



# NEWTON RAPHSON METHOD

This method is one of the most powerful method and well known method, used for finding a root of  $f(x)=0$ , the formula many be derived in many ways the simplest way to derive this formula is by using the first two terms in Taylor series expansion of the form,

$$f(x_{n+1}) = f(x_n) + (x_{n+1} - x_n) f'(x_n)$$

Setting  $f(x_{n+1}) = 0$  gives

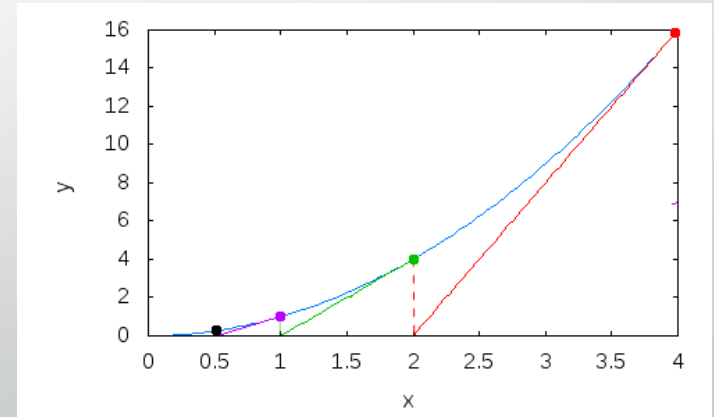
Thus on simplification we get

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

# Geometrical Interpretation

- Let the curve  $f(x)=0$  meet the x-axis at  $\alpha$ , it means  $\alpha$  is one of the original root of the  $f(x)=x=0$ . Let  $x_0$  be the point near the root  $\alpha$  of the equation  $f(x)=0$  then the equation of tangent  $P[x_0, f(x_0)]$  is
- $y - f(x_0) = f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$
- This cut the x axis at  $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$

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- This is the first approximation of the root  $\alpha$ . If  $P[x_1, f(x_1)]$  is the corresponding point to  $x_1$  on the curve then the tangent at  $P_1$  is
- $y - f(x_1) = f'(x_1)(x - x_1)$
- This cut the x axis at  $x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$
- This is the second approximation to the root  $\alpha$ . Repeating this process we will get the root  $\alpha$  with better approximations quite rapidly.

# Remarkable Notes

1. When  $f'(x)$  is very large .i.e. Slope is very large then  $h$  will be small and hence the root can be calculated in even less time.
2. If we choose the initial approximation  $x_0$  close to the root then we get the root of the equation very quickly.
3. The process will evidently fail if  $f'(x) = 0$  is in the neighbourhood of the root. In such cases the Regula falsie method should be used.
4. If the initial approximation to the root is not given, choose two say  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  are of opposite signs if  $|f(a)| < |f(b)|$  then take  $a$  as the initial approximation.

# Descriptive Examples

1. Find the real root of the equation  $x^3 + 2x - 5 = 0$  by applying Newton-Raphson method at the end of fifth iteration.

Answer: **Step:1**

$$\text{Given } f(x) = x^3 + 2x - 5$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2$$

$$f''(x) = 6x$$

Since  $f(0) = -5, f(1) = -2, f(2) = 7$

A root lies between 1 and 2. Since  $f''(x) = 6x$  which is positive for interval (1,2) hence we choose  $x_0 = 2$  as  $f(x_0) f''(x_0) > 0$

**Step:2**

BY Newton-Raphson formula  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$
$$x_1 = 2 - \frac{7}{14} = 1.5$$

Then  $f(x_1) = 1.375$ ,  $f'(x_1) = 8.75$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$$
$$x_2 = 1.5 - \frac{1.375}{8.75} = 1.343$$

Then  $f(x_2) = 0.1083$ ,  $f'(x_2) = 7.411$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)}$$
$$x_3 = 1.343 - \frac{0.1083}{7.411} = 1.329$$

Then  $f(x_3) = 0.1083$ ,  $f'(x_3) = 7.2987$

$$x_4 = x_3 - \frac{f(x_3)}{f'(x_3)}$$
$$x_4 = 1.329 - \frac{0.0053}{7.2987} = 1.3283$$

Then  $f(x_4) = 0.00227$ ,  $f'(x_4) = 7.29314$

$$x_5 = x_4 - \frac{f(x_4)}{f'(x_4)}$$
$$x_5 = 1.3283 - \frac{0.00227}{7.29314} = 1.3283$$

Hence required root is 1.3283



2. Find by Newton-Raphson method  $3x - \cos x - 1 = 0$  correct to four decimal places.

Given  $f(x) = 3x - \cos x - 1$

$$f'(x) = 3 + \sin x$$

Since  $f(0) = -2, f(1) = 1.4597,$

A root lies between 0 and 1. Since  $f''(x) = \cos x$  which is positive for interval (0,1) hence we choose

