## OMEGA ACADEMY, NUMERICAL METHODS COURSE.

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## **UNIT SEVEN**

## Secant method

To find the zeros of a function iteratively, this method uses Newton-Raphson formula but prevents derivative calculation using the following approach:

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

Image 1: formula approach used in the secant method

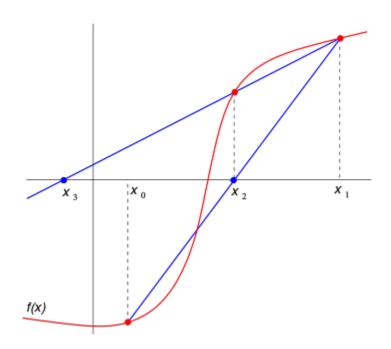


Image 2: Graph of the secant.



Replacing the Newton-Raphson formula, we obtain:

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

$$\therefore x_{i+1} \approx x_i - \frac{f(x_i)(x_{i-1} - x_i)}{f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)}$$

Image 3: replacing values

What is the formula of secant method? The formula calculates Xi + 1, which means it takes the previous two Xi.

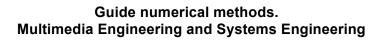
$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})} f(x_n).$$

Image 3: formula used for solving the function formula through the secant

## Example:

Function F (x) =  $x ^3 + 2 = 2$  points  $x_0, x_1 = 4$ , where  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  be replaced in the function must

Then F  $(x_0) = 10$ , and F  $(x_1) = 66$  is substituted into the formula to calculate  $x_2$  secant





First iteration:

$$F(x_0) = 2^3 + 2 = 10$$

$$F(x_1) = 4^3 + 2 = 66$$

$$x_2 = 4 - 2,3571$$

$$x_2 = 1,6429$$

Second iteration:

The value of  $x_2$  is replaced in order to find original function  $f\left(x_2\right)$ 

$$f(x_2) = (1.6429)^2 + 2 = 6.434$$

The new intervals or starting points are:

$$x_1 = 4 f(x_{1)} = 66$$

$$x_2 = 1.6429$$
  $f(x_2) = 6.434$ 

A value for  $x_3$  is found through the proposed formula.

$$x_3 = x_2 - \left[\frac{F(x_2) * (x_1 - x_2)}{F(x_1) - F(x_2)}\right]$$

$$x_3 = 1.6 - \frac{6.4 * (4 - 1.6)}{66 - 6.4} = 1.342$$

Is obtained as the value of  $x_3$ , 1342

$$x_2 = 1.6429 f(x_{2)} = 6.434$$

$$x_3 = 1.342$$
  $f(x_3) = 268.3$ 

To be more precise we can perform more iterations using the same procedure.

Now the relative error is calculated.

- First error relative.

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$$Er1 = \frac{|x2 - x1|}{x2}$$

$$Er1 = \frac{|1.6 - 4|}{1.6} = 1.5$$

- Second relative error

$$Er2 = \frac{|x3 - x2|}{x3}$$

$$Er1 = \frac{|1.3 - 1.6|}{1.3} = -0.2$$