

**NMiNE**  
**Home Assignment**  
**LAB 1**

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**Q1:**

**Answers**

1a:  $x = 2$

1b:  $x = 4$

1c: Three solutions from visual inspection of the graph shown below:

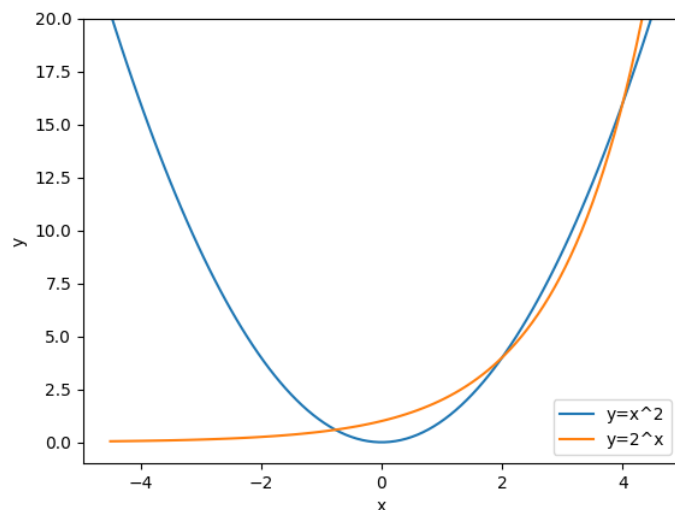


Fig 1c: Solution for equation  $x^2 = 2^x$  depicted by points of intersections between the curves  $y = x^2$  and  $y = 2^x$ .

1d: Other roots are not possible because the two equations  $y = x^2$  and  $y = 2^x$  represent curves having different rates of change of  $x$  with respect to  $y$  i.e.,  $dy/dx$ . Therefore, the curves will deviate from each other and point of intersection i.e., their solutions are not possible in the interval of numbers in real number domain.

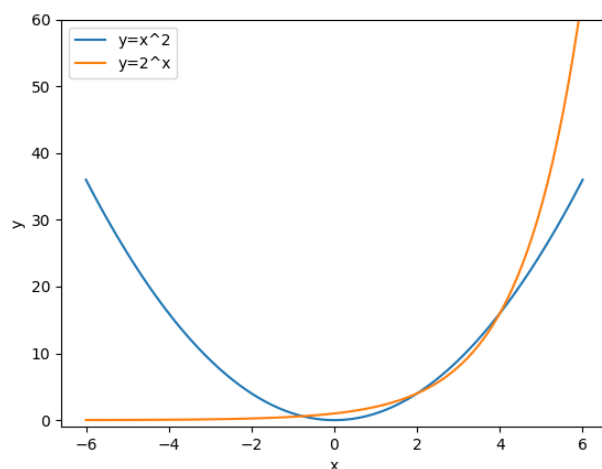


Fig 1d: Curves for  $y = x^2$  and  $y = 2^x$  in a different scale to depict their deviation from each other beyond the three intersection points.

**Q2:**

**Answers**

2a: `[-sqrt(2), sqrt(2)]`

2b: `[2, 4, -2*LambertW(log(2)/2)/log(2)]`

### Q3:

#### Answers

3a: For  $x > 0$ ,  $\text{sgn}(x) = 1$  so we have two solutions viz 2 and 4.

For  $x = 0$ ,  $\text{sgn}(x) = 0$  so we have one solution i.e., 0.

However, for  $x < 0$ ,  $\text{sgn}(x) = -1$  so we have  $x = -2^{\frac{w_0 \ln(2)}{2}}$ .

3b: To check the convergence condition, we need to calculate the absolute value of the derivative of the function  $f(x) = \text{sgn}(x)2^{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}$  at the two solutions and determine if the derivative is less than 1 in magnitude. If the magnitude of the derivative is less than 1, it is a sufficient condition for the fixed-point iteration method to converge.

At  $x = 2$ , the derivative can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} df(x)/dx &= d\left(\text{sgn}(x)2^{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}\right)/dx \\ &= \text{sgn}(x) \left(d\left(2^{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}\right)/dx\right) \\ &= \text{sgn}(2) \left(2^{(2/2)}(1/2)\ln(2)\right) \\ &= \ln(2) < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since the magnitude of the derivative at  $x = 2$  is less than 1, the fixed-point iteration method converges at this solution.

