

## Muller Method

In this method, first we assume three approximate roots  $x_{i-1}$ ,  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$  of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ . The next better approximation  $x_{i+2}$  is obtained as the root of second degree polynomial equation  $p(x) = 0$ , where the second degree parabola  $y = p(x)$  is assumed to pass through the points  $\{x_{i-1}, f(x_{i-1})\}$ ,  $\{x_i, f(x_i)\}$  and  $\{x_{i+1}, f(x_{i+1})\}$ .

### Algorithm

1. Let  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be the initial approximate roots of  $f(x) = 0$ . Compute  $f(x_0)$ ,  $f(x_1)$  and  $f(x_2)$ .

2. Compute  $h_2 = x_2 - x_1$ ;  $h_1 = x_1 - x_0$

$$f(x_2, x_1) = [f(x_2) - f(x_1)] / h_2; \quad f(x_1, x_0) = [f(x_1) - f(x_0)] / h_1$$

3. Set  $k=2$

$$\text{Compute } f(x_k, x_{k-1}, x_{k-2}) = [f(x_k, x_{k-1}) - f(x_{k-1}, x_{k-2})] / (h_k + h_{k-1})$$

$$c_k = f(x_k, x_{k-1}) + h_k f(x_k, x_{k-1}, x_{k-2})$$

$$h_{k+1} = \frac{-2f(x_k)}{c_k \pm \sqrt{c_k^2 - 4f(x_k)f(x_k, x_{k-1}, x_{k-2})}}$$

Choosing the sign so that the denominator is largest in magnitude

$$\text{Set } x_{k+1} = x_k + h_{k+1}$$

4. Compute  $f(x_{k+1})$  and  $f(x_{k+1}, x_k) = \frac{f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)}{h_{k+1}}$

Set  $k = k + 1$  and repeat steps (3) to (4) until we get the root with required degree of accuracy.

**NOTE:** This method converges for all initial approximations. If no better approximations are known, we choose  $x_0 = -1$ ;  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 1$ .

1. Perform five iterations for the Muller method to find the root of the equation  
 $f(x) = \cos x - xe^x = 0$

**Sol :** Let  $x_0 = -1$  ;  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 1$

$$h_2 = x_2 - x_1 = 1 \quad ; \quad h_1 = x_1 - x_0 = 1$$

$$f(x_2, x_1) = -3.1780 \quad ; \quad f(x_1, x_0) = 0.0918$$

$$f(x_2, x_1, x_0) = -1.6349$$

$$c_k = c_2 = f(x_2, x_1) + h_2 f(x_2, x_1, x_0) = -4.8129$$

$$h_3 = -0.5584 \quad ; \quad x_3 = x_2 + h_3 = \mathbf{0.4416}$$

$$c_3 = f(x_3, x_2) + h_3 f(x_3, x_2, x_1)$$

$$f(x_3, x_2) = -4.2896$$

$$h_4 = 0.0710 \quad ; \quad x_4 = x_3 + h_4 = \mathbf{0.5126}$$

$$c_4 = -2.8408 + (0.0710)(-2.9725) = -3.0518$$

$$h_5 = 0.0051$$

$$\mathbf{x_5 = x_4 + h_5 = 0.5177.}$$

2. Find the root of the equation  $x^3 + x^2 - 1 = 0$  that lies between 0 and 1, correct to four places of decimals using Muller method.

