

HW #3

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Consider the relation $F = 0.2d^3 - 2.1d^2 + 6d$.

The aim of this homework is to use the Arc-length control with $b = \frac{1}{2}$ in steps of $\delta a = 1.0$ to obtain the nonlinear curve in the range of $d \in [0.0, 8.0]$ by the Modified Newton-Raphson method that we studied in the previous homework.

We'll still use the tolerance parameter $\epsilon = 10^{-12}$

I. Algorithm and solution procedure

The starting point of the arc length method is the equilibrium equation in form of the residuum R .

$$R(d, \lambda) = T(d) - \lambda F = 0 \text{ with } T: \text{internal force}$$

F : external load vector

λ : load level parameter

To complete the set of equations, the constraint equation is the arc length: $\delta a = \sqrt{(1-b)d\dot{d}^2 + b\ddot{d}\lambda^2}$ with $b \in [0, 1]$

We notice that the difference between individual iterate, is Δ :

$d^{(i+1)} = d^{(i)} + \Delta d^{(i)}$, and the total change over the step to the current iterate is $\tilde{\Delta}$: $\tilde{\Delta}^{(i)} = d^{(i)} + \Delta d^{(i)}$,

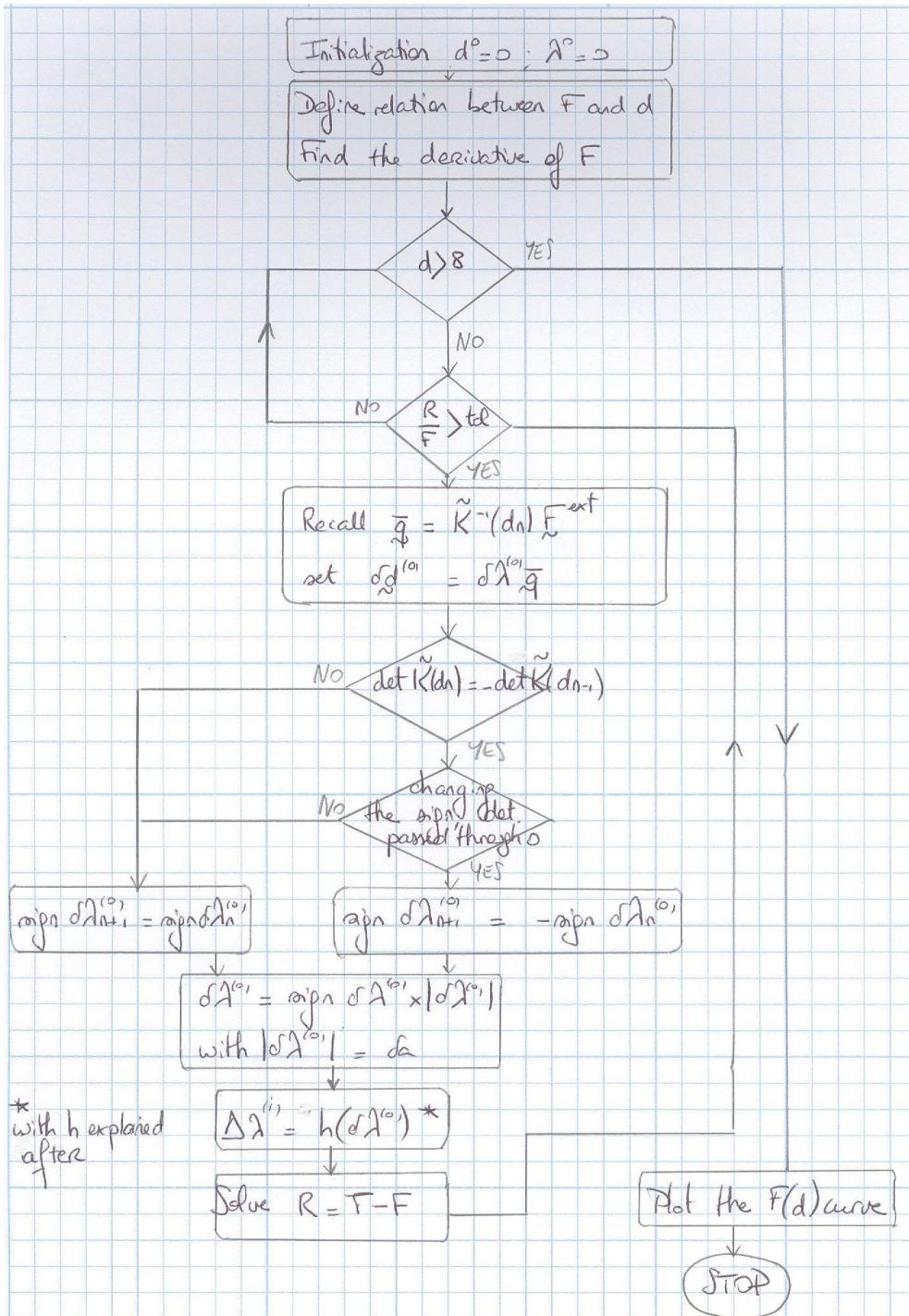
Then, thanks to the Taylor formula, our first equation $F^{\text{int}}(d^{(i)}) = \lambda^{(i)} F^{\text{ext}}$ leads to: $F^{\text{int}}(d^{(i)}) + K(d^{(i)}) \Delta d^{(i)} = (\lambda^{(i)} + \Delta \lambda^{(i)}) F^{\text{ext}}$.

