### **Excel Bootcamps 1, 2, 3 and 4**

- $\checkmark$  1: Getting up to speed with Excel
- 2: Introducing VBA
- $\bullet$ 3: Learning to use Excel to solve typical problem scenarios
- $\bullet$ 4: Detailed modeling of packed-bed and plug-flow reactors

### **Bootcamp 3 Outline**





2For details on numerical methods, see Chapra and Clough, **Applied Numerical Methods with Python for Engineers and Scientists**, McGraw-Hill, 2022, or Chapra, **Applied Numerical Methods with MATLAB for Engineers and Scientists**, 5th Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2023.

Water-gas shift equilibrium  $CO + H_2O \Leftrightarrow H_2 + CO_2$ 

$$
\frac{[H_2]\cdot [CO_2]}{[H_2O]\cdot [CO]} = K_{eq}(T) \qquad \ln [K_{eq}(T)] = -3.112 + \frac{3317}{T} \qquad T(K)
$$
\n
$$
\xrightarrow[\text{kmol/hr}]{\text{kmol/hr}} \qquad \xrightarrow[\text{CO}_2]{}^{450} \qquad \xrightarrow[\text{CO}_2]{}^{50} \qquad \qquad \text{T = 1200 °C}
$$
\n
$$
\xrightarrow[\text{H}_2O]{}^{1150} \qquad \qquad \text{P = 1 atm}
$$
\n
$$
T = 1200 °C
$$

$$
f(x) = \frac{[Feed_{H_2} + x] \cdot [Feed_{CO_2} + x]}{[Feed_{H_2O} - x] \cdot [Head_{CO} - x]} - K_{eq}(T) = 0
$$

where  $x$  is the shift to equilibrium in kmol/hr.

Solve for x and the reactor product flow rates for the given temperature.

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### Water-gas shift equilibrium



**water-gas\_starter.xlsx**

Water-gas shift equilibrium Using Goal Seek

Not convenient for a case study because the solution is not "live" on the spreadsheet. Goal Seek has to be run each time an input changes.



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## **Solving Single Algebraic Equations - Bisection**



First iteration **Second iteration** Second iteration

Water-gas shift equilibrium **using Bisection on the sheet** 



7 **water-gas\_bisectiontable.xlsx**

Water-gas shift equilibrium using Bisection on the sheet



Live solution amenable to a Data Table case study.

Water-gas Shift Equilibrium

#### Data Table case study X Temperature 159.8341  $H<sub>2</sub>$ CO<sub>2</sub>  $H<sub>2</sub>O$  $\overline{c}$ (degC) 329.9 779.9 379.9 170.1 500 370.1 525 320.0 770.0 370.0 380.0 180.0 550 310.4 760.4 360.4 389.6 189.6 751.2 198.8 575 301.2 351.2 398.8 600 292.3 742.3 342.3 407.7 207.7 625 283.8 733.8 333.8 416.2 216.2 650 275.6 725.6 325.6 424.4 224.4 ר רכו 675 367.0 7170 9170 ר רכר  $\bullet$  $\bullet$  $\bullet$ 1000 19271 للمقادات للمحط ن. دن بالمعادي 1375 139.4 589.4 189.4 560.6 360.6 1400 136.9 586.9 186.9 563.1 363.1 1425 134.5 584.5 184.5 565.5 365.5 1450 132.1 582.1 182.1 567.9 367.9 1475 129.8 579.8 179.8 570.2 370.2 1500 127.6 577.6 177.6 572.4 372.4



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### Water-gas Shift Equilibrium



```
Function f(x, T)Dim TK, Keq, FdH2, FdCO2, FdH2O, FdCO
TK = T + 273.15Keq = Exp(-3.112 + 3317 / TK)FdH2 = Range("FeedH2")FdCO2 = Range("FeedCO2")FdH2O = Range("FeedH2O")\text{FdCO} = Range ("FeedCO")
f = (FdH2 + x) * (FdCO2 + x) / (FdH2O - x) / (FdCO - x) - KeqEnd Function
```
### Using VBA bisection user-defined function



Solution is still live, so is amenable to case study. Much more compact on the spreadsheet.

