

Fixed-point iteration approximations

Inverse of a number

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> restart;
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g1:=x->2*x-A*x^2;
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$$g1 := x \rightarrow 2x - Ax^2$$

(1)

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> A:=7;
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$$A := 7$$

(2)

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> p0:=0.2;
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$$p0 := 0.2$$

(3)

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> for n from 1 to 20 do  
  p[n]:=g1(p0);  
  err:=abs(p[n]-p0);  
  if err>=10^(-8) then  
    p0:=p[n];  
  else  
    break  
  end if  
end do;
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$$p_1 := 0.12$$

(4)

$$err := 0.08$$

$$p_2 := 0.1392$$

$$err := 0.0192$$

$$p_3 := 0.14276352$$

$$err := 0.00356352$$

$$p_4 := 0.1428570815$$

$$err := 0.0000935615$$

$$p_5 := 0.1428571429$$

$$err := 6.14 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

$$p_6 := 0.1428571428$$

$$err := 1.10 \cdot 10^{-10}$$

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> evalf(1/7);
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$$0.1428571429$$

(5)

square root

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> restart;
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> g2:=x->(1/2)*x+a/(2*x);
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$$g2 := x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\frac{a}{x}$$

(6)

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> a:=6; a := 6 (7)
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> p0:=2.1; p0 := 2.1 (8)
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> for n from 1 to 20 do  
  p[n]:=g2(p0);  
  err:=abs(p[n]-p0);  
  if err>=10(-8) then  
    p0:=p[n];  
  else  
    break  
  end if  
end do;
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p1 := 2.478571428 (9)  
err := 0.378571428  
p2 := 2.449660354  
err := 0.028911074  
p3 := 2.449489749  
err := 0.000170605  
p4 := 2.449489742  
err := 7.10-9
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> evalf(sqrt(6)); 2.449489743 (10)
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