

# 10.4.1.2.2

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## Question:

The product of two consecutive integers is 306. We need to find the integers.

Variable	Description
$x$	The bigger integer out of the two we need to find
$g(x)$	The function we take to update $x_n$ in the point iteration method
$x_{\alpha,n}$	The value of $x$ after $n$ iterations for the first root
$x_{\beta,n}$	The value of $x$ after $n$ iterations for the second root

TABLE 0: Caption

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## Theoretical Solution:

Lets start by assuming the bigger integer as  $x$  and the smaller integer as  $\frac{306}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{306}{x} = 1 \quad (0.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 306 = x \quad (0.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 306 = 0 \quad (0.3)$$

Using the quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - (4 \cdot -306)}}{2} \quad (0.4)$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1225}}{2} = 18 \quad (0.5)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1225}}{2} = -17 \quad (0.6)$$

If  $x = 18$  the other integer will be 17 if  $x = -17$  the other integer will be  $-18$

$$p(2) = 41 - 72(-2) - 18(-2)^2 = 113 \quad (0.7)$$

$\therefore$  The integers can be 18, 17 or  $-18, -17$

## Computational Solution:

Below are three methods to find the solutions of this quadratic equation,  
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

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 & \dots & -b_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

The eigenvalues of this matrix are the roots of the given polynomial equation. The solution given by the code is

$$x_1 = 18.000000 \quad (0.9)$$

$$x_2 = -17.000000 \quad (0.10)$$

Fixed Point Iterations: Take an initial guess  $x_0$ . The update difference equation will use the following function:

$$x = g(x) \quad (0.11)$$

For our problem,

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 306} \quad (0.12)$$

To get both roots we do two iterations, now the update equations will be

$$x_{\alpha,n+1} = g(x_{\alpha,n}) \quad (0.13)$$

$$x_{\beta,n+1} = g(x_{\beta,n}) \quad (0.14)$$

$$(0.15)$$

We take two initial guesses  $x_{\alpha,0}$  and  $x_{\beta,0}$  close to each root. Then we continue calculating the each  $x_{\alpha,n}$  and  $x_{\beta,n}$  until

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| < \epsilon \quad (0.16)$$

Where  $\epsilon$  is the tolerance which we have taken as  $1e-6$ . In each of the  $\alpha$  series and  $\beta$  series we get a root.

This is proved by a theorem as follows:

Let  $x = s$  be a solution of  $x = g(x)$  and suppose that  $g$  has a continuous derivative in some interval  $J$  containing  $s$ . Then if  $|g'| \leq K < 1$  in  $J$ , the iteration process defined above converges for any  $x_0$  in  $J$ . The limit of the sequence  $[x_n]$  is  $s$ .

This can also be solved by the Newton-Raphson Method,

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

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad (0.17)$$

where ,

$$f(x) = x^2 - x - 306 \quad (0.18)$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 1 \quad (0.19)$$

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. To get the complex solutions, however, 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:

Fixed-Point Iteration for Positive Root:

Iteration 1:  $x = 17.577532$ ,  $f(x) = -14.607907$

Iteration 2:  $x = 17.988261$ ,  $f(x) = -0.410729$

Iteration 3:  $x = 17.999674$ ,  $f(x) = -0.011413$

Iteration 4:  $x = 17.999996$ ,  $f(x) = -0.000237$

Iteration 5:  $x = 18.000000$ ,  $f(x) = -0.000009$

Converged to solution:  $x = 18.000000$

Fixed-Point Iteration for Negative Root:

Iteration 1:  $x = -9.767519$ ,  $f(x) = -200.828057$

Iteration 2:  $x = -17.211406$ ,  $f(x) = 7.443887$

Iteration 3:  $x = -16.993781$ ,  $f(x) = 0.217625$

Iteration 4:  $x = -17.001183$ ,  $f(x) = -0.006402$

Iteration 5:  $x = -16.999995$ ,  $f(x) = 0.000018$

Iteration 6:  $x = -17.000000$ ,  $f(x) = -0.000000$

Converged to solution:  $x = -17.000000$

Newton-Raphson Iteration for Positive Root:

Iteration 1:  $x = 19.448724$ ,  $f(x) = 52.804159$

Iteration 2:  $x = 18.055381$ ,  $f(x) = 1.941406$

Iteration 3:  $x = 18.000887$ ,  $f(x) = 0.003057$

Iteration 4:  $x = 18.000001$ ,  $f(x) = 0.000007$

Iteration 5:  $x = 18.000000$ ,  $f(x) = 0.000000$

Converged to solution:  $x = 18.000000$

Newton-Raphson Iteration for Negative Root:

Iteration 1:  $x = -19.809749$ ,  $f(x) = 106.235914$

Iteration 2:  $x = -17.194357$ ,  $f(x) = 6.840276$

Iteration 3:  $x = -17.007687$ ,  $f(x) = 0.073361$

Iteration 4:  $x = -17.000017$ ,  $f(x) = 0.000307$

Iteration 5:  $x = -17.000000$ ,  $f(x) = 0.000000$

Converged to solution:  $x = -17.000000$

Eigenvalues (Roots of the equation):

Eigenvalue 1:  $-17.000000 + 0.000000i$

Eigenvalue 2:  $18.000000 + 0.000000i$