#### 10 **water-gas\_bisectionUDF.xlsx**

Similar methods can be employed using the same on-sheet and VBA UDF live solution strategies:

- • Root-finding
	- o false position
	- o Newton's method
	- o secant method
	- $\circ$  Wegstein method  $\mathbf{k} = g(x)$  ]
- • Extremum-finding
	- o binary search
	- o Golden Section search
	- o gradient method
	- ohybrid methods, e.g., Levenberg-Marquardt

*n* equations in *n* unknowns

$$
a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1
$$
\n
$$
a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2
$$
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
\n
$$
a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
A \cdot X = b
$$

 $\mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ 

Solving the equations:

1. matrix algebra and computations  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ 

2. more efficient numerical method

- •Gaussian elimination with enhancements
- •LU decomposition

 $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-I} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  compute the inverse of **A** and multiply it by **b**

$$
\mathbf{12}
$$





**LinearEquationsStarter.xlsx**

Example problem: Six-stage absorber column

 $y_i = ax_i + b$ Equilibrium relationship on tray *i*  $\mathsf{x}_{\mathsf{0}}$  ,  $\mathsf{y}_{\mathsf{7}}$  , L and G specified  $L \cdot x_{i-1} + G \cdot y_{i+1} = L \cdot x_i + G \cdot y_i$ Component material balance on tray *i* Incorporate equilibrium relationship  $L \cdot x_{i-1} - (L + G \cdot a) \cdot x_i + G \cdot a \cdot x_{i+1} = 0$ 



Example problem: Six-stage absorber column

Write component material balances for each tray and rearrange with unknowns on the left and knowns on the right.

$$
-(L+Ga)x_1 + Gax_2 = -Lx_0
$$
  
\n
$$
Lx_1 - (L+Ga)x_2 + Gax_3 = 0
$$
  
\n
$$
Lx_2 - (L+Ga)x_3 + Gax_4 = 0
$$
  
\n
$$
Lx_3 - (L+Ga)x_4 + Gax_5 = 0
$$
  
\n
$$
Lx_4 - (L+Ga)x_5 + Gax_6 = 0
$$
  
\n
$$
Lx_5 - (L+Ga)x_6 = -G(y_7 - b)
$$

This represents a set of six linear equations in the six unknown mass fractions.

> Basic data: equilibrium model:  $a = 0.7$ ,  $b = 0$ Operating conditions:  $L = 20$  mol/s,  $G = 12$  mol/s Inlet gas mole fraction:  $\mathsf{y}_7$  = 0.1 Inlet liquid mole fraction:  $\, {\mathsf x}_0^{}$  = 0



## Example problem: Six-stage absorber column Spreadsheet solution

Set up basic data and operating conditions:



Transfer the labels to namethe cells to the right.

### Set up a matrix for the coefficients of the linear equations:





Name the matrix**A\_coef** .

16**Absorber.xlsx**

Example problem: Six-stage absorber column

Spreadsheet solution

Set up a vector **b** for the constants



## Solve for **x** using **A\_coef-1\*b**





Since this is an array formula, remember to select all cells and*Ctrl-Shift-Enter*.

The **y** values could be computed using the equilibrium relationship.

