

### Problem 1

Kaplan, p. 436: 2c,i

Find the first three nonzero terms of the following Taylor series:

c)  $\ln(1+x)^2$  about  $x = 0$

i)  $\operatorname{arctanh} x$  about  $x = 0$

The definition of a Taylor Series is:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} \right|_{x=x_0} (x-x_0)^n \tag{1}$$

#### Part c

Using the definition from Equation 1 for (2c), the summary in Table 1 below is produced.

$n$	$\frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n}$	$\left. \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} \right _{x=x_0}$	$\frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} \right _{x=x_0}$	$\frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} \right _{x=x_0} (x-x_0)^n$
0	$\log(1+x)^2$	0	0	0
1	$\frac{2\log(1+x)}{1+x}$	0	0	0
2	$\frac{2}{(1+x)^2} - \frac{2\log(1+x)}{(1+x)^2}$	2	1	$x^2$
3	$-\frac{6}{(1+x)^3} + \frac{4\log(1+x)}{(1+x)^3}$	-6	-1	$-x^3$
4	$\frac{22}{(1+x)^4} - \frac{12\log(1+x)}{(1+x)^4}$	22	$\frac{11}{12}$	$\frac{11}{12}x^4$

Table 1: Development of Taylor Series for  $\ln(x+1)^2$

Summing the elements of the final column, the three term approximation is:

$$f \approx x^2 - x^3 + \frac{11}{12}x^4$$

#### Part i

Using the definition from Equation 1 for (2c), the summary in Table 2 below is produced.

$n$	$\frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n}$	$\left. \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} \right _{x=x_0}$	$\frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} \right _{x=x_0}$	$\frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n f}{\partial x^n} \right _{x=x_0} (x-x_0)^n$
0	$\operatorname{arctanh} x$	0	0	0
1	$\frac{1}{1-x^2}$	1	1	$x$
2	$\frac{2x}{(1-x^2)^2}$	0	0	0
3	$\frac{8x^2}{(1-x^2)^3} + \frac{2}{(1-x^2)^2}$	2	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{x^3}{3}$
4	$\frac{48x^3}{(1-x^2)^4} + \frac{24x}{(1-x^2)^3}$	0	0	0
5	$\frac{384x^4}{(1-x^2)^5} + \frac{288x^2}{(1-x^2)^4} + \frac{24}{(1-x^2)^3}$	24	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{x^5}{5}$

Table 2: Development of Taylor Series for  $\operatorname{arctanh} x$

Summing the elements of the final column, the three term approximation is:

$$f \approx x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5}$$

## Problem 2

Kaplan, p. 649: 5

Show that

$$J_0(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(n!)^2} \quad (2)$$

Satisfies Bessel's equation of order 0 in the form

$$xy'' + y' + xy = 0 \quad (3)$$

Computing the first and second derivatives of Equation 2 as

$$J_0'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n x^{2n-1}/(n!)^2$$

$$J_0''(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n(2n-1) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n x^{2n-2}/(n!)^2$$

Remapping these indices of the summation to  $n = 0$

$$J_0'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2(n+1) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n x^{2n+1}/((n+1)!)^2$$

$$J_0''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2(n+2)(2n+1) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n x^{2n}/((n+1)!)^2 \quad (4)$$

Placing the definitions from Equations 2 and 4, into Equation 3 and combining like terms,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \left\{ (2n+2)(2n+1) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2(n+1) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + (n+1)^2 \right\} \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^n x^{2n+1}/(n+1)! \right] = 0 \quad (5)$$

For this to be true for the summation it must hold for all values of  $x$  and  $n$ , therefore

$$(2n+2)(2n+1) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2(n+1) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + (n+1)^2 = 0 \quad (6)$$

And upon expanding Equation 6, we see that this is true and therefore the series from Equation 2 satisfies Equation 3.

