

Solve the following equations (ie find a real root) using fixed point iteration method correct to four decimal places:

3. $2x - \log_{10} x = 7$ in $[3, 4]$, Ans 3.7892

4. $x^3 + 3x - 5 = 0$ in $[1, 2]$ Ans 1.1538

5. $9x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$ starting from $x_0 = 0$

6. $\sin x = 10(x-1)$ in $[1, 2]$ Ans 1.0881

7. $\log x = 63x$ in $[1, 2]$ Ans 1.3024

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Newton-Raphson method :-

Let x_0 be the initial approximation of the desired root α of the given equation $f(x) = 0$ and the correct root is $x_1 = x_0 + h$ so that $f(x_1) = f(x_0 + h) = 0$

$$\therefore f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x_0) + \dots = 0,$$

[where $\min(x_1, x_0) < h < \max(x_1, x_0)$]

Neglecting the second and higher order terms, we have

$$f(x_0) + hf'(x_0) = 0 \text{ ie } h = -\frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

Thus $x_1 = x_0 + h = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$

$$\therefore x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} \text{ (ie 1st approximation)}$$

Repeating the above process we obtain

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} \text{ (ie, 2nd approximation)}$$

Successive approximations are given by x_3, x_4, \dots, x_{n+1}

where $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ (ie, $(n+1)$ th approximation) \rightarrow (A)

The sequence $\{x_n\}$ of successive corrections of the approximate root x_0 provides the correct root if (the sequence $\{x_n\}$) it is convergent. The result (A) is known as Newton-Raphson iteration formula.

Note:-

1) If $[a_0, b_0]$ be the initial interval in which the root α of the given equation $f(x) = 0$ lies and $f'(x) \neq 0$, then the initial approximation may be started with $x_0 = a_0$ or, b_0 .

Convergence of Newton-Raphson method :

We have $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ (from Newton-Raphson method formula) $\rightarrow (1)$

and $x_{n+1} = \phi(x_n)$ (which is true for iterative method) $\rightarrow (2)$

$\therefore \phi(x_n) = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ (from above two relation)

i.e $\phi(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$

Now, $\phi'(x) = 1 - \frac{f'(x) \cdot f'(x) - f(x) f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2}$
 $= \frac{[f'(x)]^2 - [f'(x)]^2 + f(x) f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2}$

$= \frac{f(x) f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2}$

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Now, ~~the~~ $\{x_n\}$ of Newton-Raphson method converges if and only if $|\phi'(x)| < 1$ i.e $|f(x) \cdot f''(x)| < |f'(x)|^2$ in an interval in which the root lies.

Error Estimation for Newton-Raphson method :

Now, $f(\alpha) = 0$

a, $f(x_n + \alpha - x_n) = 0$

a, $f(x_n) + (\alpha - x_n)f'(x_n) + \frac{(\alpha - x_n)^2}{2!} f''(\xi_n) = 0$, $[\min(\alpha, x_n) < \xi_n < \max(\alpha, x_n)]$

a, $-\frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = (\alpha - x_n) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - x_n)^2 \frac{f''(\xi_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ $\rightarrow (4)$

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Again, from Newton-Raphson iteration formula we have

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f'(x_n)}{f''(x_n)} \longrightarrow (2)$$

$$= x_n + \alpha - x_n + \frac{1}{2} (\alpha - x_n)^2 \frac{f''(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, \text{ [using (1) in (2)]}$$

$$\therefore x_{n+1} - \alpha = \frac{1}{2} (\alpha - x_n)^2 \frac{f''(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \longrightarrow (3)$$

Let $\alpha - x_n = \epsilon_n$ and so $\alpha - x_{n+1} = \epsilon_{n+1}$

$$\text{From (3), } -\epsilon_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_n^2 \frac{f''(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

$$\therefore \epsilon_{n+1} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_n^2 \frac{f''(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

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This is the error in Newton-Raphson formula.

If the iteration converges then $x_n, \epsilon_n \rightarrow \alpha$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ So that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\epsilon_{n+1}}{\epsilon_n^2} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(\alpha)}{f'(\alpha)}$$

Hence Newton-Raphson iteration method is a second-order iteration process, i.e. the convergence is quadratic and the constant asymptotic error is equal to $\frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(\alpha)}{f'(\alpha)}$.

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Note:-

1) NR method fails when $f'(x) = 0$ or nearly equal to zero in the neighbourhood of the real root because in this case the connection h would be large and therefore, the iteration process is slow. Hence the method should not be used when the graph of $y = f(x)$ is nearly horizontal.

2) When $f'(x)$ is large in the neighbourhood (nbd) of the real root, i.e., when the graph of the function $y = f(x)$ is nearly vertical, then it crosses the x -axis. In this case, the method is very useful and the correct value of the root can be obtained more rapidly.

3) Newton-Raphson (NR) iterative sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges provided that the initial approximation x_0 is chosen sufficiently close to the root, otherwise, the sequence may diverge.

Advantage and disadvantage of NR method :

Advantage: Since the rate of convergence of this method is quadratic, the method converges more rapidly.

