

一元三次方程的求根公式及其证明

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已知:关于 x 的三次方程 $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$,求此方程的精确解.

解:令 $x = t - \frac{b}{3}$,则有

$$\begin{aligned} & x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \\ &= (t - \frac{b}{3})^3 + b(t - \frac{b}{3})^2 + c(t - \frac{b}{3}) + d \\ &= t^3 - bt^2 + \frac{1}{3}tb^2 - \frac{b^3}{27} + bt^2 - \frac{2}{3}b^2t + \frac{b^3}{9} + ct - \frac{bc}{3} + d \\ &= t^3 + (c - \frac{b^2}{3})t + (\frac{2}{27}b^3 - \frac{bc}{3} + d) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

令 $p = c - \frac{b^2}{3}$, $q = \frac{2}{27}b^3 - \frac{bc}{3} + d$,则原方程化为

$$t^3 + pt + q = 0$$

下面求解这个方程.

已知公式:

$$(t + y + z)(t + \omega y + \omega^2 z)(t + \omega^2 y + \omega z) = t^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3tyz$$

其中 $\omega = \frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}$. 令

$$\begin{cases} -3yz = p & (1) \\ y^3 + z^3 = q & (2) \end{cases}$$

则有

$$t^3 + pt + q = (t + y + z)(t + \omega y + \omega^2 z)(t + \omega^2 y + \omega z) = 0$$

则

$$\begin{cases} t_1 = -y - z \\ t_2 = -\omega y - \omega^2 z \\ t_3 = -\omega^2 y - \omega z \end{cases}$$

由(1)得

$$z = -\frac{p}{3y}$$

代入(2),得

$$y^3 + \left(-\frac{p}{3y}\right)^3 = q$$

$$y^6 - qy^3 - \frac{p^3}{27} = 0$$

得

$$y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}}$$

代入(1),得

$$z = -\frac{p}{3\sqrt[3]{\frac{q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}}$$

所以,

$$\begin{cases} t_1 = -\sqrt[3]{\frac{q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} \\ t_2 = -\omega \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \omega^2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} \\ t_3 = -\omega^2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \omega \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} \end{cases}$$

即

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -\sqrt[3]{\frac{q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \frac{b}{3} \\ x_2 = -\omega \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \omega^2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \frac{b}{3} \\ x_3 = -\omega^2 \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \omega \sqrt[3]{\frac{q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} - \frac{b}{3} \end{cases}$$

若用 b, c, d 代替 p, q ,则会得到以下复杂代数式:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -\sqrt[3]{\frac{(y^3+z^3)\pm\sqrt{(y^3+z^3)^2+\frac{4(-3yz)^3}{27}}}{2}} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{(y^3+z^3)\mp\sqrt{(y^3+z^3)^2+\frac{4(-3yz)^3}{27}}}{2}} - \frac{b}{3} \\ x_2 = -\omega\sqrt[3]{\frac{(y^3+z^3)\pm\sqrt{(y^3+z^3)^2+\frac{4(-3yz)^3}{27}}}{2}} - \omega^2\sqrt[3]{\frac{(y^3+z^3)\mp\sqrt{(y^3+z^3)^2+\frac{4(-3yz)^3}{27}}}{2}} - \frac{b}{3} \\ x_3 = -\omega^2\sqrt[3]{\frac{(y^3+z^3)\pm\sqrt{(y^3+z^3)^2+\frac{4(-3yz)^3}{27}}}{2}} - \omega\sqrt[3]{\frac{(y^3+z^3)\mp\sqrt{(y^3+z^3)^2+\frac{4(-3yz)^3}{27}}}{2}} - \frac{b}{3} \end{cases}$$