**Sol :** Let  $x_0 = 0$  ;  $x_1 = 0.5$  and  $x_2 = 1$

$$h_2 = x_2 - x_1 = 0.5 \quad ; \quad h_1 = x_1 - x_0 = 0.5$$

$$f(x_3, x_2, x_1) = -2.5172 \quad ; \quad c_3 = -2.8834$$

$$f(x_2, x_1) = 3.25 \quad : \quad f(x_1, x_0) = 0.75$$

$$f(x_2, x_1, x_0) = 2.5$$

$$c_k = c_2 = f(x_2, x_1) + h_2 f(x_2, x_1, x_0) = 4.5$$

$$h_3 = -0.2597 \quad ; \quad \mathbf{x_3 = x_2 + h_3 = 0.7403}$$

$$c_3 = f(x_3, x_2) + h_3 f(x_3, x_2, x_1)$$

$$f(x_3, x_2) = 4.0286$$

$$f(x_3, x_2, x_1) = 3.2403 \quad ; \quad c_3 = 3.1872$$

$$h_4 = 0.0142 \quad ; \quad \mathbf{x_4 = x_3 + h_4 = 0.7546}$$

$$\mathbf{x_5 = x_6 = 0.7549}$$

3. Use Muller method to find the root of  $x^3 - 5x - 6 = 0$  that lies between 2 and 3.

Ans : 2.689

### Birge-Vieta Method

In this method we seek to determine a real number  $p$  such that  $(x - p)$  is a factor of the polynomial equation  $p_n(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0$ . If we divide the given equation by the factor  $(x-p)$  then we get a quotient  $Q$  and remainder  $R$ . The value of  $R$  depends upon  $P$ . We apply Newton-Raphson method and improve the initial approximation value. For the polynomial equations, the computation are systematized using synthetic division.

	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	.	.	.	.	$a_n$
$p$	0	$b_0p$	$b_1p$	$b_2p$	.	.	.	.	$b_{n-1}p$
	$a_0=b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	.	.	.	.	$b_n$
	0	$c_0p$	$c_1p$	$c_2p$	.	.	.	$b_{n-1}p$	
	$b_0=c_0$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$				$c_{n-1}$	

$$P_{k+1} = p_k - (b_n / c_{n-1}) ; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

1. Use synthetic division and perform two iterations by Birge- Vieta method to find the smallest positive root of the equation  $x^4 - 3x^3 + 3x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$

**Sol :** Let  $p_0 = 0.5$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad -3 \quad 3 \quad -3 \quad 2 \\ 0.5 \quad \quad 0.5 \quad -1.25 \quad 0.875 \quad -1.0625 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad -2.5 \quad 1.75 \quad -2.125 \quad 0.9375 = b_4 \\ 0.5 \quad -1.00 \quad 0.375 \end{array}$$

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$$1 \quad -2.0 \quad 0.75 \quad -1.750 = c_3$$

$$P_1 = p_0 - (b_4 / c_3) = 0.5 + (0.9375 / 1.750) = 1.0356$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad -3 \quad 3 \quad -3 \quad 2 \\ 1.0356 \quad \quad 1.0356 \quad -2.0343 \quad 1.0001 \quad -2.0711 \end{array}$$

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1	-1.9644	0.9657	-1.9999	-0.0711
	1.0356	-0.9619	0.0039	

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1	-0.9288	0.0038	-1.9960
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$$P_2 = p_1 - (b_4 / c_3) = 1.0356 - (-0.0711 / -1.9960)$$

$$= 0.999979$$

The exact root is 1.0

2. Using Birge-Vieta method find a real root correct to three decimal places of the equation  $x^3 - 11x^2 + 32x - 22 = 0$  with  $P = 0.5$ .

**Sol :** Using synthetic division

	1	-11	32	-22
0.5	0	0.5	-5.25	13.375
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	1	-10.5	26.75	-8.625 = $b_n$
0.5	0	0.5	-5	
	1	-9.5	21.75 = $c_{n-1}$	

$$p_1 = 0.5 - (-8.625) / (21.75) = 0.89655$$

Now we divide the given equation with  $x-0.89655$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \quad -11 \quad 32 \quad -22 \\
 0.89655 \quad 0.89655 \quad -9.058248 \quad 20.56842776 \\
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 1 \quad -10.10345 \quad 22.941752 \quad -1.4315722 = b_n \\
 \quad 0.89655 \quad -8.254446 \\
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 1 \quad -9.2609 \quad 14.687306 = c_{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

$p_2 = 0.89655 - (-1.43115722)/(14.687306) = 0.99402$ . Now we divide the given equation with  $x - 0.99402$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \quad -11 \quad 32 \quad -22 \\
 0.99402 \quad 0.99402 \quad -9.94614 \quad 21.921977 \\
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 1 \quad -10.00598 \quad 22.05386 \quad -0.078023 = b_n \\
 \quad 0.99402 \quad -8.958068 \\
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 1 \quad -9.01196 \quad 13.095792 = c_{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

$P_3 = 0.99402 - (-0.078023)/(13.095792) = 0.999978$ .