### Problem 3

Course notes, 4.1a

Solve as a series in  $x$  for  $x > 0$  about the point  $x = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 y'' - 2xy' + (x+1)y &= 0 \\ y(1) &= 1 \\ y(4) &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

Examining Equation 7, and recognizing that is of the form

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0$$

Since  $P(0) = 0$ , is not an ordinary point. Examining  $xQ(x)/P(x) = -2$  and  $x^2Q(x)/P(x) = x+1$  are both analytic at  $x = 0$  therefore, this is a regular singular point problem. Therefore there exist a solution for  $y$  is of the form:

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}\tag{8}$$

Plugging this assumed form into the differential equation and simplifying yields,

$$\left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n+r)(n+r-1)x^{n+r} \right] + \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -2a_n (n+r)x^{n+r} \right] + \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+1} \right] + \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} \right] = 0$$

Combining like powers of  $x$  into a single summation and simplifying the result

$$\left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n [(n+r)^2 - 3(n+r) + 1]x^{n+r} \right] + \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+1} \right] = 0$$

Removing the  $n = 0$  term from the first summation and remapping the index back to zero,

$$a_0(r^2 - 3r + 1)x^r + \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} [(n+r+1)^2 - 3(n+r+1) + 1]x^{n+r+1} \right] + \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+1} \right] = 0$$

Combining the two summations

$$a_0(r^2 - 3r + 1)x^r + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [a_n + a_{n+1} \{(n+r+1)^2 - 3(n+r+1) + 1\}]x^{n+r+1} = 0$$

The term outside the summation gives us the indicial equation

$$r^2 - 3r + 1 = 0$$

Therefore  $r = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Using one of these values, the term outside of the summation is zero and therefore the coefficient of  $x^{n+r+1}$  inside the summation must be zero for all values of  $x$  and  $n$ . Therefore,

$$a_n + a_{n+1}((n+r+1)^2 - 3(n+r+1) + 1) = 0$$

$$a_{n+1} = -\frac{a_n}{(n+r+1)^2 - 3(n+r+1) + 1}$$

For  $r = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$

$$a_{n+1} = -\frac{a_n}{(n+1+\sqrt{5})(n+1)} = -\frac{a_0}{(n+1)! \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (i+\sqrt{5})}$$

Therefore, the first solution to Equation 7 is,

$$y_1 = a_0 x^{\frac{1}{2}(3+\sqrt{5})} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{5}}x + \frac{1}{14+6\sqrt{5}}x^2 + \frac{1}{24} (4\sqrt{5}-9)x^3 + \dots \right)$$

For  $r = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$

$$b_{n+1} = -\frac{b_n}{(n+1-\sqrt{5})(n+1)} = -\frac{b_0}{(n+1)! \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (i-\sqrt{5})}$$

Therefore, the second solution to Equation 7 is,

$$y_2 = b_0 x^{\frac{1}{2}(3-\sqrt{5})} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}-1}x + \frac{1}{8}(7+3\sqrt{5})x^2 + \frac{(7+3\sqrt{5})}{24(\sqrt{5}-3)}x^3 + \dots \right)$$

Combining the two solutions,  $y = y_1 + y_2$ , then considering the boundary conditions  $a_0 = 0.675038$  and  $b_0 = 0.183975$ . Therefore, we can plot the solution below.

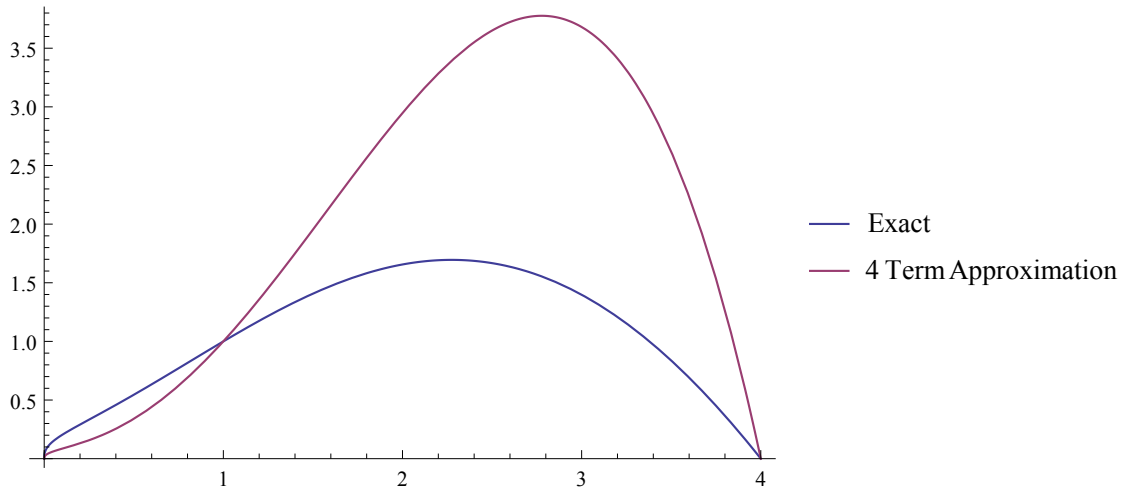


Figure 1: Exact and approximate solution to  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + (x+1)y = 0$

## Problem 4

Course notes, 4.2

Find two-term expansions for each of the roots of:

$$(x - 1)(x + 3)(x - 3\lambda) + 1 = 0$$

where  $\lambda$  is large.

