

Error :- The difference between exact value and an estimated value or approximated value is called error.

Exact Numbers :-  $1, 2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots$

Approximate Number :- Approximate numbers are those numbers that represent the numbers to a certain degree of accuracy.

Example :  $\pi$  is approximated as 3.1416 or if we desire a better approximation i.e. 3.14159265.  
We can not get the exact value.

Significant Digits :- The digits that are used to express a number are called significant digits or significant figure.

Example :- ① 3.1416 → Five significant digits  
② 0.00023 → Two significant digits.

Type of errors :-

① Inherent Error :- Errors which exist in the problem either due to approximate given data or limitations of computing. It can be minimized by taking better data and using high precision computing.

Example :-

$\pi, e$

$$\pi = 3.141592654 \text{ to } 3.1416$$

$$e = 2.7182818 \text{ to } 2.718$$

$$n = 0.3333 \text{ to } \frac{1}{3}$$

Hence  $\frac{1}{3} \approx 0.30$ ,  $\frac{1}{3} \approx 0.33$  &  $\frac{1}{3} \approx 0.34$

Then

$$\left| \frac{1}{3} - 0.30 \right| = \frac{1}{30}, \quad \left| \frac{1}{3} - 0.33 \right| = \frac{1}{300}$$

and

$$\left| \frac{1}{3} - 0.34 \right| = \frac{1}{150}$$

Here  $\left| \frac{1}{3} - 0.33 \right| = \frac{1}{300}$  is best

that mean  $\frac{1}{3} \approx 0.33$  is best.

Round off error :-

In numerical computations, we

come across numbers which has large of digits

and it will be necessary to cut them to a usable  
numbers of figures. This process is called rounding  
off and the error comes in this process are  
called round off errors.

Ex:- Suppose we have a numbers as 7.5846712

and I want rounding it upto 3 decimal points,  
then we have 7.585 (round off number).

Hence round off error = True - round off number.

Truncation Error:- This type of error ~~arise~~ arise due to use of approximation formula in computation or by truncating the infinite series to some approximate terms.

We know that

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

If we take

$$e^x \approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} \text{ (upto } n \text{ terms)}$$

Absolute Error:- Absolute error is the absolute value of the difference between the exact value of a quantity and its approximate value. Thus, if  $x$  is the exact value of a quantity and  $x_1$  is its approximate value, then the absolute error

$E_A$  is given by

$$E_A = |x - x_1|, \text{ where } x - x_1 = \delta x$$

Relative Error:- The relative error  $E_R$  is defined by

$$E_R = \frac{E_A}{x} = \frac{|f(x)|}{x}.$$

Percentage Error:- The percentage error ( $E_p$ ) is given by

$$E_p = 100 E_R \text{ or } E_p = \frac{E_A}{x} \times 100.$$

Relative Accuracy:- If  $\Delta x$  denotes a number such that  $|x - x_1| \leq \Delta x$ , where  $x$  is true value of a quantity and  $x_1$  denotes the approximate value, then  $\Delta x$  represents the upper limit on the absolute error and is called measure of absolute accuracy, and  $\frac{\Delta x}{|x|}$  measures the relative accuracy.

Example:- If  $\pi$  is given by  $\frac{22}{7} = 3.1428571 = x_1$  and its true value is  $3.1415926 = x$ .

Then

$$\text{Absolute error} = |x - x_1| = 0.0012645$$

Algebraic equation :- The eqn of the form  $f(x)=0$ , where  $f(x)$  is purely a polynomial is called an algebraic eqn.

Example :-

$$x^6 - x^4 + 2x^3 + 1 = 0$$

Transcendental equation :- The eqn of the form  $f(x)=0$ , where  $f(x)$  involves trigonometric, arithmetic or exponential terms is called transcendental eqn.

Ex:-

$$x \log x - 1 = 0, \quad x e^x + 10x - 1 = 0$$

### Bolzano or Bisection Method

Suppose we have an eqn  $f(x)=0$ , where

- ①  $f$  is continuous in  $[a, b]$ , and
- ②  $f(a)f(b) < 0$

Then, by Bolzano theorem, there exist atleast one point  $c \in (a, b)$  s.t  $f(c) = 0$ .