17This is a live solutionand amenable tocase studies using the Data Table.

$$
f_1(x_1, x_2,...,x_n) = 0
$$
  
\n
$$
f_2(x_1, x_2,...,x_n) = 0
$$
 or  $f(x) = 0$   
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
f_n(x_1, x_2,...,x_n) = 0
$$

Common solution technique: Newton's Method

 $\dddot{\phantom{0}}$ 

 $\dddot{\phantom{0}}$ 

*n <i>n <i>n n <i>n <i>n <i>n* 

 $\ddots$ 

 $\partial f_n$   $\partial f_n$   $\partial f_n$ 

 $\alpha$ <sup>*x*</sup>,  $\alpha$ *x*<sup>2</sup>,  $\alpha$ *x* 

*1*  $\omega_{12}$   $\omega_{n}$ 

Start with an initial estimate of the solution: *0* **x**

Iterate with  $\mathbf{x}^{i+l} = \mathbf{x}^i - \mathbf{J}^{-l}\left(\mathbf{x}^i\right) \cdot \mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}^i\right)$  until a convergence criterion is met.  $\big)$ 

*1 b*<sub>1</sub> *b*<sub>1</sub> *1*  $\cdots$  *2*  $\cdots$  *n* 2 <sup>*2</sup> 2 2 2 2 2*</sup>  $1^{100}$   $0 \times 2^{100}$  $\partial f_i$   $\partial f_i$  *<i>f f*  $\alpha$ <sup>*x*</sup>,  $\alpha$ *x*<sup>2</sup>,  $\alpha$ *x* I<sub>2</sub>  $\partial f$ <sub>2</sub>  $\partial f$ <sub>2</sub>  $x_1$  *cx*<sub>2</sub> *cx* **1**  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$  $\vdots$  ,  $\vdots$  ,  $\vdots$  ,  $\vdots$ Jacobian matrix

or, where analytical derivatives are difficult:

$$
\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(\mathbf{x}^i) \cong \frac{f_1(x_1^i + \delta, x_2^i, \dots, x_n^i) - f_1(x_1^i - \delta, x_2^i, \dots, x_n^i)}{2 \cdot \delta}
$$

and so forth.

Example problem: steam/water equilibrium

$$
P \cdot V = \frac{m}{MW} \cdot R \cdot (T + 273.15) \qquad \log_{10}
$$

$$
\cos \log
$$

*B* $log_{10} P = A - \frac{B}{T+C}$ 

ideal gas law Antoine equation

- $V$  : vapor volume, m<sup>3</sup>
- *m* : mass of vapor, kg

 $P\;$  : absolute pressure, Pa $A,B,C\;$  : Antoine constants for H<sub>2</sub>O

$$
A = 11.21
$$
  $B = 2354.7$   $C = 280.71$ 

 $MW$ : H<sub>2</sub>O molecular weight,  $\cong$  18.02 kg/kgmol

- $R$  : gas law constant, 8314 (Pa $\bullet$ m<sup>3</sup>)/(kgmol $\bullet$ K)
- *T* : temperature, °C

Operating conditions:  $m = 3.755 kg$   $V = 3.142 m<sup>3</sup>$ 

Solve for  $P$  and  $T$  .

#### **SteamEquilibriumStarter.xlsx**

Example problem: steam/water equilibrium Formulating the problem for solution

$$
f_1(T,P) = P \cdot V - \frac{m}{MW} \cdot R \cdot (T + 273.15)
$$
\n
$$
f_2(T,P) = \log_{10} P - A + \frac{B}{T+C}
$$
\n
$$
J\left(\begin{bmatrix} P \\ T \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} V & -\frac{m}{MW} \cdot R \\ I & -\frac{B}{U(10) \cdot P} \\ \frac{I}{I(10) \cdot P} & -\frac{B}{(C+T)^2} \end{bmatrix}
$$
\nanalytical practical practical in this case

A possible issue here is the comparative scaling of the two equations. Typical values for the PV term could be of magnitude 10 $^6$ ; whereas, terms in the second equation are closer to unity. A practical approach to this is to scale the first equation by dividing it by, e.g., 100,000.