$$\text{And, } f_{nn}^{(i)} + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial d}\right)_{nn}^{(i)} \cdot \Delta d^{(i)} + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda}\right)_{nn}^{(i)} \Delta \lambda^{(i)} = \tilde{\Delta}^{(i)}$$

These two equations, combined in different fashion give:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{K} & -F^{\text{ext}} \\ \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial d}\right)_{nn}^{(i)} & \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda}\right)_{nn}^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta d^{(i)} \\ \Delta \lambda^{(i)} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \lambda^{(i)} F^{\text{ext}} - F^{\text{int}}(d^{(i)}) \\ \tilde{\Delta}^{(i)} - f_{nn}^{(i)} \end{Bmatrix}$$

II. Flow chart



Detail of the expression $\Delta \lambda^{(i)} = h(\delta \lambda^{(i)})$

$$\Delta \lambda^{(i)} = \frac{\bar{f}_n - f_n^{(i)} - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \delta \lambda}\right)_{nn}^{(i)} \tilde{K}^{-1} R_n^{(i)}}{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \delta \lambda}\right)_{nn}^{(i)} \tilde{K}^{-1} F_{ext} + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \delta \lambda}\right)_{nn}^{(i)}}$$

with $f_n^{(i)} = \sqrt{c \tilde{d}^T \text{diag}(\tilde{K}) \tilde{d} + b \delta \lambda^{(i)}}$

with $c = (1-b)/(\tilde{q}^T \text{diag}(\tilde{K}) \tilde{q})$

with $\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \delta \lambda}\right)_{nn}^{(i)} = \frac{cd \text{diag}(\tilde{K}) \tilde{d}^{(i)}}{f_n^{(i)}}$

$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \delta \lambda}\right)_{nn}^{(i)} = \frac{b \delta \lambda^{(i)}}{f_n^{(i)}}$

III. Program

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% Finite Element Analysis II Hwk#3
% Obtain the nonlinear curve in the range of d(0.0,8.0) with
% F=0.2d^2-2.1d^3+6d using Modified Newton-Raphson method
clc
clear all

da=1;
b=1/2;
e = 10^-12; % Tolerance parameter
imax=500;
d(1)=0;
F(1)=0;
n=1;