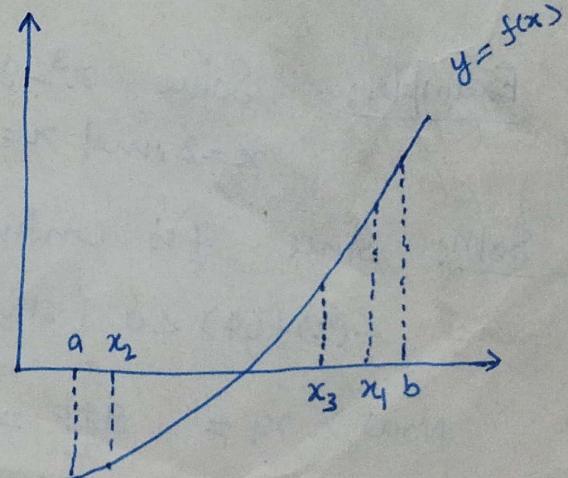
Now, we will take first approximation as  $x_1 = \frac{a+b}{2}$ .

If  $f(x_1) = 0$ , then  $x_1$  is root of  $f(x) = 0$ , otherwise root lies in either  $[a, x_1]$  or  $[x_1, b]$  according as  $f(a)f(x_1) < 0$  or  $f(x_1)f(b) < 0$ . Similarly, we <sup>will</sup> bisect the interval as before and continue the process to improve the result.

From figure, we can see that

$f(a)f(x_1) < 0$ , then we will take next approximation as

$$x_2 = \frac{a+x_1}{2}.$$



If  $f(x_1)f(x_2) < 0$ , then the next approximation will be  $x_3 = \frac{x_1+x_2}{2}$ .

Similarly, we will find the next approximation.

### Working Rule:-

Step 1:- Firstly, we will choose two points  $x_0 (n=a)$  and  $x_n (n=b)$  such that  $f(x_0)f(x_n) < 0$ .

Step 2: We will take the approximate soln of  $f(x)=0$  as  $x_r = \frac{x_0+x_n}{2}$

Step 3:- We will check that in which subintervals, the root lies.

(a) If  $f(x_0)f(x_r) < 0$ , then root lies in  $[x_0, x_r]$  and repeat the process from step 1 to 3.

(b) If  $f(x_r)f(x_n) < 0$ , then root lies in  $[x_r, x_n]$  and repeat the process from step 1 to 3.

(c) If  ~~$f(x_r) \neq 0$~~   $f(x_r) = 0$ , then  $x_r$  is root of  $f(x)$  and stop the process.

Example:- Solve  $x^3 - 9x + 1 = 0$  for the root between  $x=2$  and  $x=4$  by using Bisection method.

Soln: Since  $f$  is continuous in  $[2, 4]$  and  $f(2)f(4) < 0$  (since  $f(2) = -9$  and  $f(4) = 29$ ).

$$\text{Now } x_1 = \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{2+4}{3} = 3.$$

Since  $f(3) = 1$ , therefore  $f(2)f(3) < 0$ . ~~and hence~~ and hence

$$x_2 = \frac{2+x_1}{2} = \frac{2+3}{2} = 2.5.$$

Since  $f(2.5) = -5.87$ , therefore  $f(x_2) + f(x_1) < 0$  i.e.,  $f(x_2) f(3) < 0$ , and hence

$$x_3 = \frac{2.5+3}{2} = 2.75.$$

### False Position Method or Regula Falsi Method

Suppose we have an equation  $f(x)=0$ , where

- ①  $f$  is continuous in  $[a, b]$
- ②  $f(a) f(b) < 0$ , then by Bolzano theorem there exist a point  $c \in (a, b)$  s.t  $f(c) = 0$ .

Now, equation of the chord joining  $A(a, f(a))$  and  $B(b, f(b))$  is given by

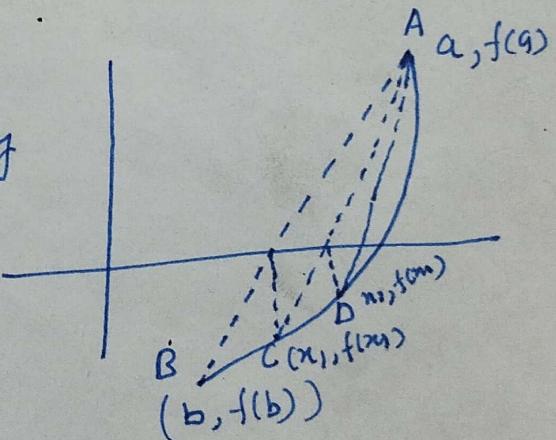
$$y - f(a) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a} (n-a)$$

Let  $y=0$  be the point of the intersection of the chord eqn with the  $x$ -axis. Then,

$$-f(a) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{(b-a)} (n-a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-f(a)(b-a)}{f(b)-f(a)} = n-a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{af(a) - bf(a)}{f(b)-f(a)} + a = n$$



$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{af(b) - bf(a)}{f(b) - f(a)}$$

Thus, the first approximation is

$$x_1 = \frac{af(b) - bf(a)}{f(b) - f(a)}$$

If  $f(x_1) = 0$ , then  $x_1$  is root of  $f(x) = 0$ .