Multiplying out the terms:

$$x^3 + (2 - 3\lambda)x^2 - (6\lambda + 3)x + (1 + 9\lambda) = 0$$

Dividing through by  $\lambda$ , and substituting in a small number  $\epsilon$  for  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ ,

$$\epsilon x^3 + (2\epsilon - 3)x^2 - (6 + 3\epsilon)x + (\epsilon + 9) = 0 \quad (9)$$

Examining this problem, we see that as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , a solution is lost. Therefore, we must change variables, we can perform the transformation,

$$X = \frac{x}{\epsilon^\alpha} \quad (10)$$

Using the transformation from Equation 10 on Equation 9,

$$X^3 \epsilon^{3\alpha+1} - 3X^2 \epsilon^{2\alpha} + 2X^2 \epsilon^{2\alpha+1} - 3X(\epsilon + 2)\epsilon^\alpha + \epsilon + 9 = 0 \quad (11)$$

The two highest order terms of  $X$  are in the same order of  $\epsilon$  if  $1 + 3\alpha = 2\alpha$ , Therefore, we demand that  $\alpha = -1$ . With this, Equation 11 becomes,

$$X^3 + X^2(2\epsilon - 3) - 3X\epsilon(\epsilon + 2) + \epsilon^2(\epsilon + 9) = 0 \quad (12)$$

Let  $x$  be expressed as a sum in  $\epsilon$ ,

$$X = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X_n \epsilon^n \approx X_0 + X_1 \epsilon + X_2 \epsilon^2 + X_3 \epsilon^3 \quad (13)$$

Therefore, separating on orders of  $\epsilon$  and recognizing that since the expansion is 0 each term must also equal 0, the equations become

$$\begin{aligned} X_0^3 - 3X_0^2 &= 0 \\ 3X_1X_0^2 + 2X_0^2 - 6X_1X_0 - 6X_0 &= 0 \\ 3X_2X_0^2 + 3X_1^2X_0 + 4X_1X_0 - 6X_2X_0 - 3X_0 - 3X_1^2 - 6X_1 + 9 &= 0 \\ X_1^3 + 2X_1^2 + 6X_0X_2X_1 - 6X_2X_1 - 3X_1 + 4X_0X_2 - 6X_2 + 3X_0^2X_3 - 6X_0X_3 + 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Sequentially solving these equations until we have two terms for each solution, we find

$$\begin{aligned} (X_0, X_1, X_2) &= \left(0, -3, -\frac{1}{12}\right) \\ (X_0, X_1, X_2) &= \left(0, 1, \frac{1}{12}\right) \\ (X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3) &= \left(3, 0, 0, -\frac{1}{9}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Then combining the values from Equation 14 and the initial approximation from Equation 13, we find,

$$X \approx -\frac{\epsilon^2}{12} - 3\epsilon, \frac{\epsilon^2}{12} + \epsilon \text{ or } 3 - \frac{\epsilon^3}{9}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} x &\approx -\frac{\epsilon}{12} - 3, \frac{\epsilon}{12} + 1, \text{ or } \frac{3}{\epsilon} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{9} \\ x &\approx -\frac{1}{12\lambda} - 3, \frac{1}{12\lambda} + 1, \text{ or } 3\lambda - \frac{1}{9\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

### Problem 5

Course notes, 4.11b

Find all solutions through  $O(\epsilon^2)$ , where  $\epsilon$  is a small parameter, and compare with the exact result for  $\epsilon = 0.01$ .

$$2\epsilon x^4 + 2(2\epsilon + 1)x^3 + (7 - 2\epsilon)x^2 - 5x - 4 = 0 \tag{15}$$

Starting this problem, we see that as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , a solution is lost. Therefore, we must change variables, we can perform the transformation,

$$X = \frac{x}{\epsilon^\alpha} \tag{16}$$

Using the transformation from Equation 16 on Equation 15,

$$2\epsilon^{4\alpha+1}X^4 + 2(2\epsilon^{3\alpha+1} + \epsilon^{3\alpha})X^3 + (7\epsilon^{2\alpha} - 2\epsilon^{2\alpha+1})X^2 - 5\epsilon^\alpha X - 4 = 0 \tag{17}$$

