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function mtl_aae_sim_quadratic

% % Mfile name
%   mtl_aae_sim_quadratic.m

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% Purpose
%   To use the solution of quadratic equations as a way to show the effect
%   of significant digits on round-off errors.

% Keywords
%   Quadratic Formula
%   Significant Digits

% Clearing all data, variable names, and files from any other source and
% clearing the command window after each successive run of the program.
clc
clear all

% Inputs:
%   This is the only place in the program where the user makes the changes
%   based on their wishes.
%   The quadratic formula is derived from the standard form of a
%   quadratic equation:  $ax^2 + bx + c$ .

% Enter coefficient "a"
a = 0.001;

% Enter coefficient "b"
b = -4.946268;

% Enter coefficient "c".
c = 0.002;

% Enter range of significant digits to be used. Enter both a low and a
% high value to be taken.
sig_low = 7;
sig_high = 10;

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disp(sprintf('\n\nThe Quadratic Formula as a Way to Show the Subtraction '))
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disp(sprintf('of Small Numbers'))
disp(sprintf('\nUniversity of South Florida'))
disp(sprintf('United States of America'))
disp(sprintf('kaw@eng.usf.edu'))
disp(sprintf('Website: http://numericalmethods.eng.usf.edu'))
disp(sprintf('\nNOTE: This worksheet uses Matlab to use the solution of quadratic'));
disp('equations as a way to show the effect of significant digits on round-off');
disp('errors.');
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disp(sprintf('\n*****Introduction*****'))

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disp(sprintf('\nThe following worksheet illustrates the use of a quadratic equation '))
disp(sprintf('solution for showing the effect of significant digits on round-off '))
disp(sprintf('errors The user will enter the a, b and c values as given by the '))
disp(sprintf('equation for the standard form of a quadratic equation: '))
disp(sprintf('ax^2 + bx + c = 0, as well as the number of significant digits to'))
disp(sprintf('be displayed in a table that will be created at the end of the program.))
disp(sprintf('Two variations of the quadratic equation solution will be used:'))
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disp(sprintf(' A) x1 = (-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4ac))/2a, x2 = (-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4ac))/2a'))
disp(sprintf(' B) x1 = 2c/(-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4ac)), x2 = 2c/(-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4ac))'))
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disp(sprintf('\n\n*****Input Data*****'))

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disp(sprintf('\nThe coefficient corresponding with the quadratic term is, a = %g',a));
disp(sprintf('\nThe coefficient corresponding with the linear term is, b = %g',b));
disp(sprintf('\nThe coefficient corresponding with the constant term is, c = %g',c));
disp(sprintf('\nTherefore, the quadratic equation to be used is %gx^2 + %gx + %g',a,b,c));
disp(sprintf('\nNumber of significant digits to be taken will range from: %g to %g',
sig_low,sig_high));
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disp(sprintf('\n\n*****Procedure*****'))

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% The following calculations are done using specific subfunctions which are
% at the end of the m-file. The purpose of these functions is to perform
% basic arithmetic operations based strictly upon the number of significant
% digits specified. All operations inside each quadratic equation
% variation are done with these functions so that the number of significant
% digits can be controlled throughout the process.
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disp(sprintf('\nQuadratic formula variation A) '))
disp('x1 = (-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4ac))/2a, x2 = (-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4ac))/2a');
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% The following calculations will be performed inside a loop so that the
% number of significant digits used can be varied as specified by the user.
j = 1;
for i=sig_low:1:sig_high

    % Calculating b^2:
    b_squared = sdmul(i,b,b);
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% Calculating 4ac:
a_c_4 = sdmul(i,(sdmul(i,a,c)),4);

% Calculating 2a:
a_2 = sdmul(i,2,a);

% Calculating b^2 - 4ac:
in_rad = sdsb(i,b_squared,a_c_4);

% Calculating discriminate
descrim = sdsqrt(i,in_rad);

% Calculating first root "x1" = (-b + discriminate)/2a:
x1(j) = sddiv(i,(sdadd(i,-b,descrim)),a_2);

% Calculating second root "x2" = (-b - discriminate)/2a:
x2(j) = sddiv(i,(sdsb(i,-b,descrim)),a_2);

j = j+1;
end

disp(sprintf('\nQuadratic formula variation B'));
disp('x1 = 2c/(-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4ac)), x2 = 2c/(-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4ac))');

j = 1;
for i=sig_low:1:sig_high

% Calculating 2c:
c_2 = sdmul(i,2,c);

% Calculating b^2:
b_squared2 = sdmul(i,b,b);

% Calculating 4ac:
a_c_4_2 = sdmul(i,(sdmul(i,a,c)),4);

% Calculating b^2 - 4ac:
in_rad2 = sdsb(i,b_squared2,a_c_4_2);

% Calculating discriminate:
descrim2 = sdsqrt(i,in_rad2);

% Calculating first root "x1_2" 2c/(-b - discriminate):
x1_2(j) = sddiv(i,c_2,(sdsb(i,-b,descrim2)));