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$$
f_1(T,P) = \left(P \cdot V - \frac{m}{MW} \cdot R \cdot (T + 273.15)\right) / 100000
$$
  

$$
f_2(T,P) = \log_{10} P - A + \frac{B}{T + C}
$$
  

$$
J\left(\begin{bmatrix} P \\ T \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} V/1e5 & -\frac{m}{MW} \cdot R / 1e5 \\ \frac{1}{ln(10) \cdot P} & -\frac{B}{(C + T)^2} \end{bmatrix}
$$

Solution with Excel's SolverExample problem: steam/water equilibrium



Set up basic data and operating conditions. Name cells according to labels.



Create cells for initialestimates.

#### **SteamEquilibriumStarter.xlsx**

Example problem: steam/water equilibrium

Solution with Excel's Solver

Add function evaluations and sum of squares of equation errors



### Set up the Solver



Solution with Excel's SolverExample problem: steam/water equilibrium



#### **SteamEquilibriumSolverFinish.xlsx**

Solution with Excel - live Newton's MethodExample problem: steam/water equilibrium

**SteamEquilibriumStarter.xlsx**



Enter pointer formulas to transfer Initial Estimatesto Current Values.

Do not name theInitial Estimatescells this time.



=(C10\*V-m/MW\*Rgas\*(C11+273.15))/100000  $=$ LOG10(C10)-A+B/(C11+Cc)

Evaluate functions given Current Values.

Solution with Excel Example problem: steam/water equilibrium

Jacobian matrix evaluated in terms of Current Values





named **Jinv**

Example problem: steam/water equilibrium

Compute the new estimate using Newton's formula



#### =C10:C11-MMULT(Jinv,D10:D11)

### Set up the iterative solver for a single calculation

 $\Rightarrow$  Options  $\Rightarrow$ 

Map the New Estimate back to the CurrentValue for 1 iteration*Ctrl-Shift-Enter*

 $\frac{File}{}$ 



Formulas





Example problem: steam/water equilibrium

Press the Calc key (F9) a number of times to see whether the method converges.



In this case, it doesn't converge to the solution. This is typical of Newton's method which tendseither to converge rapidly or not be stable.

To promote convergence, a common technique is to incorporate a decelerator

shown as

 $\mathbf{x}^{i+1} = \mathbf{x}^i - decel \cdot \mathbf{J}^{-1}\left(\mathbf{x}^i\right) \cdot \mathbf{f}\left(\mathbf{x}^i\right) \qquad 0 < decel \leq 1$  $\bigg)$ 





For a decelerator value of 0.5, the calculation converges to the solution.

Example problem: steam/water equilibrium

Set the iterative solver to 1000 Maximum Iterations, and the solution is always displayed.



Add a provision to reset the calculation to the initial estimates.







Example problem: steam/water equilibrium

Add an on-screen checkbox to control the Reset cell.



**Format Control** 

Using the Euler Method to Solve Differential Equations

Single equation with initial value



Approximations include errors that accumulate as the solution proceeds.

Errors are reduced as step size

decreases. Very small step sizes increase computational effort and may lead to round off errors. Other more complicated schemes, such as the Runge-Kutta and predictor-corrector methods control error better but are more difficult to implement in Excel/VBA.  $h_i = t_{i+1} - t_i$ 

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Single Equation Example – Isothermal Batch Reactor  $A+B \,\vec{\Rightarrow}\, C$ Rate of disappearance of A:  $\frac{dC_A}{d} = -k \cdot C_A \cdot C_B$ *dC* $\frac{C_A}{dt} = -k \cdot C_A \cdot C$  $=-\kappa\cdot$ U  $_{\scriptscriptstyle{A}}\cdot$  $\textsf{Initial conditions:} \quad C_A(0) \! = \! C_A$ *k*  $C_{A0}$   $C_{B}(0) = C_{B}$  $= C_{B0}$   $C_{C}(0) = C_{C0}$  $=$ Basic data: $k = 14.7 \frac{1}{mol/L} \cdot \frac{1}{min}$  $\text{Initial conditions:} \hspace{1cm} C_{_{A0}} = 0.0209 \, \frac{mol}{I}$ *L* $C_{B0} = C_{A0}/3$   $C_{C0} = 0$ ᆖ Stoichiometric relationships:  $C_B(t) = C_{B0} - (C_{A0} - C_A(t))$  $C_C(t) = C_{C0} + (C_{A0} - C_A(t))$  $\big)$ 