% Arc length method set
dlanda(2,1)=da;%deltaland
dlanda(1,1)=da;%dlanda

while(d(n)<=8)
    n
    Fext(n)=1;
    fext(n)=1;
    landa(n,1)=F(n);
    K(n)=0.6*d(n,1)^2-4.2*d(n,1)+6;

    if n>=3 && K(n)*K(n-1)<0
        dlanda(n+1,1)=-dlanda(n,1);
    else
        dlanda(n+1,1)=dlanda(n,1);
    end
end
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end
q(n)=K(n)^-1*fext(n);

if abs(q(n))>da
    q(n)=q(n-1);
end
dd(n+1,1)=abs(dlanda(n+1,1)*q(n));
d(n+1,1)=d(n,1)+dd(n+1,1);

landa(n+1,1)=landa(n,1)+dlanda(n+1,1);

i=1;
iloop=1;

while (i<imax) && (iloop>0)
    f(n+1,i)=(0.5*dd(n+1,i)^2/q(n)^2+0.5*dlanda(n+1,i)^2)^0.5;
    DfDlanda(n+1,i)=b/f(n+1,i)*dlanda(n+1,i);
    c=(1-b)/(K(n)*q(n)^2);
    DfDd(n+1,i)=c/f(n+1,i)*K(n)*dd(n+1,i);
    Fint(n+1,i)=0.2*d(n+1,i)^3-2.1*d(n+1,i)^2+6*d(n+1,i);
    R(n+1,i)=landa(n+1,i)*Fext(n)-Fint(n+1,i);

    %Definition of the left hand side matrix
    A(1,1)=K(n);
    A(1,2)=-Fext(n);
    A(2,1)=DfDd(n+1,i);
    A(2,2)=DfDlanda(n+1,i);
    ARem{n+1,i}=A;

    %Definition of the right hand side matrix
    B(1,1)=R(n+1,i);
    B(2,1)=da-f(n+1,i);

    %Solution
    S=A^-1*B;
    Dd(n+1,i)=S(1,1);
    Dlanda(n+1,i)=S(2,1);

    d(n+1,i+1)=d(n+1,i)+Dd(n+1,i);
    landa(n+1,i+1)=landa(n+1,i)+Dlanda(n+1,i);
    dd(n+1,i+1)=d(n+1,i+1)-d(n,1);
    dlanda(n+1,i+1)=landa(n+1,i+1)-landa(n,1);
    fprintf('iteration = %3.0f R = %4.13f\n',i, R(n+1,i))
    if abs(R(n+1,i))<e*abs(R(n+1,1))
        iloop=-1;
    end
    i=i+1;

end

F(n+1) = landa(n+1,i-1)*Fext(n);
d(n+1) = d(n+1,i-1);
n=n+1;
end

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%Plot the curve
plot(d(:,1), F)
xlabel('d')
ylabel('F')
title('Arc-length control with modified Newton-Raphson method')
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IV. Computed results

We are attaching the results indicating the number of iterations required for each load step and the residual reduction in each iteration.

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n = 1
iteration = 1 R = 0.0574074074074
iteration = 2 R = 0.0033147833916
iteration = 3 R = 0.0001403110297
iteration = 4 R = 0.0000078098234
iteration = 5 R = 0.0000004434950
iteration = 6 R = 0.0000000252001
iteration = 7 R = 0.0000000014320
iteration = 8 R = 0.000000000814
iteration = 9 R = 0.000000000046
iteration = 10 R = 0.000000000003
iteration = 11 R = 0.000000000000
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n = 2
iteration = 1 R = 0.0698357194347
iteration = 2 R = 0.0049118400319
iteration = 3 R = 0.0002519547249
iteration = 4 R = 0.0000169313731
iteration = 5 R = 0.0000011661571
iteration = 6 R = 0.0000000803928
iteration = 7 R = 0.0000000055425
iteration = 8 R = 0.0000000003821
iteration = 9 R = 0.0000000000263
iteration = 10 R = 0.0000000000018
iteration = 11 R = 0.0000000000001
iteration = 12 R = 0.0000000000000
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n = 3
iteration = 1 R = 0.0891340940453
iteration = 2 R = 0.0080178492414
iteration = 3 R = 0.0005217129990
iteration = 4 R = 0.0000441900189
iteration = 5 R = 0.0000038646055
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iteration = 6 R = 0.0000003384785
iteration = 7 R = 0.0000000296489
iteration = 8 R = 0.0000000025971
iteration = 9 R = 0.00000000002275
iteration = 10 R = 0.0000000000199
iteration = 11 R = 0.0000000000017
iteration = 12 R = 0.0000000000002
iteration = 13 R = 0.0000000000000
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n =4

