

Statistical and Numerical Methods for Chemical Engineers

Solutions : Exercise 3

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1 Fixed Point Iterations

1. Show analytically that the three fixed point equations are consistent with (1) by rearranging the equations (2) to (4) to the form of (1).

$$f(x) = x\exp(x) - 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$x = \phi_1(x) \text{ with } \phi_1(x) = \exp(-x) \quad (2)$$

$$x = \phi_2(x) \text{ with } \phi_2(x) = \frac{x^2\exp(x) + 1}{\exp(x)(1+x)} \quad (3)$$

$$x = \phi_3(x) \text{ with } \phi_3(x) = x + 1 - x\exp(x) \quad (4)$$

First, for the second fixed point iteration $\phi_1(x)$, transposing -1 to the other side of the equation (1) gives

$$x\exp(x) = 1 \quad (5)$$

By dividing by $\exp(x)$ on each side of the equation (5), we obtain the expression of the equation (2):

$$x = \exp(-x) \quad (6)$$

For the second fixed point iteration $\phi_2(x)$, start by multiplying x to each side of equation (5):

$$x^2\exp(x) = x \quad (7)$$

Add 1 to each side to get

$$x^2\exp(x) + 1 = x + 1 \quad (8)$$

Using equation (5), equation (10) can be rearranged to

$$x^2\exp(x) + 1 = (x + 1)x\exp(x) \quad (9)$$

Dividing by $(x + 1)\exp(x)$ gives the expression for equation (3) :

$$x = \frac{x^2\exp(x) + 1}{\exp(x)(1+x)} \quad (10)$$

For the second fixed point iteration $\phi_3(x)$, start from simple rearrangement of $x = x + 1 - 1$, where the final term 1 is substituted by $1 = x\exp(x)$ from equation (5):

$$x = x + 1 - x\exp(x) \quad (11)$$

which is the expression for the equation (4).

2. Solutions for questions 2 to 5 are provided in the attached mfile SNM_Ex3_Q1.m.

2 Linear Interpolation

Refer to the separately attached solution mfile `SNM_Ex3_Q2.m`.

3 System of Nonlinear Equations

Refer to the separately attached solution mfile `SNM_Ex3_Q3.m` and function mfiles `CSTRFun.m`, `CSTRJac.m`, `jacobianest.m`, and `newtonMethod.m`.