At  $x = 4$ , the derivative can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} df/dx &= \text{sgn}(x) \left(d\left(2^{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}\right)/dx\right) \\ &= \text{sgn}(4) \left(2^{(4/2)}(1/2)\ln(2)\right) \\ &= 2\ln(2) > 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since the magnitude of the derivative at  $x = 4$  is greater than 1, the fixed-point iteration method does not converge at this solution.

3c: For negative roots,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \left[ -2^{\frac{x}{2}} \right] \\&= -\frac{d}{dx} \left[ 2^{\frac{x}{2}} \right] \\&= -\ln(2) \cdot 2^{\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] \\&= -\ln(2) \cdot 2^{\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} [x] \\&= -\ln(2) \cdot 1 \cdot 2^{\frac{x}{2}-1} \\&= -\ln(2) \cdot 2^{\frac{x}{2}-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for the negative values will always give absolute value of derivatives less than 1 which means as shown above it will converge.

3d: At  $x_0 = 4.5$ ,

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return sgn(x) * (2**(x/2))
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3e: At  $x_0 = 4$ ,

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The result after fixed-point iteration is: 4.0
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3f: At  $x_0 = 2.5$ ,

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The result after fixed-point iteration is: 2.0002178009941285
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3g: At  $x_0 = -1.5$ ,

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The result after fixed-point iteration is: -0.7666811662504153
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Q4:

Answers

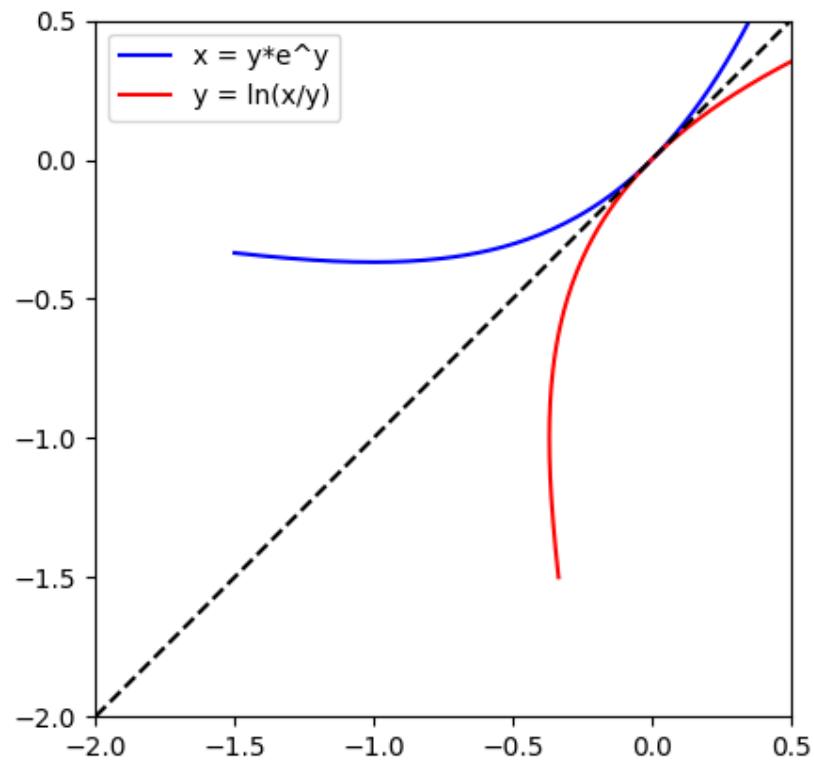


Fig 1: The function  $x = ye^y$ , and its inverse plotted with the bisector  $y = x$ .

**Q5:**

**Answers**

5a: The derivative of the function  $x(y) = ye^y$  can be calculated analytically using the product rule of differentiation:

$$x'(y) = (ye^y)' = e^y + y(e^y)' = e^y + ye^y = (1 + y)e^y$$

The derivative  $x'(y)$  is positive in the region where  $1 + y > 0$ , or equivalently,  $y > -1$ . In this region,  $x(y)$  is increasing. The derivative  $x'(y)$  is equal to zero when  $1 + y = 0$ , or  $y = -1$ . Finally,  $x'(y)$  is negative in the region where  $1 + y < 0$ , or  $y < -1$ . In this region,  $x(y)$  is decreasing.