Now we divide the given equation with  $x-0.999978$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \quad -11 \quad 32 \quad -22 \\
 0.999978 \quad 0.999978 \quad -9.999802 \quad 21.999714 \\
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 1 \quad -10.000022 \quad 22.000198 \quad -0.000286 = b_n \\
 \quad 0.999978 \quad -8.999845999 \\
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 1 \quad -9.000044 \quad 13.000352 = c_{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_4 &= 0.999978 - (-0.000286) / (13.000352) \\
 &= 0.99999.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the root correct to three decimal places is 0.999.



### Graeffe's Root Squaring method

This method is a direct method. This method is used to find the roots of a polynomial equation with real coefficients. An equation is of the form  $f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0$  where  $a_i$ 's ;  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  are real. Wkt the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree equation has 'n' only 'n' roots. Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$  be roots of  $f(x) = 0$ . To find the roots of  $f(x) = 0$  by this method, first to form the table.

	m	$2^m$	Coefficients							
Given equn	0	1	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$	.	.
			$a_0^2$	$a_1^2$	$a_2^2$	$a_3^2$	$a_4^2$	$a_5^2$	.	.
				$-2a_0a_1$	$-2a_1a_2$	$-2a_2a_3$	$-2a_3a_4$	$-2a_4a_5$	.	.
					$2a_0a_4$	$2a_1a_5$				
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1 <sup>st</sup> Squaring	1	2	$a_0^2 = b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$	.	.
			$b_0^2$	$b_1^2$	$b_2^2$	$b_3^2$	$b_4^2$	$b_5^2$	.	.
				$-2b_0b_1$	$-2b_1b_2$	$-2b_2b_3$	$-2b_3b_4$	$-2b_4b_5$	.	.
					$2b_0b_4$	$2b_1b_5$	$2b_2b_6$			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Squaring	2	4	$b_0^2 = c_0$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$c_5$	.	.
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			$B_0$	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$	$B_5$	.	.

The second term is minus two times the product immediate neighboring coefficients  $a_{r-1}$  and  $a_{r+1}$  ;  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . The third term is twice the product immediate neighboring coefficients  $a_{r-2}$  and  $a_{r+2}$  ;  $r = 2, 3, 4, \dots$  and so on. Here sign alternates. This process continued until there are no available coefficients to get the product term. The sum of these coefficients can be taken as some new coefficients namely  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots, c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots$ . After a few squaring process, the new coefficients can be taken as  $B_0, B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots, B_n$ . Here there are three cases.

**Case 1:** The process of squaring is stopped when another process of squaring produces new coefficients, which are approximately the squares of the corresponding coefficients  $B_i$ 's;

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad |R_i| = |\alpha_i|^{2^n} = \left| \frac{B_i}{B_{i-1}} \right| \quad \text{where } R_1, R_2, R_3, \dots, R_n \text{ are the roots of the new equation}$$

$B_0x^n + B_1x^{n-1} + B_2x^{n-2} + \dots + B_n = 0$  which are  $2^m$  th power of the roots of the given equation with sign changed.

**Case 2:** After a few squaring process, if the magnitude of the coefficient  $B_i$  is half the square of the magnitude of corresponding coefficient in the previous equation, then this indicates that  $\alpha_i$  is

a double root.  $|R_i|^2 = |\alpha_i|^{2^{n+1}} = \left| \frac{B_{i+1}}{B_{i-1}} \right|$ .