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iteration = 1 R = 0.1230966510786
iteration = 2 R = 0.0153456865664
iteration = 3 R = 0.0013632872347
iteration = 4 R = 0.0001555887973
iteration = 5 R = 0.0000185856815
iteration = 6 R = 0.0000022264869
iteration = 7 R = 0.0000002668052
iteration = 8 R = 0.0000000319731
iteration = 9 R = 0.0000000038316
iteration = 10 R = 0.0000000004592
iteration = 11 R = 0.0000000000550
iteration = 12 R = 0.0000000000066
iteration = 13 R = 0.0000000000008
iteration = 14 R = 0.0000000000001
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n =5

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iteration = 1 R = 0.1980372663504
iteration = 2 R = 0.0400074839737
iteration = 3 R = 0.0055561892928
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iteration = 13 R = 0.0000000002662
iteration = 14 R = 0.0000000000498
iteration = 15 R = 0.0000000000093
iteration = 16 R = 0.0000000000017
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iteration = 17 R = 0.00000000000003
iteration = 18 R = 0.00000000000001

n =6
iteration = 1 R = 0.4832742078481
iteration = 2 R = 0.2426708297015
iteration = 3 R = 0.0693681642343
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n = 8

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iteration = 2 R = -0.0074301072500
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n = 9

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n = 14

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n = 15

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n =16

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n =17

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iteration = 1 R = -0.0453571691849
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n =18