$x_0 = 0.6$  (near to 1) as  $f(x_0) f''(x_0) > 0$

**Step:2**

BY Newton-Raphson formula  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$

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

$$x_1 = 0.6 - \frac{3(0.6) - \cos(0.6) - 1}{3 + \sin(0.6)} = 0.6071$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$$

$$x_2 = 0.6071 - \frac{3(0.6071) - \cos(0.6071) - 1}{3 + \sin(0.6071)} = 0.607$$

2. Find by Newton-Raphson method  $\sin x - x \cos x = 0$ . Assume initial guess value for  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ , correct up to five decimal places

**Step:1**

$$\text{Given } f(x) = \sin x - x \cos x$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x - \cos x + x \sin x = x \sin x$$

$$\text{Given initial } x_0 = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

**Step:2**

$$\text{BY Newton-Raphson formula } x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

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

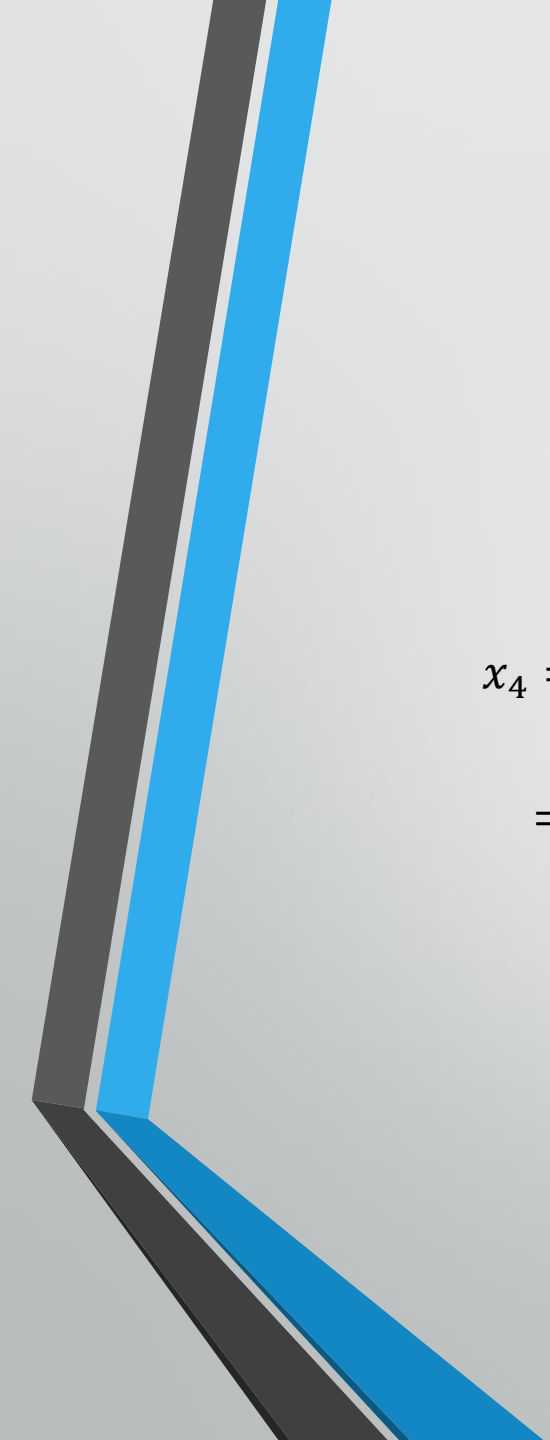
$$x_1 = \frac{3\pi}{2} - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{3\pi}{2}\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)} = 4.50018$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$$

$$x_2 = 4.5001824 - \frac{\sin(4.50018) - (4.50018)\cos(4.50018)}{4.50018\sin(4.50018)} = 4.4934195$$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= 4.4934195 - \frac{\sin(4.4934195) - (4.5001824)\cos(4.4934195)}{4.4934195\sin(4.493195)} \\ &= 4.4934195 \end{aligned}$$


$$x_4 = x_3 - \frac{f(x_3)}{f'(x_3)}$$

$$x_4 = 4.4934095 - \frac{\sin(4.4934095) - (4.4934095) \cos(4.4934095)}{(4.4934095) \sin(4.4934095)}$$
$$= 4.4934095$$



# Convergence of Newton Raphson Scheme.

*Newton – Raphon formula is of the form*

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

*Consider*  $g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$

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

and for convergence we *require that* ,  $\left| \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2} \right| < 1$