% Calculating second root "x1_2" 2c/(-b + discriminate):
x2_2(j) = sddiv(i,c_2,(sdadd(i,-b,descrim2)));

j = j+1;
end
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% Inputting these values in a table for comparison. A loop is used to show
% the entire data array.
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disp(sprintf('\n\n*****Table of
Values*****'));
disp('Sig          First Root (x1):          Second Root (x2):          ')
disp(
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disp('Digits    varA          varB          varA          varB
' )
disp(
('-----')
j=1;
for i=sig_low:1:sig_high
    disp(sprintf('%g          %1.9e    %1.9e          %1.9e    %1.9e',i,x1(j),x1_2(j),x2(j),
x2_2(j)));
    j=j+1;
end
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% Creating plots: x1:variation1 vs. significant digits, x1:variation2, vs
% significant digits.
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fig1 = figure(1);
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% Using Matlab to position the plots where the programmer specifies. The
% first bar graph will show values of x1 for both variations of the
% quadratic function.
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scnsize = get(0,'ScreenSize');
set(fig1,'Position',[0.01*scnsize(3),0.25*scnsize(3),0.50*scnsize(3),0.45*scnsize(4)]);
bar1 = bar(sig_low:sig_high,x1,'FaceColor','b','EdgeColor','b');
title('\bfValue of First Root (x1) as a Function of Significant Digits');
xlabel('\bfNumber of Significant Digits')
ylabel('\bfValue of Quadratic Root (x1)')
set(bar1,'BarWidth',0.55);
hold on;
bar2 = bar(sig_low:sig_high,x1_2,'FaceColor','r','EdgeColor','r');
set(bar2,'BarWidth',0.3);
legend('Variation 1','Variation 2')
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% This bar graph will show values of x2 for both variations of the
% quadratic function.
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fig2 = figure(2);
set(fig2,'Position',[0.52*scnsize(3),0.25*scnsize(3),0.50*scnsize(3),0.45*scnsize(4)]);
bar1 = bar(sig_low:sig_high,x2,'FaceColor','g','EdgeColor','g');
title('\bfValue of Second Root (x2) as a Function of Significant Digits');
xlabel('\bfNumber of Significant Digits');
ylabel('\bfValue of Quadratic Root (x2)');
set(bar1,'BarWidth',0.55);
hold on;
bar2 = bar(sig_low:sig_high,x2_2,'FaceColor','k','EdgeColor','k');
set(bar2,'BarWidth',0.3);
legend('Variation 1','Variation 2')
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disp(sprintf('\n\n*****Conclusion*****'))
disp(sprintf('Subtraction of numbers that are nearly equal can result in '))
disp(sprintf('unwanted inaccuracies. The number of significant digits used in '))
disp(sprintf('calculations plays a large role in the creation of these inaccuracies '))
disp(sprintf('and the magnitude of the round-off errors. Hence, when the '))
disp(sprintf('accuracy of calculations is critical, it is necessary to understand '))
disp(sprintf('possible sources of error and how they are best avoided.'))

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disp(sprintf('\n\n*****Refrences*****'))
disp('See: <a href = "http://numericalmethods.eng.usf.
edu/mtl/gen/01aae/mtl_gen_aae_txt_sourcesoferror.pdf">Sources of Error</a>')

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disp(sprintf('you wish to use this application in for-profit activities.'))

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hold off;
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% The following functions modify standard arithmetic operators allowing
% computation with the appropriate number of significant digits. These
% redefined operators are then used in the Forward Difference
% Approximation method to generate a solution that was computed with the
% number of significant digits specified.

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function q=sdscale(sd,k)
    if k==0;
        m=sd;
    else
        m=sd-floor(log10(abs(k))+1);
        q=k*10^m;
        q=floor(q)*10^(-m);
    end
end

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function d_sig=sdadd(sd,a,b)
    a_sig = sdscale(sd,a);
    b_sig = sdscale(sd,b);
    d = a_sig + b_sig;
    d_sig = sdscale(sd,d);
end

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function d_sig=sdsub(sd,a,b)
    a_sig = sdscale(sd,a);
    b_sig = sdscale(sd,b);
    d = a_sig - b_sig;
    d_sig = sdscale(sd,d);
end

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function d_sig=sdmul(sd,a,b)
    a_sig = sdscale(sd,a);
    b_sig = sdscale(sd,b);
    d = a_sig * b_sig;
    d_sig = sdscale(sd,d);
end
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function d_sig=sddiv(sd,a,b)
    a_sig = sdscale(sd,a);
    b_sig = sdscale(sd,b);
    d = a_sig / b_sig;
    d_sig = sdscale(sd,d);
end
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function a_sq_sig=sdsqrt(sd,a)
    a_sig = sdscale(sd,a);
    a_sq = sqrt(a_sig);
    a_sq_sig = sdscale(sd,a_sq);
end
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end