The two highest order terms of  $X$  are in the same order of  $\epsilon$  if  $4\alpha + 1 = 3\alpha$ , Therefore, we demand that  $\alpha = -1$ . With this, Equation 17 becomes,

$$2\epsilon^{-3}X^4 + 2(2\epsilon^{-2} + \epsilon^{-3})X^3 + (7\epsilon^{-2} - 2\epsilon^{-1})X^2 - 5\epsilon^{-1}X - 4 = 0 \tag{18}$$

In order to solve this problem, we start by assuming that  $X$  can be written in the form,

$$X = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X_n \epsilon^n = X_0 + X_1 \epsilon + X_2 \epsilon^2 + X_3 \epsilon^3 + \dots \tag{19}$$

Then placing the expansion from Equation 19 into Equation 18, we find,

$$2\epsilon^{-3}(X_0 + X_1\epsilon + X_2\epsilon^2 + X_3\epsilon^3 + \dots)^4 + 2(2\epsilon^{-2} + \epsilon^{-3})(X_0 + X_1\epsilon + X_2\epsilon^2 + X_3\epsilon^3 + \dots)^3 + (7\epsilon^{-2} - 2\epsilon^{-1})(X_0 + X_1\epsilon + X_2\epsilon^2 + X_3\epsilon^3 + \dots)^2 - 5\epsilon^{-1}(X_0 + X_1\epsilon + X_2\epsilon^2 + X_3\epsilon^3 + \dots) - 4 = 0 \tag{20}$$

Expanding this and separating by powers of  $\epsilon$  and recognizing that if the sum of all terms is 0 then each order of  $\epsilon$  must be 0 as well. Examining these equations,

$\epsilon^0$	$-2X_0^4 - 2X_0^3 = 0$	(21)
$\epsilon^1$	$-8X_1X_0^3 - 4X_0^3 - 6X_1X_0^2 - 7X_0^2 = 0$	
$\epsilon^2$	$-8X_2X_0^3 - 12X_1^2X_0^2 - 12X_1X_0^2 - 6X_2X_0^2 + 2X_0^2 - 6X_1^2X_0 - 14X_1X_0 + 5X_0 = 0$	
$\epsilon^3$	$-8X_3X_0^3 - 24X_1X_2X_0^2 - 12X_2X_0^2 - 6X_3X_0^2 - 8X_1^3X_0 - 12X_1^2X_0 + 4X_1X_0 - 12X_1X_2X_0 - 14X_2X_0 - 2X_1^3 - 7X_1^2 + 5X_1 + 4 = 0$	
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	

Solving Equations 21 we see,

$$(X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3) = \left(0, -4, -\frac{32}{5}, -\frac{31232}{875}\right), \left(0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{12}, -\frac{11}{378}\right), \left(0, 1, -\frac{4}{15}, \frac{752}{3375}\right), \left(-1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{27}{4}, \frac{71}{2}\right) \tag{22}$$

Therefore using the definition from Equation 19, the data from Equation 22 and the transformation defined in Equation 16, the  $O(\epsilon^2)$  solutions are,

$X = -4\epsilon - \frac{32}{5}\epsilon^2 - \frac{31232}{875}\epsilon^3$	$\rightarrow$	$x = -\frac{31232}{875}\epsilon^2 - \frac{32}{5}\epsilon - 4$
$X = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon - \frac{1}{12}\epsilon^2 - \frac{11}{378}\epsilon^3$	$\rightarrow$	$x = -\frac{11}{378}\epsilon^2 - \frac{1}{12}\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}$
$X = \epsilon - \frac{4}{15}\epsilon^2 + \frac{752}{3375}\epsilon^3$	$\rightarrow$	$x = \frac{752}{3375}\epsilon^2 - \frac{4}{15}\epsilon + 1$
$X = -1 + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon + \frac{27}{4}\epsilon^2 + \frac{71}{2}\epsilon^3$	$\rightarrow$	$x = \frac{71}{2}\epsilon^2 + \frac{27}{4}\epsilon + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

Now, in the case of  $\epsilon = 0.01$ , our estimate of the roots of Equation 15 would be

$$x = -4.06757, -0.500836, 0.997356, -98.429$$

While the exact solution is,

$$x = -4.06783, -0.500836, 0.997355, -98.4287$$

The  $O(\epsilon^2)$  approximation provides an excellent approximation of the roots, the maximum relative error is  $6.5 \times 10^{-5}$ .