Single Equation Example – Isothermal Batch Reactor

Information Flow Diagram



Single Equation Example – Isothermal Batch Reactor

Spreadsheet solution using the Euler method  $C_A(t_i + \Delta t) = C_A(t_i) + \frac{aC_A}{\Delta t}(t_i)$ *dC* $C_A(t_i + \Delta t) = C_A(t_i) + \frac{dC_A(t_i)}{dt}(t_i) \cdot \Delta t$  $+\Delta t$ ) =  $C_{\lambda}(t_{i})$  +  $\frac{dC_{A}}{dt}(t_{i})\cdot\Delta t$ 

Set up the basic data, initial conditions, and step size



Name cells according to labels to the left.

### Set up headings for the solution table



**BatchReactorSingleEqnStarter.xlsx**

Single Equation Example – Isothermal Batch Reactor Spreadsheet solution using the Euler method

Create the *initialization row* of the table





### Enter the first *operational* row





### Single Equation Example – Isothermal Batch Reactor Copy the operational row down to Time = 20





35 **EulerMethod.xlsx**

## **Solving Multiple Differential Equations**

Multiple Equation Models – Isothermal Batch Reactor

$$
A + B \xrightarrow{k_1} C + F
$$
  
\n
$$
A + C \xrightarrow{k_2} D + F
$$
  
\n
$$
A + D \xrightarrow{k_3} E + F
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{dE}{dt} = -k_1 AB - k_2 AC - k_3 AD
$$
  
\n
$$
B(0) = \frac{A(0)}{3}
$$
  
\n
$$
k_1 = 14.7 \frac{1}{mol/L} \cdot \frac{1}{min}
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{dC}{dt} = k_1 AB - k_2 AC
$$
  
\n
$$
C(0) = 0
$$
  
\n
$$
k_2 = 1.53 \frac{1}{mol/L} \cdot \frac{1}{min}
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{dD}{dt} = k_2 AC - k_3 AD
$$
  
\n
$$
D(0) = 0
$$
  
\n
$$
k_3 = 0.294 \frac{1}{mol/L} \cdot \frac{1}{min}
$$
  
\nFrom stoichiometry:  $E = \frac{A(0) - A - C - 2D}{3}$  and  $F = A(0) - A$ 

Svirbely, W.J., and J.A. Blauer, *The Kinetics of Three-step Competitive Consecutive Second-order Reactions*, **J. Amer. Chem. Soc.**, **83**, 4115, 1961. Svirbely, W.J., and J.A. Blauer, *The Kinetics of the Alkaline Hydrolysis of 1,3,5,Tricarbomethoxybenzene*, **J. Amer. Chem. Soc.**, **83**, 4118, 1961.
Multiple Equation Models – Isothermal Batch Reactor Information Flow Diagram



Multiple Equation Models – Isothermal Batch Reactor Spreadsheet solution using the Euler method with variable step size Set up rate constants and initial conditions



#### Create headings and the initialization row





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Multiple Equation Models – Isothermal Batch Reactor Spreadsheet solution using the Euler method with variable step size Create operational row with an initial time step of 0.1 min





### Multiple Equation Models – Isothermal Batch Reactor Spreadsheet solution using the Euler method with variable step size Copy the operational row through the following time step ranges:





Multiple Equation Models – Isothermal Batch Reactor Spreadsheet solution using the Euler method with variable step size Create a plot of the solution



#### **MultipleReactionsEulerMethod.xlsx**

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Second-order differential equation with split boundary conditions

$$
\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{4}\frac{dy}{dt} + y \qquad y(0) = 5 \qquad y(10) = 8 \qquad 0 \le t \le 10
$$

Decompose into two first-order ODEs

$$
\frac{dy}{dt} = y_1 \t y(0) = 5 \t y(10) = 8
$$
  

$$
\frac{dy_1}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}y_1 + y
$$
 "Shooting" Strategy  
1. Estimate a value for y1 (dy/dt) at t = 0.  
2. Solve the ODEs to t = 10  
3. Check y(10) versus the required value, 8.

