# Computational Methods in Physics (PHY 365) FA23

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# Lab 5

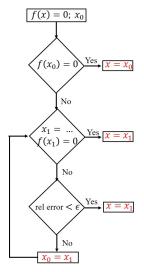


Figure: Flow chart for Newton-Raphson method

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x \text{ old} = x 0;
rel err = 1;
iterations = 0;
while rel err > min err
   f \times old = double (subs (f, x old));
   f der x old = double (subs (f der, x old));
   x \text{ new} = x \text{ old} - f x \text{ old} / f \text{ der } x \text{ old};
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rel_err = abs (x_new - x_old);
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% The initial guess
x 0 = 1.5;
% Minimum error
min err = 10 ^ -4;
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% Calling the function
[x_root,iterations] = new_raph_fun(f,f_der,x_0,min_err);
% Displaying the result
fprintf('\n')
disp(['Itertions = ', num2str(iterations)])
fprintf('\n Root = %3.6f \n', x root)
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$$-3 * x$$
)  $-5 * x ^3 + 20$ ; % function x0 = 3; % initial point x = fzero (fun ,x0);

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■ Root within an interval

fun = @ (x) x 
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 5 - 3 \* x  $\hat{.}$  2 + 1;  
x\_int = [1,2]; % interval  
x = fzero (fun, x\_int)

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#### ■ Example

fun = @ (x) exp ( - 3 \* x) - 5 \* x 
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 3 + 20; % function x0 = 3; % initial point [x , fval] = fsolve (fun , x0);

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