

Q-D METHOD

Quotient Difference (Q.D) Method:

This is a very general method to determine all the roots of a polynomial equation. This method gives approximate values of a polynomial equation. Exact values can be found by iterative method. For example by Newton's method, Secant method etc.

Suppose that $P_n(x)$ is nth degree polynomial equation.

$$P_n(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n = 0$$

To find the roots of the equation. Form an array of q and e terms. The first row of q 's and second row of e 's are calculated by the following method.

First row of q 's:

$$q_1 = -\frac{a_1}{a_0}, q_2 = 0, \dots, q_n = 0$$

Second row of e 's:

$$e_0 = 0 \text{ and } e_n = 0$$

$$e_1 = \frac{a_2}{a_1}, e_2 = \frac{a_3}{a_2}, \dots, e_{n-1} = \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}}$$

or $e_i = \frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i}, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$

The start of the array

e_0	q_1	e_1	q_2	e_2	\dots	e_{n-1}	q_n	e_n
	$-\frac{a_1}{a_0}$		0		\dots		0	
0		$\frac{a_2}{a_1}$		$\frac{a_3}{a_2}$	\dots	$\frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}}$		0

A new row of q 's:

$$q_i = e_i - e_{i-1} + q_i$$

A new row of e 's:

$$e_i = \left(\frac{q_{i+1}}{q_i}\right) e_i$$

There are three cases of e :

Case I: All roots are real and $a_n \neq 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

q_i are the approximate values when $e_i = 0$

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1.$$

Example 5:

Find all roots of the following equation.

$$x^4 + 31x^3 + 305x^2 + 1025x + 775 = 0$$

Solution:

$$x^4 + 31x^3 + 305x^2 + 1025x + 775 = 0$$

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 31, a_2 = 305, a_3 = 1025, a_4 = 775$$

e_0	q_1	e_1	q_2	e_2	q_3	e_3	q_4	e_4
0	-31	9.84	0	3.36	0	0.74	0	0
0	-21.16	3.01	-6.48	1.36	-2.62	0.21	-0.74	0
0	-18.15	1.35	-8.13	0.63	-3.77	0.05	-0.95	0
0	-16.8	0.71	-8.85	0.31	-4.35	0.01	-1.00	0
0	-16.09	0.41	-9.25	0.16	-4.65	0.00	-1.01	0
0	-15.68	0.25	-9.5	0.08	-4.81	0.00	-1.01	0
0	-15.43	0.16	-9.67	0.04	-4.89	0.00	-1.01	0
0	-15.27	0.10	-9.79	0.02	-4.93	0.00	-1.01	0
0	-15.17	0.07	-9.87	0.01	-4.95	0.00	-1.01	0
0	-15.10	0.05	-9.93	0.00	-4.96	0.00	-1.01	0
0	-15.05	0.03	-9.98	0.00	-4.96	0.00	-1.01	0
0	-15.02	0.02	-10.01	0.00	-4.96	0.00	-1.01	0
0	-15.00	0.01	-10.03	0.00	-4.96	0.00	-1.01	0
0	14.99		-10.04		-4.96		-1.01	0

Hence

$$x_1 \cong q_1 = -14.99, \quad x_2 \cong q_2 = -10.04$$

$$x_3 \cong q_3 = -4.99, \quad x_4 \cong q_4 = -1.01$$

Case II: A Pair of Complex Roots and $a_n \neq 0$:

In this case one of the e 's will not converge to zero but will fluctuate in value. So we find a quadratic factor

$$x^2 - gx - h.$$

If e_j does not approach to zero, then

$$g = q_j + q_{j+1}$$

and

$$h = -[q_j(\text{above } e_j) \cdot q_{j+1}(\text{below } e_j)]$$

Example 6:

Solve the equation $x^4 - 8x^3 + 27x^2 - 70x + 50 = 0$

Solution:

$$x^4 - 8x^3 + 27x^2 - 70x + 50 = 0$$

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = -8, a_2 = 27, a_3 = -70, a_4 = 50$$

e_0	q_1	e_1	q_2	e_2	q_3	e_3	q_4	e_4
	8		0		0		0	
0		-3.38		-2.56		-0.71		0
	4.62		0.79		1.88		0.71	
0		-0.58		-6.16		-0.27		0
	4.04		-4.79		7.77		0.98	
0		0.69		9.99		-0.03		0
	4.73		4.51		-2.25		1.01	
0		0.66		-4.98		0.01		0
	5.39		-1.13		2.74		1.00	
0		-0.14		12.08		0.00		0
	5.25		11.09		-934		1.00	
0		-0.30		-10.17		0.00		0
	4.95		1.22		0.83		1.00	
0		-0.07		-692		0.00		0
	4.88		-563		7.75		1.00	
0		0.08		9.53		0.00		0
	4.96		3.82		-1.78		1.00	
0		0.06		-4.44		0.00		0
	5.02		-0.68		2.66		1.00	
0		0.00		17.36		0.00		0
	5.02		16.67		-14.7		1.00	

Hence $x_1 \cong q_1 = 5.01$

$x_4 \cong q_4 = 1.00$

Since e_2 does not approach to zero, so two roots of the given polynomial equation are complex.

We find a quadratic factor $x^2 - gx - h$

$$g = q_2 + q_3 = 16.67 - 14.7 = 1.97$$

$$h = -q_2 \text{ (above } e_2) q_3 \text{ (below } e_2) = -(-0.68)(-14.7) = -9.996$$

$$x^2 - gx - h = 0$$


$$x^2 - 1.97x + 9.996 = 0$$

$$x = 0.985 \pm 3i$$

Hence the required roots are

$$x_1 \cong 5.01, \quad x_2 \cong 0.985 - 3i, \quad x_3 \cong 0.985 + 3i, \quad x_4 \cong 1.00$$

Case III: One of the Coefficient in the polynomial is Zero:

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	1	3	-76			
		1				
	1	4				
		1				

$$t^4 + 4t^3 - 76t^2 + 176t - 105 = 0$$

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 4, a_2 = -76, a_3 = 176, a_4 = -105$$

e_0	q_1	e_1	q_2	e_2	q_3	e_3	q_4	e_4
	-4		0		0		0	
0		-19		-2.32		-0.60		0
	-23		16.68		1.72		0.6	
0		13.78		-0.24		-0.21		0
	-9.22		2.66		1.75		0.81	
0		-3.98		-0.16		-0.02		0
	-13.2		6.48		1.89		0.83	
0		1.95		-0.05		-0.01		0
	-11.25		4.48		1.93		0.84	
0		-0.78		-0.02		0.00		0
	-12.03		5.25		1.95		0.84	
0		-0.34		-0.01		0.00		0
	-11.69		4.89		1.96		0.84	
0		-0.14		0.00		0.00		0
	-11.83		5.03		1.96		0.84	
0		0.06		0.00		0.00		0
	-11.77		4.97		1.96		0.84	
0		-0.02		0.00		0.00		0
	-11.79		4.95		1.96		0.84	
0		-0.01		0.00		0.00		0
	-11.78		4.94		1.96		0.84	

$$x_1 \cong 1 + q_1 = 1 - 11.78 = -10.78$$

$$x_2 \cong 1 + q_2 = 1 + 4.96 = 5.96$$

$$x_3 \cong 1 + q_3 = 1 + 1.96 = 2.96$$

$$x_4 \cong 1 + q_4 = 1 + 0.84 = 1.84$$

EXERCISE D-3

Solve the following equations by Q-D method.

(1) $x^4 - 28x^3 + 263x^2 - 980x + 1170 = 0$

(2) $x^4 - 21x^3 + 131x^2 - 255x + 40 = 0$

(3) $x^4 - 6x^3 - 7x^2 - 32x + 20 = 0$

(4) $x^4 + 20x^3 + 116x^2 + 208x + 60 = 0$

(5) $x^4 - 11x^3 + 37x^2 - 96x - 220 = 0$

(6) $x^4 + 9x^3 - 67x^2 - 270x + 400 = 0$

(7) $x^4 - 12x^3 - 134x^2 - 72x + 160 = 0$

(8) $x^3 - 13.5x^2 + 48x - 22 = 0$

(9) $x^3 - 6.3x^2 + 10.6x - 8.6 = 0$

(10) $x^4 - 12x^3 - 125x^2 + 250 = 0$

(11) $x^4 - 11x^3 + 13x^2 - 700 = 0$

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