If  $f(a)f(x_1) < 0$ , then second approximation will be as

$$x_2 = \frac{af(x_1) - xf(a)}{f(x_1) - f(a)}$$

If  $f(x_1)f(b) < 0$ , then second approximation will be as

$$x_2 = \frac{x_1 f(b) - bf(x_1)}{f(b) - f(x_1)}$$

Similarly, we can find  $x_3, x_4, x_5$  and so on.

## Newton - Raphson Method :-

Let we have an eqn  $f(x) = 0$ , and  $x_0$  be an initial approximation to the root of  $f(x) = 0$ .

Then  $P(x_0, f(x_0))$  is a point on the curve  $f$ .

~~Draw~~

Now, the ~~tangent~~ line eqn of tangent line to the curve  $y = f(x)$  at the point  $P(x_0, f(x_0))$  is given by

$$y - f(x_0) = (x - x_0) f'(x_0)$$

where  $f'(x_0)$  is the slope of the tangent line to the curve at  $P$ .

For  $y = 0$ , we have

$$0 - f(x_0) = (x - x_0) f'(x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = x - x_0$$

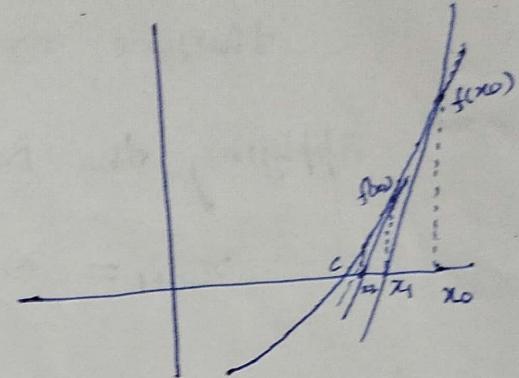
$$\Rightarrow x = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}, \quad f'(x_0) \neq 0$$

Hence, Next approximation to the root is given by

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}, \quad f'(x_0) \neq 0.$$

We repeat the procedure, we have

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$



$$\left[ \begin{aligned} \text{since } m &= \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x_0} \\ &= f'(x) \Big|_{x_0} \\ &= f'(x_0) \end{aligned} \right]$$

Exm! - Perform four iteration of the ~~Newton's~~ Newton's method to find the smallest positive root of the eqn  $f(x) = x^3 - 5x + 1 = 0$

Soln! - Since  $f(0) = 1$  &  $f(1) = -3$  and  $f(0)f(1) < 0$ , therefore root lies in  $(0, 1)$ .

Applying the Newton's method, we obtain

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{x_k^3 - 5x_k + 1}{3x_k^2 - 5}$$

$$= \frac{2x_k^3 - 1}{3x_k^2 - 5}, \text{ for } k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

let  $x_0 = 0.5$ , then

$$x_1 = \frac{2x_0^3 - 1}{3x_0^2 - 5}$$

$$= \frac{2(0.5)^3 - 1}{3(0.5)^2 - 5}$$

$$= 0.176471$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2x_1^3 - 1}{3x_1^2 - 5}$$

$$= \frac{2(0.176471)^3 - 1}{3(0.176471)^2 - 5}$$

$$= 0.201568$$

$$x_3 = \frac{2x_2^3 - 1}{3x_2^2 - 5} = \underline{\underline{0.201568}}$$

$$= \frac{2(0.201568)^3 - 1}{3(0.201568)^2 - 5}$$

$$= 0.201640$$

$$x_4 = \frac{2x_3^3 - 1}{3x_3^2 - 5}$$

$$= \frac{2(0.201640)^3 - 1}{3(0.201640)^2 - 5}$$

$$= 0.201640$$

Therefore, the root correct to six decimal place  
is  $x \approx 0.201640$

## Iteration Method or fixed point Iteration Method

Suppose we have an eqn as  $f(x)=0$ , then firstly, we will arrange this eqn as

$$x = \phi(x). \quad \text{--- } (1)$$

Now, finding a root of  $f(x)=0$  is same as finding a number  $x$  such that  $x = \phi(x)$  i.e a fixed point of  $\phi(x)$ .

