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Question:

Find the roots of the following equation:

$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x - 2} = 3, \quad x \neq 0, 2 \tag{0.1}$$

Solution using Completing the Square Method:

(i) **Solve** $\frac{1}{x} = 3$ $x \neq 0$

Rearrange the equation:

$$1 = 3x \tag{0.2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \tag{0.3}$$

Thus, the root is $x = \frac{1}{3}$.

(ii) Solve $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-2} = 3$ $x \neq 0, 2$

Find a common denominator:

$$\frac{(x-2)-x}{x(x-2)} = 3\tag{0.4}$$

$$\frac{-2}{x(x-2)} = 3\tag{0.5}$$

Multiply both sides by -1:

$$\frac{2}{x(x-2)} = -3\tag{0.6}$$

Multiply both sides by x(x-2):

$$2 = -3x(x - 2) \tag{0.7}$$

Rearrange:

$$3x^2 - 6x + 2 = 0 ag{0.8}$$

Divide by 3:

$$x^2 - 2x + \frac{2}{3} = 0 ag{0.9}$$

Complete the square:

$$x^2 - 2x = -\frac{2}{3} \tag{0.10}$$

Add $\left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2 = 1$ to both sides:

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = -\frac{2}{3} + 1 \tag{0.11}$$

$$(x-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \tag{0.12}$$

Taking square root on both sides:

$$x - 1 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tag{0.13}$$

Thus,

$$x = 1 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tag{0.14}$$

Rationalizing the denominator:

$$x = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \tag{0.15}$$

Thus, the roots are $x = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$, $x = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$. Solution using Newton's Method:

Newton's method uses the iterative formula:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \tag{0.16}$$

(i) Solve $\frac{1}{x} = 3$, $x \neq 0$

Define the function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 3 \tag{0.17}$$

Compute its derivative:

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \tag{0.18}$$

Newton's iteration formula:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{\frac{1}{x_n} - 3}{-\frac{1}{x_n^2}} \tag{0.19}$$

Simplify:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + (3x_n^2 - 1) (0.20)$$

Choosing an initial guess $x_0 = 0.5$, iterating:

$$x_1 = 0.5 + (3(0.5)^2 - 1) = 0.25$$
 (0.21)

$$x_2 = 0.25 + (3(0.25)^2 - 1) = 0.1875$$
 (0.22)

$$x_3 = 0.1875 + (3(0.1875)^2 - 1) \approx 0.1738$$
 (0.23)

Continuing iterations, the root converges to $x = \frac{1}{3}$.

(ii) Solve
$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-2} = 3$$
, $x \neq 0, 2$

Define the function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x - 2} - 3 \tag{0.24}$$

Compute its derivative:

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{(x-2)^2} \tag{0.25}$$

Newton's iteration formula:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{\frac{1}{x_n} - \frac{1}{x_n - 2} - 3}{-\frac{1}{x_n^2} + \frac{1}{(x_n - 2)^2}}$$
(0.26)

Choosing an initial guess $x_0 = 1$, iterating:

$$x_1 = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{1-2} - 3}{-\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{(1-2)^2}} = 1 - \frac{1+1-3}{-1+1} = 1 - \text{undefined}$$
 (0.27)

Since the denominator is zero at $x_0 = 1$, we choose another guess, say $x_0 = 3$:

$$x_1 = 3 - \frac{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{1} - 3}{-\frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{1^2}} \tag{0.28}$$

$$=3-\frac{\frac{1}{3}-1-3}{-\frac{1}{9}+1}\tag{0.29}$$

$$=3-\frac{\frac{1}{3}-4}{\frac{8}{0}}\tag{0.30}$$

$$=3-\frac{-\frac{11}{3}}{\frac{8}{9}}=3+\frac{11}{3}\times\frac{9}{8}$$
 (0.31)

$$= 3 + \frac{99}{24} \approx 3 + 4.125 = 7.125 \tag{0.32}$$

Continuing iterations, the root converges to $x = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$.

Newton's Method Difference Equation:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \tag{0.33}$$

For the equation $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-2} = 3$, we proceed as follows:

Rearrange the equation to standard form f(x) = 0

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x - 2} - 3 = 0 \tag{0.34}$$

Calculate the derivative f'(x)

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{(x-2)^2} \tag{0.35}$$

Substitute (0.34) and (0.35) into (0.33)

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{\frac{1}{x_n} - \frac{1}{x_{n-2}} - 3}{-\frac{1}{x_n^2} + \frac{1}{(x_n - 2)^2}}$$
(0.36)

Equation (0.36) is the specific difference equation for Newton's method applied to $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-2} = 3$.