5b: The function  $x(y) = ye^y$  is increasing when  $y \geq -1/e$  and decreasing when  $y < -1/e$ . Hence, the monotonicity regions of  $x(y)$  can be labeled as  $R_0 = [-1/e, \infty)$  and  $R_{-1} = (-\infty, -1/e)$ .

Since  $x(y)$  is a one-to-one function, it has exactly one inverse for each monotonicity region. Therefore, the real argument Lambert function  $W$  has two branches, one for each monotonicity region. The principal branch  $W_0$  is defined as the inverse of  $x(y)$  over  $R_0$ , while the complementary branch  $W_{-1}(x)$  is defined as the inverse of  $x(y)$  over  $R_{-1}$ .

5c: The minimum value and corresponding argument of  $x(y) = ye^y$  can be found by setting the derivative of  $x(y)$  to zero and solving for  $y$ .

The derivative of  $x(y)$  is given by:

$$x'(y) = (ye^y)' = (1 + y)e^y$$

Setting  $x'(y) = 0$ , we have:

$$(1 + y)e^y = 0$$

Dividing both sides by  $e^y$ , we get:

$$1 + y = 0$$

Solving for  $y$ , we find that  $y = -1$ .

Substituting  $y = -1$  into  $x(y)$ , we find that the minimum value is:

$$x_{\min} = x(-1) = -e^{-1}$$

So the minimum value of  $x(y)$  is  $x_{\min} = -e^{-1}$  and the corresponding argument is  $y_{\min} = -1$ .

5d: Therefore, the function  $x(y) = ye^y$  is increasing in the interval  $(-1, +\infty)$ , and is decreasing in the interval  $(-\infty, -1)$ .

The real argument Lambert function  $W$  has two branches: the main branch,  $W_0(x)$ , which is increasing for  $x > -1/e$  and the complementary branch,  $W_{-1}(x)$ , which is decreasing for  $x < -1/e$ .

5e:

