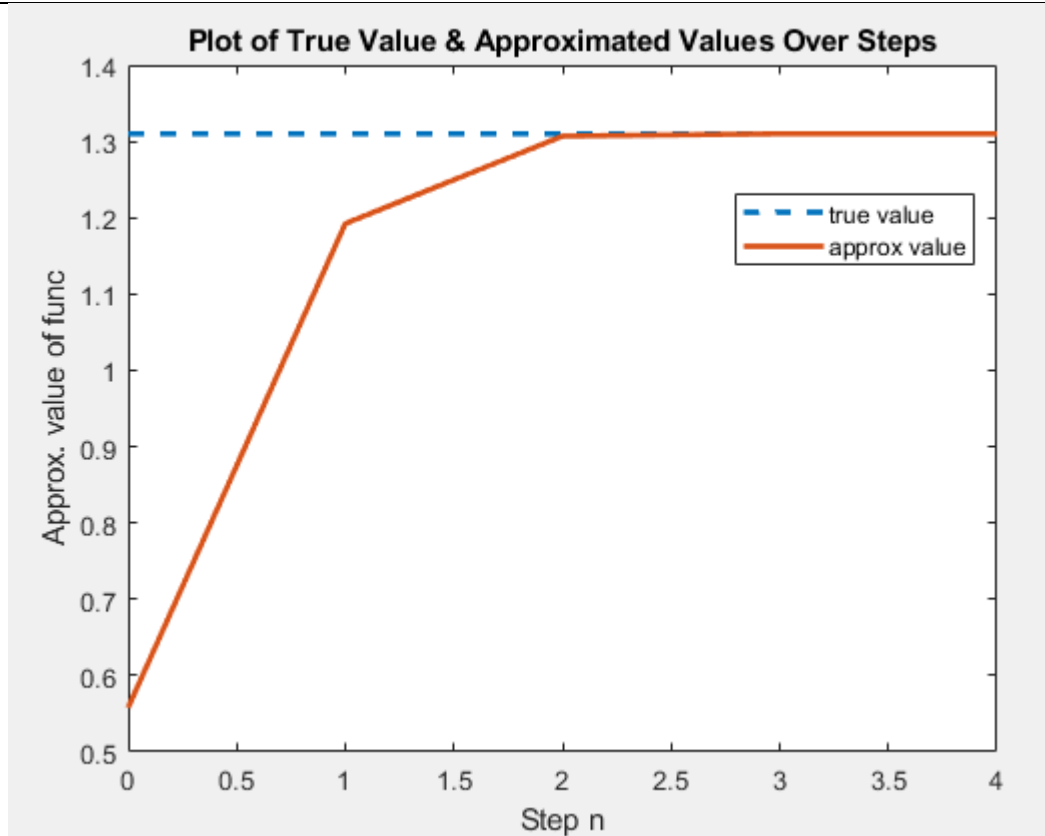


Figure 3: Plot Approximated Values VS Step sizes

f. Validate the computed value.

So, in order to validate I just using the traditional method. With different values trying to plot the equation as given for calculation drag coefficient and identifying where the $f(c)$ is equal to 0.

The Given equation is:

$$f(c) = \frac{gm}{c} (1 - e^{-(c/m)t}) - v$$

Input this equation with all the values substituting, in graphing calculator we get:

The screenshot shows a graphing calculator interface. At the top, there are icons for a plus sign, undo, redo, settings, and a double left arrow. Below these is a blue input field with a red 'v' icon on the left and a close 'x' icon on the right. The equation entered in the field is: $y = \frac{9.8 \cdot 9.5}{c} \left(1 - e^{\left(\frac{-c}{9.5} \right) 7} \right) - 44$. Below the input field, there are two small boxes labeled '1' and '2'.

We get something like this: [source: [Desmos | Graphing Calculator](#)]

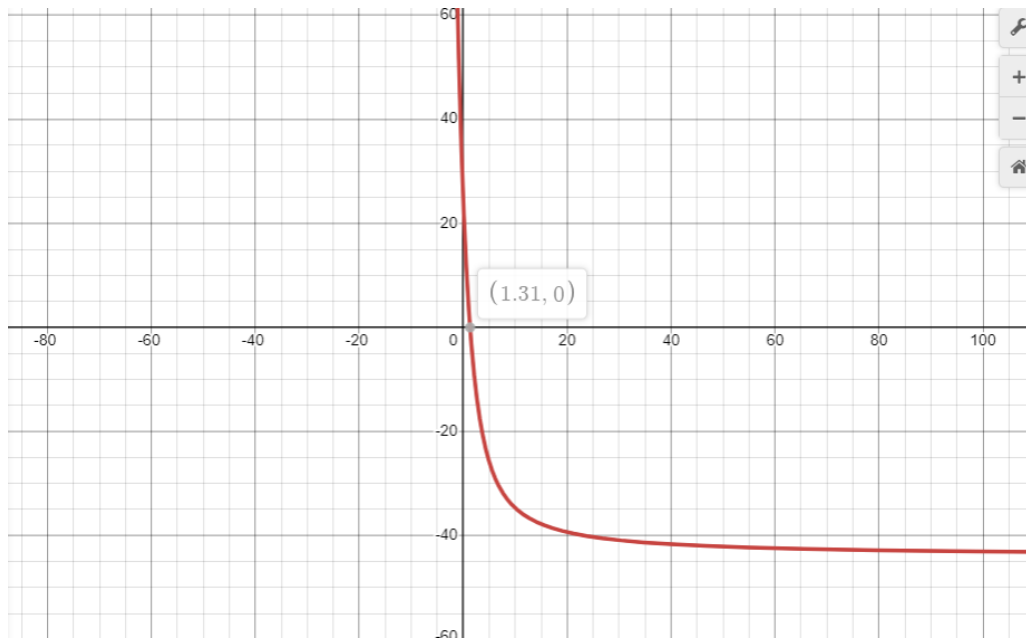


Figure 4: Plot for the given equation $f(c)$

We can see that function has value 0 at around **1.31**. From our NR method we get value around **1.309989**. We can clearly see that our value matches with the true value. Hence, (with some error) we are sure that this calculation is correct.