

Quiz (II)

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1. Create a matlab script and change the filename to F7xxxxxxx_quiz2.m. Link all the programs to solve following problems to this script. Make sure once type the filename 'F7xxxxxxx_quiz2', the results of the following problems will pop-up automatically in order. Remember not to type any 'clear all', 'close all' command in any of the codes.
2. [F7xxxxxxx_quiz2_prob2.m] Try to solve the roots of each quadratic equation using the original form and the numerator-rationalized form. Print out all the results for at least up to 16 decimal digits.

(1) $x^2 - (500 + k)x + 500k = 0$ for $k = 10^{-2}, 10^{-4}, \dots, 10^{-10}$

(2) $0.0001x^2 + 30.0003x + 90 = 0$

(3) $x^2 + 300003x + 900000 = 0$

(4) $x^2 - 302 \times 10^{152}x - 6 \times 10^{306} = 0$

After the comparison, how do you suggest to solve quadratic equation with good precision? [Write your comments on a txt or doc file]

3. [F7xxxxxxx_quiz2_prob3.m] (1) Write two functions defined as follows to calculate e^x and e^{-x} for $x > 0$ based on Taylor's Expansion:

$$A(N, x) = \sum_{k=0}^N \left(\frac{x^k}{k!} \right) \cong e^x$$

$$B(N, x) = \sum_{k=0}^N (-1)^k \left(\frac{x^k}{k!} \right) \cong e^{-x}$$

- (2) Estimate $e^{-0.01}$ using the two functions with different N (N=0,1,2,...), the order of the expansion. e.g. $e^{-0.01} \cong 1/A(20,0.01) \cong B(20,0.01)$. Compare the result with Matlab's function $\exp(-0.01)$. How many terms does it require for the result to converge with accuracy up to 8 significant digits?
- (3) How many terms does it require for e^{-1} to converge with accuracy up to 8 significant digits using 1/A and B respectively?

- (4) Repeat (2) to calculate e^{-20} using $1/A(N, 20)$ and $B(N, 20)$ with $N = 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21$, and 22 .
- Explain if there is any strange result showing up.
 - When the computation converges, the two results are different. If you don't compare the two results with Matlab's embedded function, can you tell which one is more accurate and why?
 - After the comparisons, could you propose to an exponential function with good precision?
4. [F7xxxxxxx_quiz2_prob4.m] Write a program to find the approximated machine epsilon of the double precision floating point number instead of just using `eps` from Matlab's embedded function. [BONUS]