4. Adjust the y1(0) value and repeat steps 2 and 3 until the desired  $y(10)=8$  value is obtained.

Second-order differential equation with split boundary conditions





 $y(10) = 8$  clearly not met

**SecondOrderODEStarter.xlsx**

Second-order differential equation with split boundary conditions Use the Solver to adjust  $y1(0)$  to achieve  $y(10) = 8$ 



#### **SecondOrderODE.xlsx**

 $y(10) = 8$  met

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Second-order differential equation with split boundary conditions



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Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger



$$
\frac{dT_c}{dz} = \frac{h_i A_i}{w_c C_c} (T_h - T_c)
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{dT_h}{dz} = \frac{h_o A_o}{w_h C_h} (T_h - T_c)
$$
  
\n
$$
T_h (L) = T_{hi}
$$
  
\n
$$
T_h (L) = T_{hi}
$$

#### Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger

- *<sup>z</sup>*: distance down the heat exchanger from the cold fluid inlet (on the left)
- *L*: length of the heat exchanger
- $T_c^{\vphantom{\dagger}}$  temperature of the cold fluid, a function of  $z$
- $T_c$ : cold water inlet temperature, at  $z$ = $0$
- $T_{hi}$ : hot water inlet temperature, at  $z = L$
- $T_h$ :  $V_h$ : temperature of the hot fluid, a function of  $\,$
- $W_c$ : mass flow rate of cold fluid
- $w_{h}$ : mass flow rate of hot fluid
- $C_c$ : heat capacity of cold fluid
- *C<sub>h</sub>*: heat capacity of hot fluid
- *Ai*: inside area for heat transfer (cold fluid) per unit length
- *Ao*outside area for heat transfer (hot fluid) per unit length
- $h_i$ : inside heat transfer coefficient (cold fluid)
- $h_{\circ}$ : : outside heat transfer coefficient (hot fluid)

Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger

$$
\frac{dT_c}{dz} = \frac{h_i A_i}{w_c C_c} (T_h - T_c) \qquad T_c (0) = T_{ci}
$$
\n
$$
\frac{dT_h}{dz} = \frac{h_o A_o}{w_h C_h} (T_h - T_c) \qquad T_h (L) = T_{hi}
$$

The issue we have with solving these equations is that the cold stream boundary condition is at  $z = 0$  and the hot stream boundary condition is at  $z = L$ , the other end of the heat exchanger. A practical way to handle this is to estimate the hot stream temperature at  $z = 0$ , proceed with the solution, and adjust that estimate later on to meet the condition at  $z = 1$ .

Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger



Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger



#### **CountercurrentHeatExchanger.xlsm**

### Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger **Solving Multiple Differential Equations**



degC)

Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger

Employ Solver to adjust the hot stream outlet temperature so that its inlet condition is met.



Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger



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Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger

Record macro to run the Solver

```
Option Explicit
Sub SolveHtExr()
\bulletл.
  SolveHtExr Macro
٠
    SolverOk SetCell:="$L$3", MaxMinVal:=2, ValueOf:=0, ByChange:="$I$3", Engine:=1
        , EngineDesc:="GRG Nonlinear"
    SolverSolve
End Sub
```
#### Necessary to add Solver reference in VBE



Example: tube-in-tube, countercurrent heat exchanger

Modify macro to bypass confirmation dialog box

Option Explicit Sub SolveHtExr() ' SolveHtExr Macro  $\blacksquare$ SolverOk SetCell:="\$L\$3", MaxMinVal:=2, ValueOf:=0, ByChange:="\$I\$3", Engine:=1 , EngineDesc:="GRG Nemlinear" SolverSolve UserFinish:=True End Sub