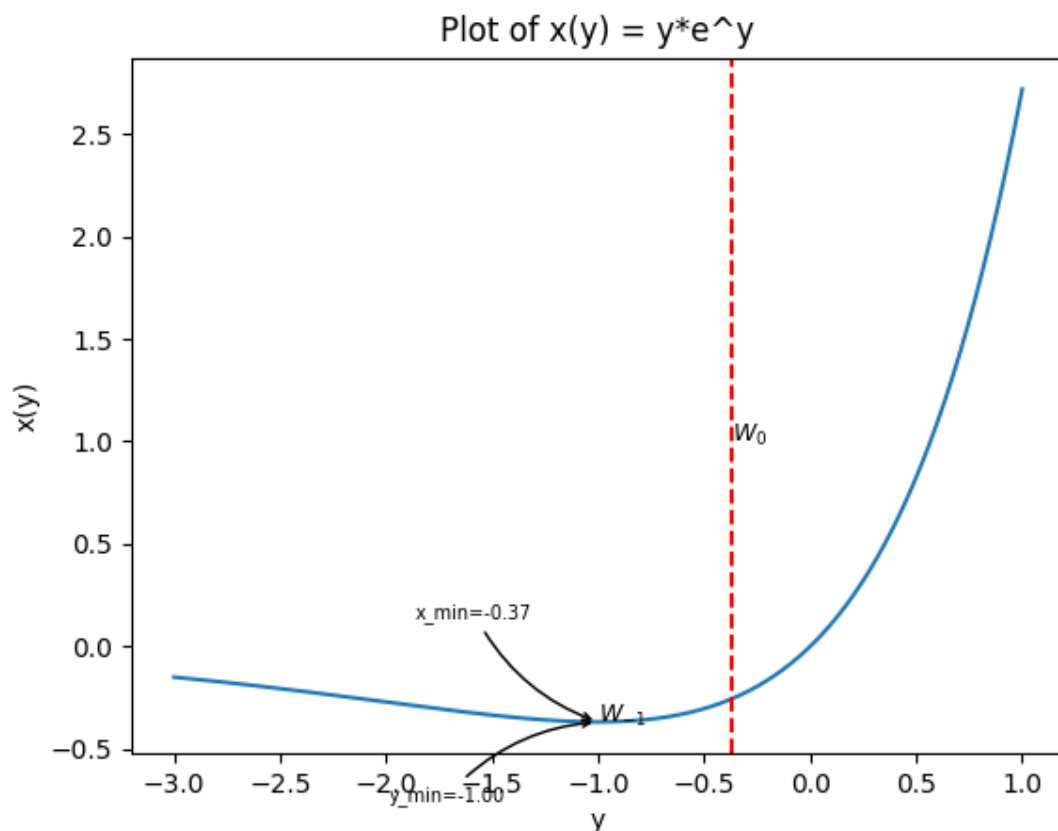


Fig 1: Plot of  $x(y) = ye^y$  with the characteristic properties shown in the labelling.



**Q6:**

**Answers**

6a:

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Number of iteration: 4,  
Actual absolute error: 1.5947243525715749e-12,  
Value of square root of 2: 1.4142135623746899
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6b:

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Newton's method solution:  
y = 0.6931471805963518,  
absolute error = 1.2328316145726603e-10,  
iterations = 4
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6c:

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Newton's method solution:  
y = -0.499999999856274,  
absolute error = 4.3783199288327523e-11,  
iterations = 7
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6d:

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Newton's method solution:  
y = -1.7564312086263951,  
absolute error = 2.942091015256665e-14,  
iterations = 3
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6e:

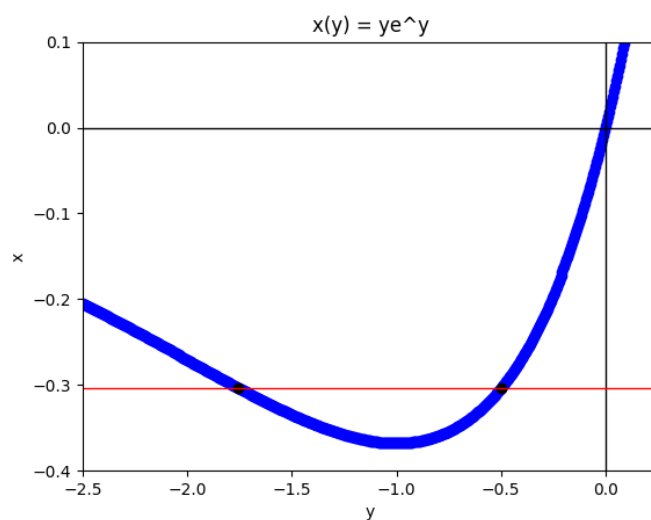


Fig 1: Graph for function,  $x(y) = ye^y$  with its solution marked by black contour.

**Q7:**

**Answers**

7a: Householder's method is a numerical algorithm for solving the nonlinear equation  $f(x) = 0$ . In this case, the cubic convergence rate of one real variable. The method consists of a sequence of iterations

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + d \frac{(1/f)^{(d-1)}(x_n)}{(1/f)^{(d)}(x_n)}$$

For  $d = 1$ , due to Newton's method from Householder's method:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n + 1 \frac{(1/f)(x_n)}{(1/f)^{(1)}(x_n)} \\ &= x_n + \frac{1}{f(x_n)} \cdot \left( \frac{-f'(x_n)}{f(x_n)^2} \right)^{-1} \\ &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \end{aligned}$$

7b: For  $d = 2$ , due to Halley's method from Householder's method:

$$(1/f)'(x) = -\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)^2}$$

And

$$(1/f)''(x) = -\frac{f''(x)}{f(x)^2} + 2\frac{f'(x)^2}{f(x)^3}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n + 2 \frac{(1/f)'(x_n)}{(1/f)''(x_n)} \\ &= x_n + \frac{-2f(x_n)f'(x_n)}{-f(x_n)f''(x_n) + 2[f'(x_n)]^2} \\ &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)f'(x_n)}{f'(x_n)^2 - \frac{1}{2}f(x_n)f''(x_n)} \end{aligned}$$