**Case 3:** If  $\alpha_k$  and  $\alpha_{k+1}$  are two complex conjugate roots, then this would make the coefficients of  $x^{n-k}$  in the successive squaring to fluctuate both in magnitude and sign.  $\beta_k^{2(2^n)} = \left| \frac{B_{k+1}}{B_{k-1}} \right|$ . If the equation possesses only two complex roots namely  $p \pm iq$ . Wkt sum of the roots =  $-a_1/a_0$ . This gives the value of p. Since  $|\beta_k|^2 = p^2 + q^2$  and  $|\beta_k|$  is known already, q is known from this relation.

1. Solve by Graeffe's method  $2x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$  (4 squarings)

**Sol:**

	m	$2^m$	coefficients			
Given equn	0	1	2	1	-2	-1
			4	1	4	1
				-2*2*-2	-2*1*-1	
1 <sup>st</sup> squaring	1	2	4	9	6	1
			16	81	36	1
				-48	-18	
2 <sup>nd</sup> squaring	2	4	16	33	18	1
			256	1089	324	1
				-576	-66	
3 <sup>rd</sup> squaring	3	8	256	513	258	1
			65536	233169	66564	1
				-132096	-1026	
4 <sup>th</sup> squaring	4	16	65536	131073	65538	1
			$B_0$	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$

$$|R_i| = |\alpha_i|^{2^n} = \left| \frac{B_i}{B_{i-1}} \right|$$

$$|R_1| = |\alpha_1|^{2^4} = \left| \frac{B_1}{B_0} \right| = \left| \frac{131073}{65536} \right|$$

$$|\alpha_1| = \left| \frac{131073}{65536} \right|^{\frac{1}{16}} = 1.0442 \cong 1$$

$$|R_2| = |\alpha_2|^{2^4} = \left| \frac{B_2}{B_1} \right| = \left| \frac{65538}{131073} \right|$$

$$|\alpha_2| = \left| \frac{65538}{131073} \right|^{\frac{1}{16}} = 0.9576 \cong 1$$

$$|R_3| = |\alpha_3|^{2^4} = \left| \frac{B_3}{B_2} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{65538} \right|$$

$$|\alpha_3| = \left| \frac{1}{65538} \right|^{\frac{1}{16}} = 0.49999.$$

Now we have to find the sign of the roots. i.e.,  $\alpha_1$  is a root or  $-\alpha_1$  is a root. i.e., by verifying  $f(\alpha_1) = 0$  or  $f(-\alpha_1) = 0$ . Using Descartes's rule of signs, we can find the sign of the roots.

**Descarte's Rule of signs:** 1. An equation  $f(x) = 0$  cannot have more number of positive roots then there are changes of signs in terms of the polynomial  $f(x)$ .

2. An equation  $f(x) = 0$  cannot have more number of negative roots then there are changes of signs in terms of the polynomial  $f(-x)$ .

Using Descarte's rule, the given equation has one sign change in terms of  $f(x)$  and two sign changes in terms of  $f(-x)$  and so the given equation has one positive root and two negative roots.

The roots of the given equation are 1, -1 and 0.5.

2. Solve  $x^3 - x^2 - x - 2 = 0$  by Graeffe's root squaring method.

Sol:						
	m	$2^m$	coefficients			
Given equn	0	1	1	-1	-1	-2
			1	1	1	4
				$-2*1*-1$	$-2*1*-2$	
1 <sup>st</sup> squaring	1	2	1	3	-3	4
			1	9	9	16
				6	-24	
2 <sup>nd</sup> squaring	2	4	1	15	-15	16
			1	225	225	256
				30	-480	
3 <sup>rd</sup> squaring	3	8	1	255	-255	256
			1	65025	65025	65536
				510	-130560	
4 <sup>th</sup> squaring	4	16	1	65535	-65535	65536
			1	$4.2948 \times 10^9$	$4.2948 \times 10^9$	$4.2949 \times 10^9$
				131070	$-8.5898 \times 10^9$	
5 <sup>th</sup> squaring	5	32	1	$4.2949 \times 10^9$	$-4.2949 \times 10^9$	$4.2949 \times 10^9$
			$B_0$	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$

Here, the coefficients of  $x$  in the successive squaring to fluctuate both in magnitude and sign.