#### Add button on spreadsheet to run macro



Finding a maximum or minimum of a function with a

single adjustable variable **HumpsOptimizationStarter.xlsx**Example  $y = \frac{1}{(x-0.3)^2 + 0.01} + \frac{1}{(x-0.9)^2 + 0.04} - 6$ Humps Function X y 1200.00 5.18  $0.01$ 5.83 100 $0.02$ 6.54  $0.03$  $7.32$ 800.04 8.17  $0.05$  $0.10$ There is a local maximum near  $x = 0.9$ 50  $\,$ and a true maximum near x = 0.3  $20.42$ **U.94** 0.95 19.84 400.96 19.18 18.45 0.97 2017.67 0.98 0.99 16.85  $\Omega$ 1.00 16.00 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.056x

### Finding the maximum of a function with a single adjustable variable



Finding the maximum of a function with a single adjustable variable Using the GRG Nonlinear Multistart option



### Finding a maximum or minimum of a function with a single adjustable variable - the Golden Section search

This is a bracketing method, similar to bisection. The figure shows a curve *f(x)* with a minimum between two initialestimates, *<sup>a</sup>* and *b*. Instead of using the midpoint between *<sup>a</sup>* and *b*, an overlapping interval  $d$  is used to compute  $x^{}_{\rm 1}$  and  $x^{}_{\rm 2}$ . The interval is given by

$$
d = \frac{\sqrt{5} - I}{2} \cdot (b - a)
$$
  
where  $\frac{\sqrt{5} - I}{2}$  is the Golden Ratio (GR)  
with the unique property  $GR = \frac{I}{I + GR}$ 



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Finding a maximum or minimum of a function with a single adjustable variable - the Golden Section search

For the figure to the right, we can see that

$$
f(x_2) > f(x_1)
$$

and that leads to the conclusion that theminimum must be between  $x^{}_2$  and  $b$ , and the interval  $[a,x_2]$  can be excluded. This implies that  $\mathsf{x}_2$  becomes the new  $\mathsf{a}$  for the next iteration of the method.

$$
f(x_1) > f(x_2)
$$

the interval  $[x_1,b]$  would be excluded and *x1* would become the next *b*. For each iteration, the interval containing

the minimum is reduced by a factor of *GR*.



Any ratio other than *GR* that is greater than 0.5 and less than 1 could be used. The advantage of using the *GR* is that, for the first scenario above,  $x_1$  is the  $x_2$  value for the next iteration, avoiding the need to compute  $f(x_2)$  then.

#### **HumpsOptimizationStarter.xlsx**

Golden Section search to find a minimum of the humps function



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VBA Function for Golden Section search

```
Option Explicit
Function MinGold(a, b, maxit)
Dim GR, x1, x2, d, i As Integer
GR = (Sqr(5) - 1) / 2For i = 1 To maxit
   d = GR * (b - a)x1 = a + dx2 = b - dIf f(x2) > f(x1) Then
       a = x2Else
       b = x1End If
Next i
MinGold = (x1 + x2) / 2End Function
```




Function  $f(x)$ 

 $f = 1 / ((x - 0.3) ^ 2 + 0.01) + 1 / ((x - 0.9) ^ 2 + 0.04) - 6$ End Function

Finding a maximum or minimum of a function with multiple adjustable variables and one or more constraints

Example:

Optimal grain bin design

Minimize surface areanot including the top

#### **Constraints**

$$
V = V_{cyl} + V_{con} = 10 \text{ m}^3
$$

$$
\phi_{\text{max}} = 20.4^\circ
$$



#### Example: Optimal grain bin design

#### Initial Scenario

#### **GrainBin.xlsx**



Volume spec not met Angle limit violated

#### Formulas



Example: Optimal grain bin design





### Polynomial regression

### Example:





#### **MethanolWaterDensityStarter.xlsx**

### Polynomial regression

### Using Trendline





Initial fit is a straight line – clearly inadequate

#### **Curve-Fitting** Polynomial regression Using Trendline 1050Format Trendline  $\times$  $\checkmark$ 1000 Trendline Options  $\vee$ ◇ 950 Density - kg/m3 Density - kg/m3  $\blacktriangle$  $\vee$  Trendline Options ○ Exponential 900  $\bigcirc$  Linear 850<u>-ogarithmic</u> O Polynomial Order  $\overline{\mathbf{3}}$ 800Set Intercept  $0.0$ 750Display Equation on chart Display R-squared value on chart



### Polynomial regression Using the Data Analysis Regression tool





#### Polynomial regression Using the Data Analysis Regression tool



 $\rho = 998.2 - 1.853w + 0.02463w^2 - 6.489 \times 10^{-4} w^3$  $5.673{\times}10^{-6}$   $w^4$   $-1.859{\times}10^{-8}$   $w^5$  $+5.673\times10^{-6}$  w<sup>+</sup>  $-1.859\times10^{-7}$ 

**MethanolWaterDensity.xlsx**

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### Polynomial regression Using the Data Analysis Regression tool



No significant pattern. Model is adequate.
### Multilinear regression

# Model  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 f_1(x_j, j = 1, ..., m) + \beta_2 f_2(x_j, j = 1, ..., m) + \cdots + \beta_k f_k(x_j, j = 1, ..., m)$



## Multilinear regression

Example



Model  
\n
$$
\rho = \beta_0 + \beta_1 w + \beta_2 T + \beta_3 w^2 + \beta_4 T^2 + \beta_5 wT
$$

**NaClDensityRegressionStarter.xlsx**

Multilinear regression using Data Analysis Regression tool Set up X-Input array



 $\rho = \beta_0 + \beta_1 w + \beta_2 T + \beta_3 w^2 + \beta_4 T^2 + \beta_5 wT$ 

#### **NaClDensityDataAnalysisRegression.xlsx**

### Multilinear regression using Data Analysis Regression tool





### Multilinear regression using Data Analysis Regression tool



 $\rho = 1.001 + 0.007274w - 9.780 \times 10^{-5}T$ 

 $2.496{\times}10^{-5}$   $w^2 - 2.997{\times}10^{-6}$   $T^2 - 1.254{\times}10^{-5}$   $wT$  $+2.496\times10^{-3}$  w<sup>2</sup> – 2.997  $\times10^{-6}$  T<sup>2</sup> – 1.254  $\times10^{-7}$ 

Multilinear regression using vector-matrix calculations





#### Multilinear regression using vector-matrix calculations



#### **NaClDensityRegressionFinished.xlsx**

### Multilinear regression using vector-matrix calculations



Very close to perfect agreement Model appears to be adequate

Nonlinear regression

 $\mathsf{Model:} \quad y = f\left(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\beta}\right) \quad \mathsf{Dataset:} \quad \left\{ \mathcal{Y}_i, x_{1i}, \dots, x_{mi}, i=1, \dots, n \right\}$ 

$$
\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \begin{bmatrix} f(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ f(\mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(\mathbf{x}_n) \end{bmatrix}
$$



Example: fitting the Antoine equation to vapor pressure data

#### **AntoineStarter.xlsx**

















#### **Curve-Fitting** Nonlinear regression Example: fitting the Antoine equation to vapor pressure data **AntoineFinished.xlsx**





Curve coincides with data

Example: fitting the Antoine equation to vapor pressure data



No apparent pattern. Model is adequate.

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### What's next?

## **Excel Bootcamps 1, 2, 3 and 4**

- 1: Getting up to speed with Excel **"Prof. Clough,**
- 2: Introducing VBA
- $\checkmark$  3: Learning to use Excel to solve typical problem scenarios
- •4: Detailed modeling of packed-bed and plug-flow reactors