7c: The Lambert equation,  $ye^y = x$ , can be transformed to the general form,  $f(y) = 0$ , by defining  $f(y)$  as:

$$f(y) = ye^y - x$$

The first derivative of  $f(y)$  is:

$$f'(y) = (1 + y)e^y$$

The second derivative of  $f(y)$  is:

$$f''(y) = (2 + y)e^y$$

The ratio  $f(y)/f'(y)$  is:

$$f(y)/f'(y) = (ye^y - x)/(1 + y)e^y$$

The ratio  $f''(y)/f'(y)$  is:

$$f''(y)/f'(y) = (2 + y)e^y/(1 + y)e^y = (2 + y)/(1 + y)$$

These ratios are used to calculate the updated value of  $y$  in Halley's method, which is a Householder's method of the second order,  $d = 2$ .

7d:

We can rewrite the form of equation of Halley's method in terms of fraction of the derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n) - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \frac{f''(x_n)}{2}} \\ &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \left[ 1 - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \cdot \frac{f''(x_n)}{2f'(x_n)} \right]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

From the values obtained in previous exercises, we can now show that

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= y_n - \frac{y_n e^{y_n} - x}{(1 + y_n) e^{y_n}} \left[ 1 - \frac{(y_n e^{y_n} - x)}{(1 + y_n) e^{y_n}} \frac{(2 + y_n)}{2(1 + y_n)} \right]^{-1} \\ &= y_n - \frac{2(1 + y_n)(y_n e^{y_n} - x)}{2e^{y_n}(1 + y_n)^2 - [(y_n e^{y_n} - x)(2 + y_n)]} \end{aligned}$$

Q8:

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import numpy as np
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def Lambert_W(x, branch=0, tol=1e-8, init=1):
    # Check if the input arguments are consistent
    if x < 0:
        if branch == 0:
            print("Error: x < 0 and branch = 0. Choose branch = -1 instead.")
            return None, None
    if x >= np.exp(-1):
        if branch == -1:
            print("Error: x >= e^(-1) and branch = -1. Choose branch = 0 instead.")
            return None, None
    if tol <= 0 or tol > 1e-1:
        print("Error: Tolerance must be 0 < tol < 1e-1.")
        return None, None
    if init != 0 and init != 1:
        print("Error: init must be either 0 or 1.")
        return None, None

    # Define the maximum number of iterations
    itMax = 30

    # Initial guess for y_0
    if branch == 0 and init == 0:
        if x == -1 / np.exp(1):
            y = -1

        elif -1 / np.exp(1) < x < 0:
            y = (np.exp(1) * x / (1 + np.exp(1) * x + np.sqrt(1 + np.exp(1) * x))) * np.log(1 +
np.sqrt(1 + np.exp(1) * x))

        elif 0 < x < np.exp(1):
            y = x / np.exp(1)

        else:
            y = np.log(x) - np.log(np.log(x))

    if branch == -1 and init == 1:
        if x == -1 / np.exp(1):
            y = -1

        elif -1 / np.exp(1) < x < -1 / 4:
            y = -1 - np.sqrt(2 * (1 + np.exp(1) * x))

        elif -1 / 4 < x < 0:
            y = np.log(-x) - np.log(-np.log(-x))

    # Implement Halley's method
    it = 0
    while it < itMax:
        f = y * np.exp(y) - x
        f_prime = np.exp(y) * (y + 1)
        f_double_prime = np.exp(y) * (2 * y + 2)
        y_new = y - 2 * f * f_prime / (2 * f_prime**2 - f * f_double_prime)

        # Check if the tolerance is reached
        if abs(y_new - y) <= tol:
            break
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    y = y_new
    it += 1

if it == itMax:
    print("Warning: Maximum number of iterations reached. Tolerance may not be achieved.")

return y, it

# Evaluate the omega constant
omega, it = Lambert_W(1, branch=0, tol=1e-8, init=0)
print(f"Omega obtained via calculation:{omega}\nDifference between the omega obtained in this
calculation and Wikipedia value:{abs(omega - 0.567143290409783872999968662210)}")
print("Number of iterations:", it)

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Answer:

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Omega obtained via calculation:0.567143290389849
Difference between the omega obtained in this calculation and Wikipedia value:1.9934831563261923e-11
Number of iterations: 3

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Q9:

Answers:

9a & 9b:

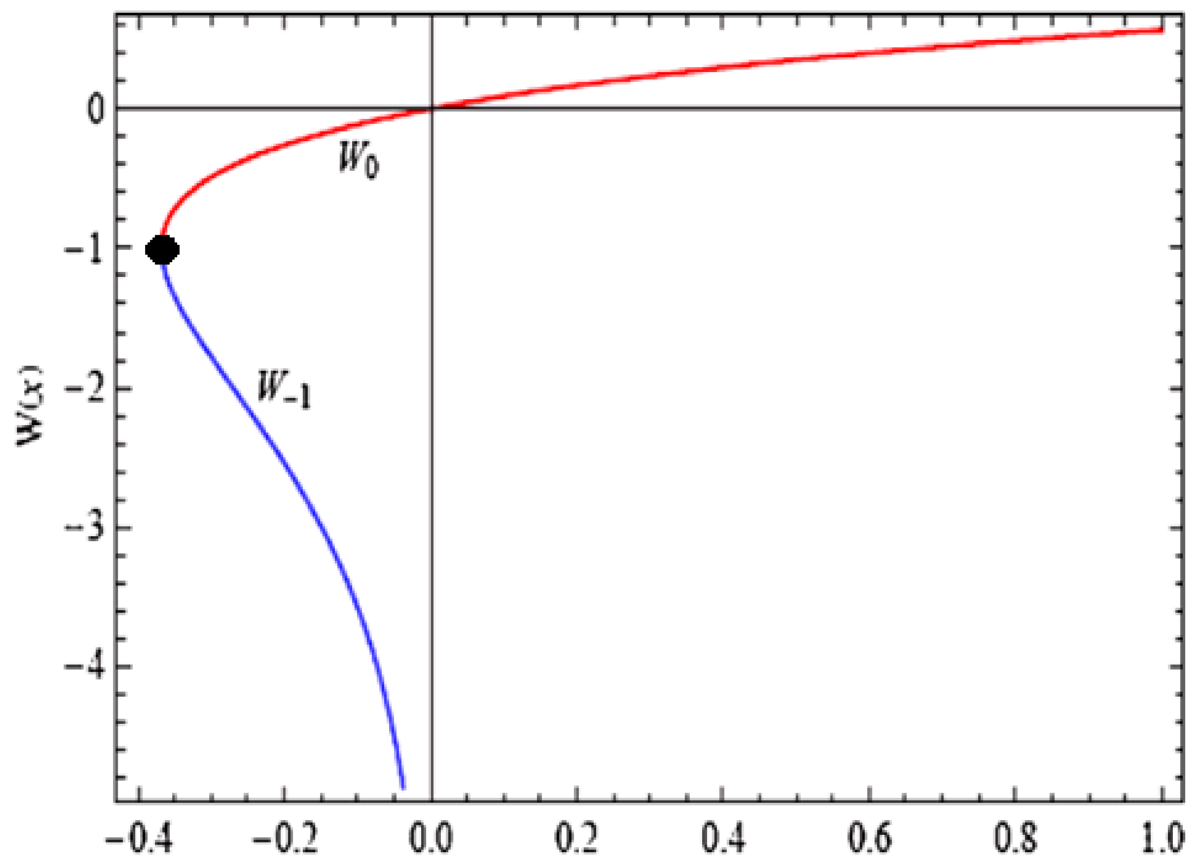
Table 1. Comparison of Newton's and Halley's methods for evaluating $W_0(x)$ .									
Method	Exact:	y = -1		y = -1+2 <sup>-10</sup>		y = -1/2		y = 8	
		Err	Iter	Err		Err		Err	
Newton	y_0 = 1	6.85403323608113E-06	20	2.6406619413332777e-07	16	9.81057742477364E-06	7	0.9997669027670781	100
	y_0 = opt	6.85403323608113E-06	20	4.419464361138381e-07	14	1.9162112323001246e-06	5	1.850441471162867e-07	4
Halley	y_0 = 1	5.272811389526445e-06	10	5.272835717664775e-06	10	4.389252938294686e-06	10	1.49569440921482E-06	12
	y_0 = opt	zero division error		4.651583286588906e-06	5	6.26816346419639E-06	9	7.48312286447117E-06	7
Table 2. Comparison of Newton's and Halley's methods for evaluating $W_{-1}(x)$ .									
Method	Exact:	y = -1		y = -1-2 <sup>-10</sup>		y = -1.5		y = -8	
		Err	Iter	Err		Err		Err	
Newton	y_0 = -2	7.099431064139239e-06	16	3.619090791495694e-07	12	5.587808349361012e-08	4	2.8619249192729512e-09	9
	y_0 = opt	7.099431064139239e-06	16	3.178784027113579e-07	1	6.338421268958783e-06	3	1.2281669636848846e-07	4
Halley	y_0 = -2	6.17934179682159E-06	24	6.917772354589452e-06	24	3.9312309428995e-06	20	1.73401522976181e-07	13
	y_0 = opt	zero division error		4.3133640301703555e-06	52	5.950298098493807e-06	18	2.06528825444302E-07	15