**Problem 6**

Course notes, 4.12

Find three terms of a solution of

$$x + \epsilon \cos(x + 2\epsilon) = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (23)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a small parameter. For  $\epsilon = 0.2$ , compare the best asymptotic solution with the exact solution. In order to solve this problem, we start by assuming that  $x$  can be written in the form,

$$x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_n \epsilon^n = x_0 + x_1 \epsilon + x_2 \epsilon^2 + x_3 \epsilon^3 + \dots \quad (24)$$

Then placing the approximation from 24 into Equation 23, we find,

$$(x_0 + x_1 \epsilon + x_2 \epsilon^2 + x_3 \epsilon^3 + \dots) + \epsilon \cos((x_0 + x_1 \epsilon + x_2 \epsilon^2 + x_3 \epsilon^3 + \dots) + 2\epsilon) = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (25)$$

Performing a Taylor series expansion in  $\epsilon$  about  $\epsilon = 0$ , splitting this up by powers of  $\epsilon$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^0 : & & x_0 - \frac{\pi}{2} &= 0 \\ \epsilon^1 : & & x_1 + \cos(x_0) &= 0 \\ \epsilon^2 : & & x_2 - (x_1 + 2) \sin(x_0) &= 0 \\ \epsilon^3 : & & x_3 - x_2 \sin(x_0) - \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + 2)^2 \cos(x_0) &= 0 \\ & \vdots & & \vdots \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Solving for the terms in Equation 26, we find  $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 2$ ,  $x_3 = 2$ . Therefore the three term asymptotic solution of Equation 23 is,

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\epsilon^2 + 2\epsilon^3$$

In the case of  $\epsilon = 0.2$ , this yields  $x_{Appx} = 1.6668$ , while the exact solution is  $x_{Exact} = 1.6658$ .

## Problem 7

Course notes, 4.16

The solution of the matrix equation  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  can be written as  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{y}$ . Find the perturbation solution of

$$(\mathbf{A} + \epsilon \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}, \quad (27)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a small parameter.

Assuming  $x$  is of the form

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^n \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{x}_1 + \epsilon^2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots \quad (28)$$

This means that Equation 27 can be written as,

$$(\mathbf{A} + \epsilon \mathbf{B}) \cdot (\mathbf{x}_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{x}_1 + \epsilon^2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots) = \mathbf{y} \quad (29)$$

Distributing through the dot product and grouping by powers of  $\epsilon$ , Equation 29 becomes,

$$(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{y}) + \epsilon(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_1) + \epsilon^2(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_2) + \dots = 0 \quad (30)$$

Since the summation of the terms is zero, each power of  $\epsilon$  must be as well therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 &= \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_2 &= \mathbf{0} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Solving each line for the unknown  $\mathbf{x}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_0 &= \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x}_1 &= -\mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{x}_0 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 &= -\mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Back substituting, we find that in general,

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot (-\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-1})^n \cdot \mathbf{y} \quad (31)$$

Therefore using the definition of  $\mathbf{x}$  from Equation 28 and the values of  $\mathbf{x}_n$  from Equation 31, the perturbation solution of Equation 27 is,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-\epsilon \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{-1})^n \right] \cdot \mathbf{y}$$



## Problem 8

Course notes, 4.17

Find all solutions of

$$\epsilon x^4 + x - 2 = 0 \quad (32)$$

approximately, if  $\epsilon$  is small and positive. If  $\epsilon = 0.001$ , compare the exact solution obtained numerically with the asymptotic solution.

Note as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the equation becomes singular. Let

$$X = \frac{x}{\epsilon^\alpha} \quad (33)$$

Using the transformation from Equation 33 on Equation 32,

$$\epsilon^{4\alpha+1} X^4 + \epsilon^\alpha X - 2 = 0 \quad (34)$$

The two highest order terms of  $X$  are in the same order of  $\epsilon$  if  $4\alpha + 1 = \alpha$ . Therefore, we demand that  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{3}$ . With this, Equation 34 becomes,

$$\epsilon^{-\frac{1}{3}} X^4 + \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{3}} X - 2 = 0 \quad (35)$$

In order to solve this problem, we start by assuming that  $X$  can be written in the form,

$$X = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X_n \epsilon^{\frac{n}{3}} = X_0 + X_1 \epsilon^{\frac{1}{3}} + X_2 \epsilon^{\frac{2}{3}} + X_3 \epsilon + \dots \quad (36)$$