This indicates that, the root is a complex root. Here the coefficient  $B_1$  is approximately equal to

previous square value. Hence  $|R_1| = |\alpha_1|^{2^5} = \left| \frac{B_1}{B_0} \right| = \left| \frac{4.2949 \times 10^9}{1} \right|$

$$|\alpha_1| = |4.2949|^{\frac{1}{32}} \cong 2$$

$$\beta_k^{2(2^n)} = \left| \frac{B_{k+1}}{B_{k-1}} \right| \quad \beta_2^{2(2^5)} = \left| \frac{B_3}{B_1} \right| = \left| \frac{4.2949 \times 10^9}{4.2949 \times 10^9} \right| \Rightarrow \beta_2 = 1$$

If  $p + iq$  is one root then  $p - iq$  is also a root. Wkt sum of the roots =  $-a_1/a_0$ .

So  $\alpha_1 + p + iq + p - iq = -(-1) / 1 = 1$ . i.e.,  $\alpha_1 + 2p = 1$  or  $p = -0.5$  (since  $\alpha_1 = 2$ )

Since  $(p + iq)(p - iq) = p^2 + q^2 = \beta_2^2$ . i.e.,  $(-0.5)^2 + q^2 = 1$ . This implies that  $q = 0.866$ . Therefore the roots of the equation are 2,  $-0.5 + 0.866i$  and  $-0.5 - 0.866i$ .

1. Perform two iterations with Muller method for the equation  $\log_{10}x - x + 3 = 0$  ;  $x_0 = 1/4$  ;  $x_1 = 1/2$  and  $x_2 = 1$ .

**Sol :** Let  $x_0 = 0.25$  ;  $x_1 = 0.5$  and  $x_2 = 1$

$$h_2 = x_2 - x_1 = 0.5 \quad ; \quad h_1 = x_1 - x_0 = 0.25$$

$$f(x_2, x_1) = [f(x_2) - f(x_1)] / h_2 \quad ; \quad f(x_1, x_0) = [f(x_1) - f(x_0)] / h_1$$

$$f(x_2, x_1) = -0.39794 \quad ; \quad f(x_1, x_0) = 0.20412$$

$$f(x_2, x_1, x_0) = [f(x_2, x_1) - f(x_1, x_0)] / (h_2 + h_1)$$

$$f(x_2, x_1, x_0) = -0.802747$$

$$c_2 = f(x_2, x_1) + h_2 f(x_2, x_1, x_0) = -0.799313$$

$$h_{2+1} = -2 f(x_2) / (c_2 \pm \sqrt{c_2^2 - 4 f(x_2) f(x_2, x_1, x_0)})$$

$$h_3 = 1.157225 \quad ; \quad x_3 = x_2 + h_3 = 2.157225$$

$$c_3 = f(x_3, x_2) + h_3 f(x_3, x_2, x_1)$$

$$f(x_3, x_2) = -0.711469$$

$$f(x_3, x_2, x_1) = -0.189189 \quad ; \quad c_3 = -0.930404$$

$$h_4 = 1.043339 \quad ; \quad x_4 = x_3 + h_4 = 3.200564$$

2. Use the Birge - vieta method to find a real root correct to three decimals of the equation  $x_5 - x + 1 = 0$  ;  $p_0 = -1.5$

**Sol :** Wkt  $p_{k+1} = p_k - (b_n / c_{n-1})$  ;  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

First iteration  $p_0 = -1.5$ .

-1.5	1	0	0	0	-1	1
		-1.5	2.25	-3.375	5.0625	-6.0938
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	1	-1.5	2.25	-3.375	4.0625	-5.0938
		-1.5	4.5	-10.125	20.25	
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	1	-3	6.75	-13.5	24.3125	

$$p_1 = -1.5 + \frac{5.0938}{24.3125} = -1.2905,$$

Second iteration  $p_1 = -1.2905$ .