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iteration = 1 R = -0.0395803233661
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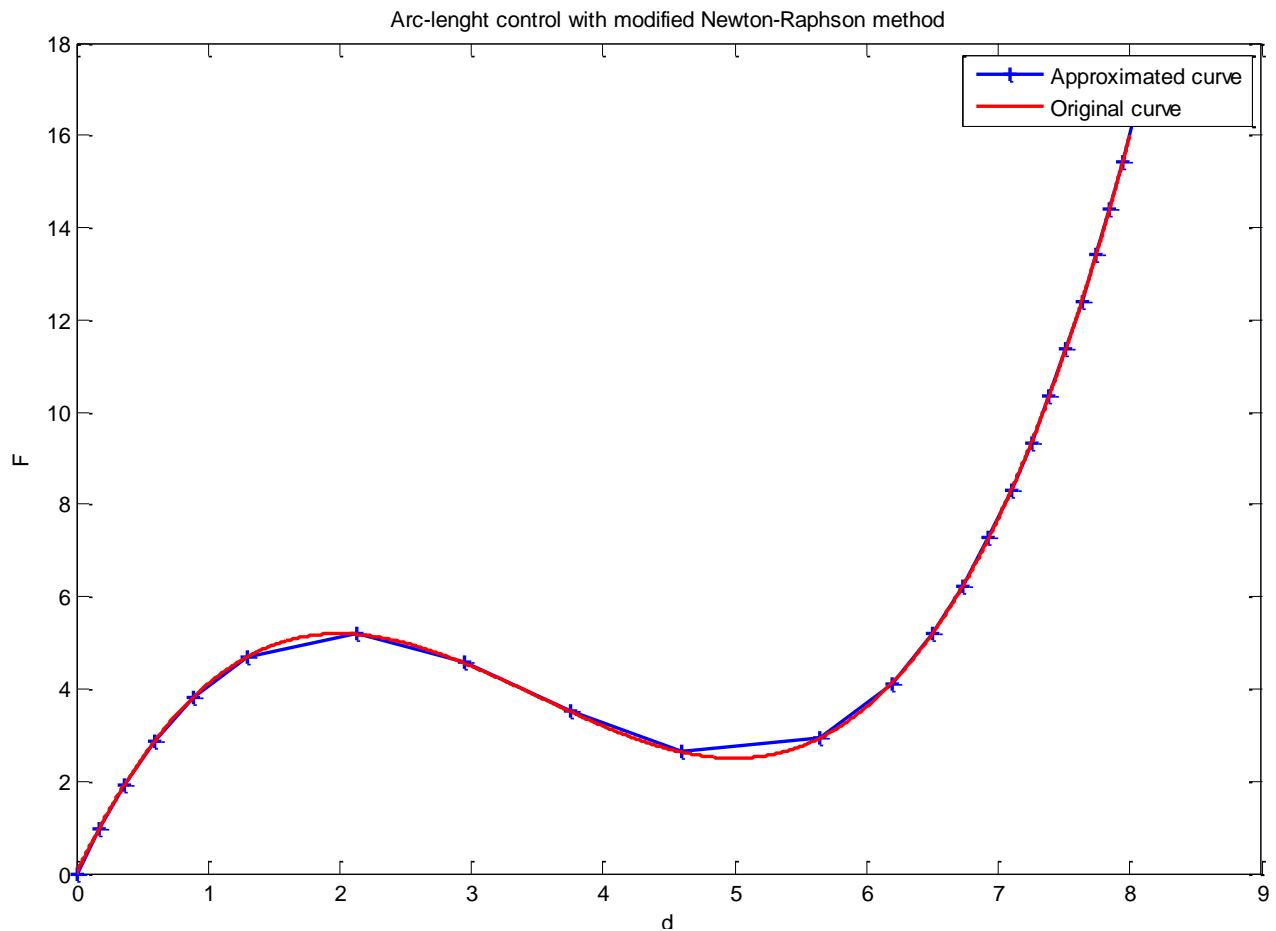
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n = 21
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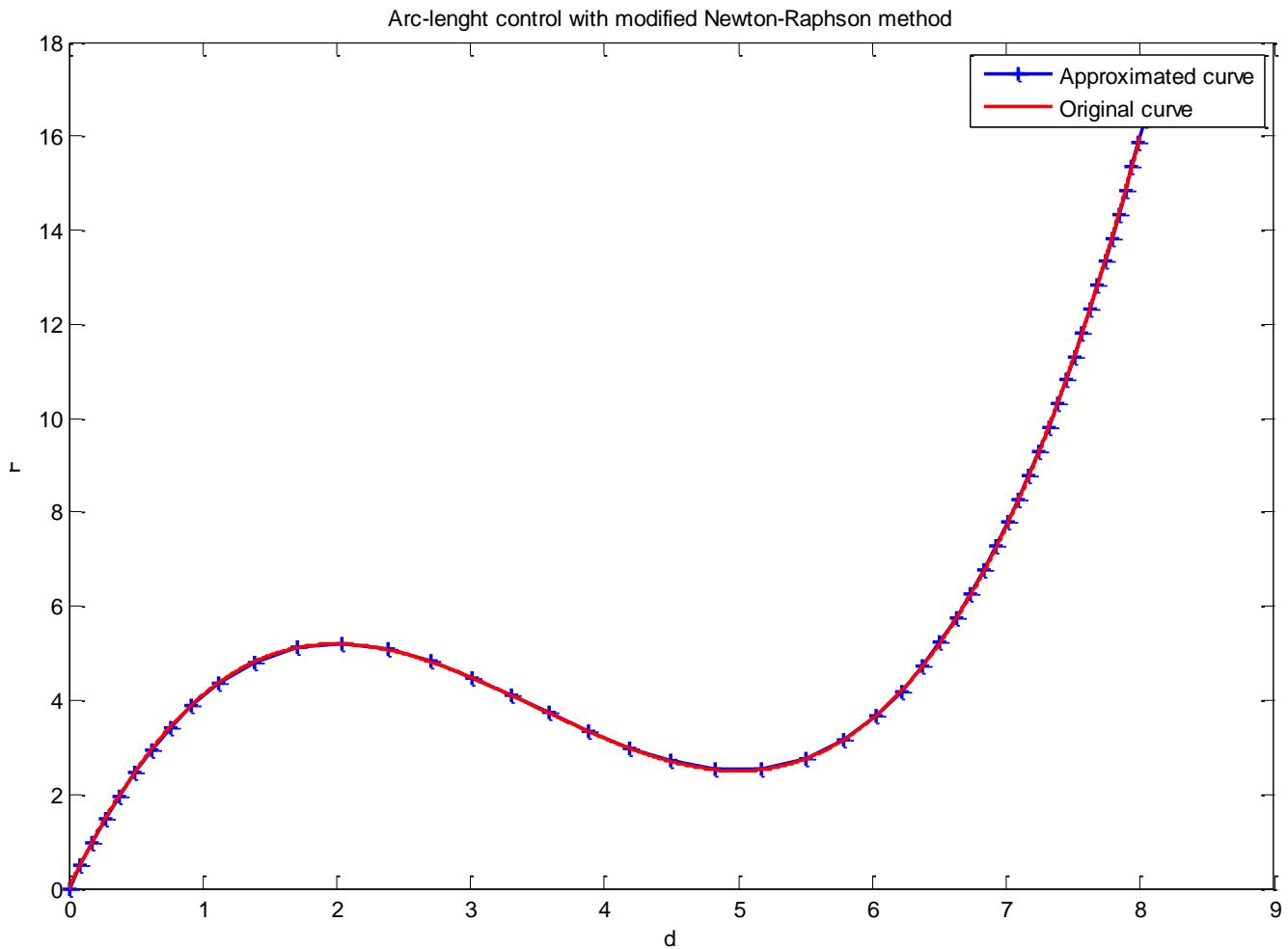
n =22
iteration = 1 R = -0.0263248948568
iteration = 2 R = 0.0006910083345
iteration = 3 R = -0.0000137385149
iteration = 4 R = 0.0000003659912
iteration = 5 R = -0.0000000096663
iteration = 6 R = 0.0000000002553
iteration = 7 R = -0.0000000000068
iteration = 8 R = 0.0000000000002
iteration = 9 R = -0.0000000000000