Then placing the expansion from Equation 36 into Equation 35, we find,

$$(X_0 + X_1 \epsilon^{\frac{1}{3}} + X_2 \epsilon^{\frac{2}{3}} + X_3 \epsilon + \dots)^4 + (X_0 + X_1 \epsilon^{\frac{1}{3}} + X_2 \epsilon^{\frac{2}{3}} + X_3 \epsilon + \dots) - 2\epsilon^{\frac{1}{3}} = 0 \quad (37)$$

Expanding this and separating by powers of  $\epsilon$  and recognizing that if the sum of all terms is 0 then each order of  $\epsilon$  must be 0 as well. Examining these equations,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \epsilon^0 & & X_0^4 + X_0 = 0 \\ \epsilon^{\frac{1}{3}} & & 4X_1 X_0^3 + X_1 - 2 = 0 \\ \epsilon^{\frac{2}{3}} & & 4X_2 X_0^3 + 6X_1^2 X_0^2 + X_2 = 0 \\ \epsilon^1 & & 4X_3 X_0^3 + 12X_1 X_2 X_0^2 + 4X_1^3 X_0 + X_3 = 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \end{array} \quad (38)$$

Solving Equations 38 we see,

$$\begin{aligned} (X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3) &= \left(-1, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{8}{9}, -\frac{160}{81}\right), \\ &(0, 2, 0, 0), \\ &\left(\sqrt[3]{-1}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{8}{9}(\sqrt[3]{-1} - 1), \frac{160\sqrt[3]{-1}}{81}\right), \\ &\left(-(-1)^{2/3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{8}{9}(-1 - (-1)^{2/3}), \frac{1}{81}(-160)(-1)^{2/3}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Therefore using the definition from Equation 36, the data from Equation 39 and the transformation defined in Equation 33, the  $O(\epsilon)$  solutions are,

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{8\epsilon^{2/3}}{9} - \frac{1}{3}2\sqrt[3]{\epsilon} - \frac{160\epsilon}{81} - 1 \\ X &= 2\sqrt[3]{\epsilon} \\ X &= \frac{8}{9}(\sqrt[3]{-1} - 1)\epsilon^{2/3} - \frac{1}{3}2\sqrt[3]{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{81}\sqrt[3]{-1}160\epsilon + \sqrt[3]{-1} \\ X &= \frac{8}{9}(-1 - (-1)^{2/3})\epsilon^{2/3} - \frac{1}{3}2\sqrt[3]{\epsilon} - \frac{160}{81}(-1)^{2/3}\epsilon - (-1)^{2/3} \end{aligned}$$

Performing the inverse transformation to convert  $X$  to  $x$ ,

$$x = -\frac{160\epsilon^{2/3}}{81} + \frac{8\sqrt[3]{\epsilon}}{9} - \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{\epsilon}} - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x = 2$$

$$x = \frac{\frac{8}{9}(\sqrt[3]{-1} - 1)\epsilon^{2/3} - \frac{1}{3}2\sqrt[3]{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{81}\sqrt[3]{-1}160\epsilon + \sqrt[3]{-1}}{\sqrt[3]{\epsilon}}$$

$$x = \frac{-72(1 + (-1)^{2/3})\epsilon^{2/3} - 54\sqrt[3]{\epsilon} - 160(-1)^{2/3}\epsilon - 81(-1)^{2/3}}{81\sqrt[3]{\epsilon}}$$

Using this approximation when  $\epsilon = 0.001$ , we find the approximate roots are

$$x_1 = -10.5975$$

$$x_2 = 2$$

$$x_3 = 4.29877 + 8.75434i$$

$$x_4 = 4.29877 - 8.75434i$$

and the exact roots are

$$x_1 = -10.5934$$

$$x_2 = 1.98449$$

$$x_3 = 4.30446 - 8.75258i$$

$$x_4 = 4.30446 + 8.75258i$$

## Problem 9

Course notes, 4.18

Obtain the first two terms of an approximate solution to

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} + 3(1 + \epsilon)\dot{x} + 2x &= 0, \text{ with} & (40) \\ x(0) &= 2(1 + \epsilon), \\ \dot{x}(0) &= -3(1 + 2\epsilon), \end{aligned}$$

for small  $\epsilon$ . Compare with the exact solution graphically in the range  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  for (a)  $\epsilon = 0.1$ , (b)  $\epsilon = 0.25$  and (c)  $\epsilon = 0.5$ .