-1.2905	1	0	0	0	-1	1
		-1.2905	1.6654	-2.1492	2.7735	-2.2887
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	1	-1.2905	1.6654	-2.1492	1.7735	-1.2887
		-1.2905	3.3308	-6.4476	11.0941	
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	1	-2.5810	4.9962	-8.5968	12.8676	

$$p_2 = -1.2905 + \frac{1.2887}{12.8676} = -1.1903.$$

Third iteration  $p_2 = -1.1903$

-1.1903	1	0	0	0	-1	1
		-1.1903	1.4168	-1.6864	2.0073	-1.1990
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	1	-1.1903	1.4168	-1.6864	1.0073	-0.1990
		-1.1903	2.8336	-5.0593	8.0294	
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	1	-2.3806	4.2504	-6.7457	8.0367	

$$p_3 = -1.1903 + \frac{0.1990}{9.0367} = -1.1683.$$

Fourth iteration  $p_3 = -1.1683$ .

-1.1683	1	0	0	0	-1	1
		-1.1683	1.3649	-1.5946	1.8630	-1.0082
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	1	-1.1683	1.3649	-1.5946	0.8630	-0.0082
		-1.1683	2.7298	-4.7838	7.4519	
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	1	-2.3366	4.0947	-6.3784	9.3149	

$$p_3 = -1.1683 + \frac{0.0082}{8.3149} = -1.1673.$$

The root correct to three decimals is  $-1.167$ .

*Deflated polynomial*

$-1.167$		1	0	0	0	-1	1
			$-1.167$	$1.3619$	$-1.5893$	$1.8547$	
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		1	$-1.167$	$1.3619$	$-1.5893$	$0.8547$	

The deflated polynomial is given by

$$x^4 - 1.167x^3 + 1.3619x^2 - 1.5893x + 0.8547 = 0.$$



3. Apply Graeffe's root squaring method to find the roots of

the equation  $x^3 - 2x + 2 = 0$

**Sol :**

$m$	$2^m$				
0	1	1	0	-2	2
		1	0	4	4
			4	0	
1	2	1	4	4	4
		1	16	16	16
			-8	-32	
2	4	1	8	-16	16

		1	64	256	256
			32	- 256	
3	8	1	96	0	256
		1	9216	0	65536
			0	- 49152	
4	16	$1 = B_0$	$9216 = B_1$	$- 49152 = B_2$	$65536 = B_3$

Since  $B_3$  is alternately positive and negative, we have a pair of complex roots based on  $B_1, B_2, B_3$ .

One real root is  $|\xi_1|^{16} = 9216$  or  $|\xi_1| = 1.7692$ . On substituting into the given polynomial, we find that root must be negative. Hence, one real is  $\xi_1 = -1.7692$ .

To find the pair of complex roots  $p \pm iq$ , we have

$$|\beta|^{32} = \left| \frac{B_3}{B_1} \right| \quad \text{or} \quad \beta = 1.0632 = \sqrt{p^2 + q^2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also,} \quad \xi_1 + 2p &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad p = 0.8846, \\ q^2 &= \beta^2 - p^2 \quad \text{or} \quad q = 0.5898. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, roots are  $0.8846 \pm 0.5898i$ .

1. Perform two iterations with the Miller method for the equation  $x^3 - (1/2) = 0$  ;  $x_0 = 0$  ;  
 $x_1 = 1$  ;  $x_2 = (1/2)$

Ans :  $x_3 = 0.7676$  ;  $x_4 = 0.7929$

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2. Use the Birge-vieta method find a real root correct to three decimals of the equation

$$x^6 - x^4 - x^3 - 1 = 0 ; p_0 = 1.5$$

Ans : 1.404

3. Find to two decimals the real and complex roots of the equation  $x^5 = 3x - 1$  using Birge-vieta method.

Ans : 0.33, 1.21, -1.39 ,  $-0.08 + 1.33i$  and  $-0.08 - 1.33i$