Disadvantage: In NR method, the initial approximation must be chosen very close to the root; otherwise, the method will fail. Since the method depends on the derivative $f'(x)$, it may not be suitable for a function $f(x)$ whose derivative is difficult to compute. Also the method fails if $f'(x) = 0$ or small in the neighbourhood of the root.

Problem 1. Use NR method to find a positive root of the equation $e^x - 3x = 0$ correct to four decimal places.

Solution: Let $f(x) = e^x - 3x$, $f'(x) = e^x - 3$

$$f(0) = 1, f(1) = -0.2817, f(0.5) = 0.1487, f(2) = 1.38906$$

$\therefore f(0) \cdot f(1) < 0$, and $f(1) \cdot f(2) < 0$. So a positive root lies between $[0, 1]$ or $[1, 2]$.

We consider $[1, 2]$.

$f(1.5) = -0.01831$. So $f(1.5) \cdot f(2) < 0$ and hence a positive root lies between 1.5 and 2.

Take $x_0 = 1.5$

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 1.5 - \frac{-0.01831}{1.48169}$$

$$= 1.5 + 0.01236 = 1.51236$$

$$x_2 = 1.51236 - \frac{f(1.51236)}{f'(1.51236)} = 1.51236 - \frac{0.00035}{1.53743}$$

$$= 1.51236 - 0.00023 = 1.51213$$

$$x_3 = 1.51213 - \frac{f(1.51213)}{f'(1.51213)} = 1.51213 - \frac{-0.000007}{1.53638}$$

$$= 1.51213 - 0.000004 = 1.512126$$

\therefore The required root of the given equation is 1.5121 correct upto four decimal places.

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Problem 2. Find the cube root of 10 upto 5 significant figures by NR method.

Solution: Let $x = \sqrt[3]{10}$ so that $x^3 = 10$ i.e. $x^3 - 10 = 0$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 - 10 = 0, \quad f'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$f(0) = -10, \quad f(1) = -9, \quad f(2) = -2, \quad f(3) = 17, \quad f(2.5) = 5.625$$

Hence a real positive root of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies between 2 and 2.5. ($\because f(2) \cdot f(2.5) < 0$)

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Take $x_0 = 2$

$$\text{So that } x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 2 - \frac{(-2)}{12} = 2 + 0.166667 = 2.166667$$

$$x_2 = 2.166667 - \frac{f(2.166667)}{f'(2.166667)} = 2.166667 - \frac{0.171301}{14.083337}$$

$$= 2.166667 - 0.012163 = 2.154504$$

$$x_3 = 2.154504 - \frac{f(2.154504)}{f'(2.154504)} = 2.154504 - \frac{0.000965}{13.925662}$$

$$= 2.154504 - 0.000069 = 2.154497$$

$$x_4 = 2.154497 - \frac{f(2.154497)}{f'(2.154497)} = 2.154497 - \frac{0.000868}{13.925572}$$

$$= 2.154497 - 0.0000623 = 2.154435$$

$$x_5 = 2.154435 - \frac{f(2.154435)}{f'(2.154435)} = 2.154435 - \frac{0.0000043}{13.924771}$$

$$= 2.154435 - 0.0000003 = 2.154435$$

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$\therefore x = \sqrt[3]{10} \approx 2.15443$ Correct to five significant figures.

Problem 3. Using NR-method, find a real root of the equation $x^4 - x - 1 = 0$ which lies between 1 and 1.5 Correct to seven significant figures.

Ans 1.220744

Problem 4. Using NR method, obtain iterative formula for the reciprocal of a number N and hence find the value of $\frac{1}{22}$, correct to seven significant figures.

Solution: Let $\frac{1}{N} = x$ i.e. $\frac{1}{x} = N$ i.e. $\frac{1}{x} - N = 0$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - N = 0, \quad f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

So by NR iterative formula we have,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{\frac{1}{x_n} - N}{-\frac{1}{x_n^2}}$$

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$$= x_n + x_n^2 \left(\frac{1}{x_n} - N \right)$$

$$= x_n + x_n - Nx_n^2 = (2 - Nx_n) x_n, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$\therefore x_{n+1} = (2 - Nx_n) x_n, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots$$

which is the required iterative formula.

Second part:

Since $\frac{1}{22}$ lies between $\frac{1}{25}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$ i.e. between 0.04 and 0.05, so we take $x_0 = 0.04$

$$\therefore \cancel{x_1 = 0.04 = \frac{f(0.04)}{f'(0.04)} = 0.04}$$

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$$\therefore x_1 = (2 - 22 \times 0.04) 0.04 = 0.0448$$

$$x_2 = (2 - 22 \times 0.0448) 0.0448 = 0.04544512$$

$$x_3 = (2 - 22 \times 0.04544512) 0.04544512 = 0.045454543$$

$$x_4 = (2 - 22 \times 0.04545454) 0.04545454 = 0.045454545$$

\therefore The required value of $\frac{1}{22}$ is 0.04545454, correct to seven significant figures.

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Problem 5. Solve the following equations by NR method

(i) $x \sin x + \cos x = 0$ Ans 2.7984

(ii) $2x - 3 \sin x - 5 = 0$ Ans 2.88323