Letting  $x$  be of the form  $x = x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots$ . Therefore the second derivative takes the form,  $\ddot{x} = \ddot{x}_0 + \epsilon \ddot{x}_1 + \dots$  and the second derivative takes the form,  $\dot{x} = \dot{x}_0 + \epsilon \dot{x}_1 + \dots$ . Equation 40 then becomes,

$$(\ddot{x}_0 + \epsilon \ddot{x}_1 + \dots) + 3(1 + \epsilon)(\dot{x}_0 + \epsilon \dot{x}_1 + \dots) + 2(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots) = 0, \text{ with } x(0) = 2(1 + \epsilon), \dot{x}(0) = -3(1 + 2\epsilon)$$

Combining the sums with the same power of  $\epsilon$ , and recognizing that all orders of  $\epsilon$  are linearly independent, since the of all powers of  $\epsilon$  must be zero, each order of  $\epsilon$  sums to zero, ie,

$$\begin{array}{lll} \epsilon^0 : & x_0''(t) + 3x_0'(t) + 2x_0(t) = 0, & x_0(0) = 2, \quad x_0'(0) = -3 \\ \epsilon^1 : & x_1''(t) + 3x_1'(t) + 2x_1(t) + 3x_0'(t) = 0, & x_1(0) = 0, \quad x_1'(0) = -6 \end{array}$$

Solving these sequentially (note that since the initial conditions are of mixed order of  $\epsilon$  they are separated as well),

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= e^{-2t} (e^t + 1) \\ x_1 &= e^{-2t} (-6t + e^t(3t + 1) + 1) \end{aligned}$$

We find the exact and the two term approximate solution to Equation 40 to be,

$$x_{Appx} = e^{-2t} (-6t\epsilon + e^t(3t\epsilon + \epsilon + 1) + \epsilon + 1)$$

Plotting the cases of  $\epsilon = 0.1$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.25$  and  $\epsilon = 0.5$ .

