

# NCERT-10.4.3.3.1

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**Question:** Find the roots of the following Equation:

$$x - \frac{1}{x} = 3, x \neq 0 \quad (1)$$

**Theoretical Solution:** To eliminate the fraction, multiply 1 through by  $x$  (valid because  $x \neq 0$ ):

$$x^2 - 1 = 3x. \quad (2)$$

Rearranging terms gives the quadratic equation:

$$x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0. \quad (3)$$

We solve this quadratic equation using the quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, \quad (4)$$

where  $a = 1$ ,  $b = -3$ , and  $c = -1$ . Substituting these values:

$$x = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}. \quad (5)$$

Simplify the expression:

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 4}}{2} \quad (6)$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}. \quad (7)$$

Thus, the solutions are:

$$\alpha = \frac{3 + \sqrt{13}}{2} \approx 3.3028 \text{ and } \beta = \frac{3 - \sqrt{13}}{2} \approx -0.3028. \quad (8)$$

Since  $x \neq 0$ , both solutions are valid.

**Solution by using Newton-Raphson method:** To apply the Newton-Raphson method, we use the iterative formula:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, \quad (9)$$

where  $f'(x)$  is the derivative of  $f(x)$ .

$$f(x) = x^2 - 3x - 1. \quad (10)$$

The derivative of  $f(x)$  is:

$$f'(x) = 2x - 3. \quad (11)$$

Substituting in 8, The iterative formula becomes:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 3x_n - 1}{2x_n - 3}. \quad (12)$$

For the iterative process, choose an initial guess  $x_0$ . Then substitute it in 8 to obtain  $x_1, x_2$ , and so on until the value of  $\epsilon$  is greater than that of  $|x_{n+1} - x_n|$ . Here,  $\epsilon$  should be allotted a smaller value for better precision of the roots.

The Newton-Raphson method provides an efficient way to numerically approximate the solution. Iterative computation can be performed using a program to find the root up to the desired precision. For the graph obtained, initial guess are 4 and 0.5, and  $\epsilon = 0.000001$ . Roots obtained through iteration are  $\alpha = 3.3027756377328092, \beta = -0.30277563792072887$ .

**Fixed Point Iteration:** The given equation is 1

To apply the Fixed-Point Iteration Method, we rewrite the equation in the form:

$$x = g(x). \quad (13)$$

Possible rearrangements are:

$$x = \frac{1}{x} + 3. \quad (14)$$

$$x = \frac{x^2 - 1}{3} \quad (15)$$

The iterative formulas are:

$$x_{(n+1)1} = \frac{1}{x_n} + 3 \quad (16)$$

$$x_{(n+1)2} = \frac{x_n^2 - 1}{3}. \quad (17)$$

Choose an initial guess  $x_0$ . Continue the process until the difference between consecutive approximations  $|x_{n+1} - x_n|$  is smaller than the desired tolerance  $\epsilon$ . The convergence of the Fixed-Point Iteration depends on the choice of  $g(x)$ .

**Steffensen's Method (Quadratic Convergence):** Steffensen's method accelerates the convergence of fixed-point iteration. If  $g(x)$  is the iteration function derived from the fixed-point form of  $f(x)$ , Steffensen's iterative formula is:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{g(x_n)}{\frac{g(x_n + g(x_n))}{g(x_n)} - 1} \quad (18)$$

This eliminates the need to compute derivatives and achieves quadratic convergence.

Rewrite the equation in the fixed-point form, i.e., 13.

For this problem, they are:

$$g_1(x_n) = \frac{1}{x_n} + 3. \quad (19)$$

$$g_2(x_n) = \frac{x_n^2 - 1}{3}. \quad (20)$$

Substitute in 18

$$x_{(n+1)1} = x_n^2 + 4x_n + 1 \quad (21)$$

$$x_{(n+1)2} = x_n - \frac{(x_n^2 - 1)^2}{(x_n^2 + 3x_n - 1)^2 - 9x_n^2} \quad (22)$$

Continue iterating until  $|x_{n+1} - x_n| < \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon$  is the desired accuracy. Steffensen's method converges quadratically under suitable conditions, making it significantly faster than standard fixed-point iteration.