n =23
iteration = 1 R = -0.0243066375362
iteration = 2 R = 0.0005892631176
iteration = 3 R = -0.0000108122092
iteration = 4 R = 0.0000002657287
iteration = 5 R = -0.0000000064789
iteration = 6 R = 0.0000000001580
iteration = 7 R = -0.0000000000038
iteration = 8 R = 0.0000000000001
iteration = 9 R = -0.0000000000000

V. Force displacement curve



Let's reduce δa to $\frac{1}{2}$ to get a higher resolution.



VI. Comments

The arc-length strategy allows plotting any complete nonlinear curve. Indeed, we used other methods previously (HW#2) and noticed that we couldn't plot after some limit point ($d = 2.5$). We applied the load monotonically without any knowledge of the nature of the nonlinear system. So to find the whole path, we can't use a pure load control or a pure displacement control for the solution of nonlinear system.

Thus, arc-length method is a more effective solution, it is a continuation method. Instead of increasing $\delta\lambda$ of the load control, we increase the arc-length of the solution curve in load-displacement space δa . This measure is monotonic as the solution path evolves.

Moreover, the arc-length method improves the Modified Newton Raphson method in the way that it increases its speed. Without the arc-length constraint ($f=\delta a$), the modified Newton-Raphson iteration would converge more slowly. And it might not converge at all if the target load level exceeded some local maxima of the solution curve.