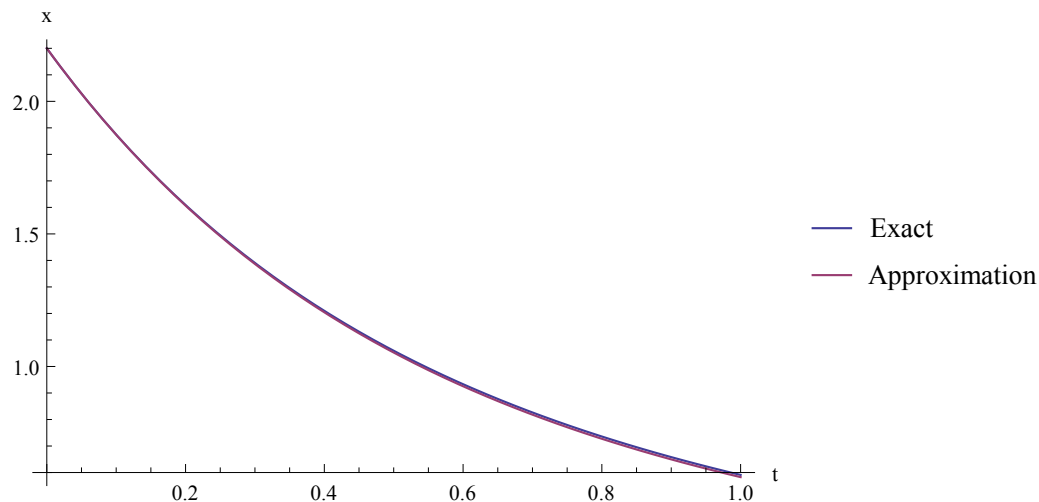


Figure 2:  $\epsilon = 0.1$

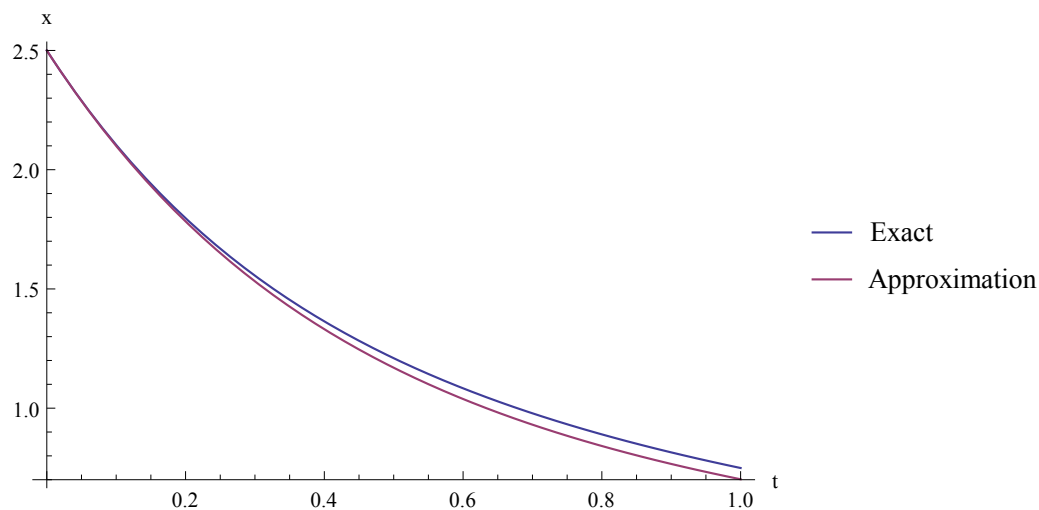


Figure 3:  $\epsilon = 0.25$

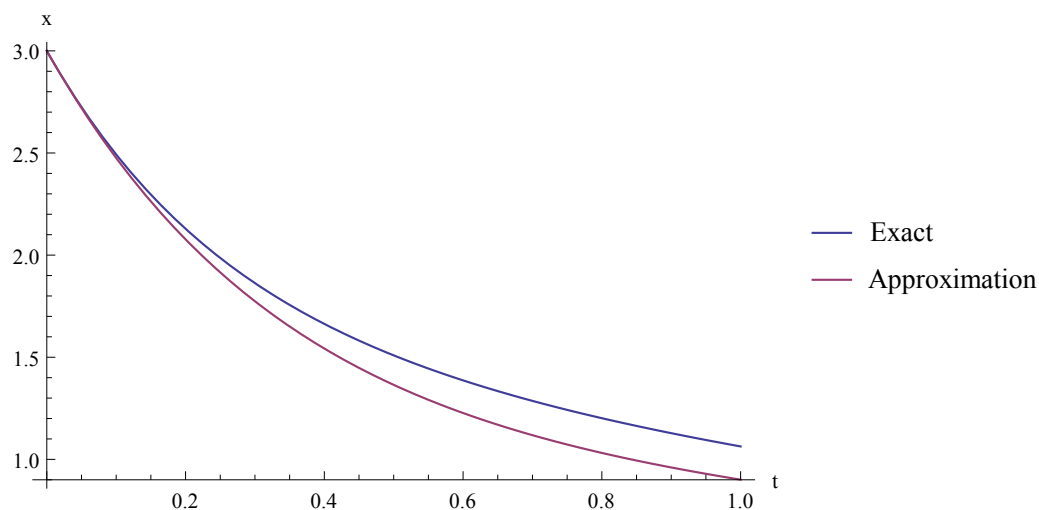


Figure 4:  $\epsilon = 0.5$

## Problem 10

Course notes, 4.58

Find the solution of the transcendental equation

$$\sin x = \epsilon \cos 2x, \quad (41)$$

near  $x = \pi$  for small positive  $\epsilon$ .

If we substitute  $x = x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots$  into Equation 41, we find

$$\sin(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots) = \epsilon \cos 2(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots) \quad (42)$$

Performing a Taylor Series on Equation 42 about  $\epsilon = 0$  and collecting by powers of  $\epsilon$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^0 : & & \sin(x_0) &= 0 & (43) \\ \epsilon^1 : & & \cos(x_0)x_1 - \cos(2x_0) &= 0 \\ \epsilon^2 : & & -\frac{1}{2}\sin(x_0)x_1^2 + 2\sin(2x_0)x_1 + \cos(x_0)x_2 &= 0 \\ \epsilon^3 : & & -\frac{1}{6}\cos(x_0)x_1^3 + 2\cos(2x_0)x_1^2 - \sin(x_0)x_2x_1 + 2\sin(2x_0)x_2 + \cos(x_0)x_3 &= 0 \\ & \vdots & & & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

Solving Equation 43, we see  $x_0 = \pi$ ,  $x_1 = -1$ ,  $x_2 = 0$ ,  $x_3 = \frac{11}{6}$ . Therefore

$$x = \pi - \epsilon + \frac{11}{6}\epsilon^3 + \dots$$