

ECE326 Lab 2 Report

Define a python function `newton_raphson()` to compute the square root of 12345. You may use 100 (or another number of your choice for convergence) as initial guess `x_0`.

`newton_raphson()` function is defined in the Python file.

Now define a randomized version of the `newton_raphson_randomized()` which will make a random guess of the initial approximation. Determine the probability (Hint: number of times converged/total number of runs) of convergence of `newton_raphson_randomized()`.

The probability depends on the range of numbers used for selecting a random number from. More specifically, it depends on (1) if 0 is included in the range and (2) how big the range is. If 0 is included in the range, then there is a case where the function will not converge (because you are dividing by 0). Otherwise, the function will always converge with a probability of 100%. If 0 is included in the range, the probability of convergence increases as the range size increases. If the range is an infinite size, then the probability of convergence goes to 100%.

Analyze and compare accuracy and runtime performance of `newton_raphson()` and `newton_raphson_randomized()` methods.

`newton_raphson()` always produces the same result and `newton_raphson_randomized()` produces a different result each time. Sometimes `newton_raphson_randomized()` produces a result that is more accurate than that of `newton_raphson()`. The runtime for `newton_raphson_randomized()` varies depending on the randomly chosen initial root. When the randomly chosen root is closer to the real root value than the initial choice used in `newton_raphson()`, the runtime of `newton_raphson_randomized()` is faster than `newton_raphson()`. This is more rare. The usual case is that `newton_raphson_randomized()` is slower than `newton_raphson()`.

The Quercus file type for submission is PDF, attached below is a screenshot of the code in my Python file.

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import random
import time

# Define a python function newton_raphson() to compute square root of 12345.
# You may use 100 (or another number of your choice for convergence) as initial guess x_0.
#  $x_{n+1} = x_n - (f(x_n)/f'(x_n))$ 
#  $f(x) = x^2$  ;  $f'(x) = 2x$ 
def newton_raphson(n):
    x_0 = 100
    root = x_0 - (((x_0*x_0)-n)/(2*x_0))

    while (abs(root-x_0) >= 0.5):
        x_0 = root
        root = x_0 - (((x_0*x_0)-n)/(2*x_0))

    return root

# Now define a randomized version which will make a random guess of the initial approximation.
def newton_raphson_randomized(n):
    x_0 = random.uniform(1, n)
    root = x_0 - (((x_0*x_0)-n)/(2*x_0))

    while (abs(root-x_0) >= 0.5):
        x_0 = root
        root = x_0 - (((x_0*x_0)-n)/(2*x_0))

    return root

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