Table 1 shows that usage of the optimized value for Newton's method increases efficiency, especially as the value of y increases. However, the optimized value for Halley's methods shows some fluctuations in the result in terms of error and iteration count. However, in table 2, i.e., in the  $W_{-1}$  region, Halley's method shows fluctuations in terms of error. Still, the number of iterations drops gradually as we decrease the value of y further.

Moreover, Newton's method showed significant fluctuation regarding the number of iterations needed for certain tolerance to be met. The zero-division error might occur as I have used computer value in consequence of using "if" conditional for choosing "y0" values if specific x is chosen where the computer might have classed the  $y_{\text{exact}} = -1$  less than the  $-1/e$  value.

$$\begin{cases} y = \emptyset & a < -1/e \\ y = W_{-1}(-1/e) = W_0(-1/e) = -1 & a = -1/e \\ y_1 = W_{-1}(a) < y_2 = W_0(a) & -1/e < a < 0 \\ y = W_0(a) & a \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

9c:



The intersection point ( $x = -1/e$ ,  $y = -1$ ) is where the two branches meet. This can be seen from the fact that for this value of  $x$ , both branches have the same  $y$ -value of  $-1$ . The Lambert function has two branches because it is a multi-valued function, and the two branches meet at the point of intersection where they are equal. The blue branch,  $W_0(x)$ , is the principal branch with  $y \geq -1$  for  $x \geq -1/e$ , and the red branch,  $W_{-1}(x)$ , is the second branch with  $y \leq -1$  for  $x \leq -1/e$ .

### Q10:

#### Answers

Seven years later, in 1900, Max Planck derived Planck's Law, which describes the spectral density of electromagnetic radiation from a black body, formulated as:

$$E(\lambda, T) = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}} - 1} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Planck's Law produces a continuous function unique to each black body temperature. Wien's Law determines the wavelength of peak emission, so deriving Wien's Law involves finding the maximum value of Planck's Law as a function of temperature.

The first step is to take the partial derivative of Planck's Law (1) with respect to wavelength,  $\lambda$ .

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^6 \left( e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}} - 1 \right)} \left( \frac{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}}}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}} - 1} - 5 \right) \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Next, setting (2) equal to zero and simplifying:

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T} \left( \frac{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}}}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}} - 1} - 5 \right) = 0 \quad \text{---(3)}$$

Defining  $x \equiv \frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}$ , equation (3) becomes:

$$\frac{x e^x}{e^x - 1} - 5 = 0 \quad \text{---(4)}$$



Rearranging equation (4) gives:

$$e^x(x - 5) + 5 = 0$$

---(5)

$$\text{LambertW}(-5 \cdot \exp(-5)) + 5$$

This is the said compact transcendental equation from which Wien's displacement constant  $b$ , can be calculated as given in question

$$\lambda_{max} = \frac{b}{T}$$

Since,  $x \equiv \frac{hc}{\lambda k_B T}$ , we can get the value of  $b$  from numerically calculated value of  $x$ , by

$$b = \lambda_{max} T = \frac{hc}{x k_B}$$

NIST database value for the following constants:

$$h = 6.62607015 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$$c = 299792458 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$k_B = 1.380649 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$$

Newton-Raphson's method is used to solve (5) and use that value of  $x$  to obtain value of  $b$  to 10 decimal places:

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The solution is: x = 4.965114231744276
The value of b is: b = 0.0028977720
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