Using eqn (1), the iteration method is written as

$$x_{k+1} = \phi(x_k), \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The function ~~(1)~~  $\phi$  is called the iteration function.

~~Initial with~~

Starting with the initial approximation  $x_0$ , we compute next approximation as

$$x_1 = \phi(x_0), \quad x_2 = \phi(x_1), \quad x_3 = \phi(x_2), \dots$$

The stopping criterion is same as used in previous method.

Remark 1:- There are many ways of rewriting  $f(x)=0$  as  $x = \phi(x)$ .

~~for example:-~~

Example:- For  $f(x) = x^3 - 5x + 1 = 0$ , we can be rewritten in the following forms.

$$x = \frac{x^3 + 1}{5}, \quad x = (5x - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{5x - 1}{x}}, \text{ etc.} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Since there are many ways of ~~solving~~ writing  $f(x) = 0$  as  $x = \phi(x)$ , it is important to know whether all or at least ~~one~~ one of these iteration method converges.

Convergence of an iteration method  $x_{k+1} = \phi(x_k)$ ,  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$  depends on the choice of the iteration function  $\phi$ , and suitable ~~not~~ initial approximation  $x_0$ .

From  $\textcircled{2}$ , we have

$$\textcircled{i} \quad x_{k+1} = \frac{x_k^3 + 1}{5}, \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots \quad \text{---}$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \quad x_{k+1} = (5x_k - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\textcircled{iii} \quad x_{k+1} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{5x_k - 1}{x_k}}, \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Since  $f(0) = 1$ ,  $f(1) = -3$  and  $f(0) \cdot f(1) < 0$ , hence at ~~least~~ one root lies in  $(0, 1)$ .

Let  $x_0 = 1$ , then from  $\textcircled{i}$ ,

$$x_1 = 0.4, \quad x_2 = 0.2128, \quad x_3 = 0.20193,$$

$$x_4 = 0.20165, \quad x_5 = 0.20164.$$

Hence

$$|x_5 - x_4| = |0.20164 - 0.20193| = 0.00001 < 0.0005.$$

Hence

$x \approx x_5 = 0.20164$  is taken as the required approximation to the root.

From (ii), we have

$$x_1 = 1.5879, \quad x_2 = 1.9072, \quad x_3 = 2.0737,$$

which does not converge to the root in  $(0,1)$ .

From (iii), we have

$$x_1 = 2.0, \quad x_2 = 2.1213, \quad x_3 = 2.1280, \dots$$

which does not converge to the root in  $(0,1)$ .

Now, we ~~also~~ derive the condition that the iteration function  $\phi$  should satisfy the condition of convergence in order that method converges.

### Condition of convergence:-

The iteration method for finding a root of  $f(x)=0$ , is written as

$$x_{k+1} = \phi(x_k), \quad k=0,1,2\dots \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{3}$$

~~Let  $\alpha$  is root~~

Let  $\alpha$  be the exact root. Then

$$\alpha = \phi(\alpha). \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{4}$$

We define the error of approximation at  $k$ th iterations as

$$e_k = x_k - \alpha, \quad k=0,1,2\dots \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{5}$$

Subtracting (3) and (4), we have

$$x_{k+1} - \alpha = \phi(x_k) - \phi(\alpha)$$

$$= (x_k - \alpha) \phi'(t_k), \quad x_k < t_k < \alpha. \\ (\text{by the mean value theorem}) \\ \Rightarrow \epsilon_{k+1} = \phi'(t_k) \epsilon_k, \quad x_k < t_k < \alpha.$$

Setting  $\alpha = k-1$ , we get

$$\epsilon_k = \phi'(t_{k-1}) \epsilon_{k-1}, \quad x_{k-1} < t_{k-1} < \alpha.$$

Hence

$$\epsilon_{k+1} = \phi'(t_k) \phi'(t_{k-1}) \epsilon_{k-1}.$$

Similarly, we get

$$\epsilon_{k+1} = \phi'(t_k) \phi'(t_{k-1}) \dots \phi'(t_0) \epsilon_0.$$

The initial error  $\epsilon_0$  is known and is constant, we have

$$|\epsilon_{k+1}| = |\phi'(t_k)| |\phi'(t_{k-1})| \dots |\phi'(t_0)| |\epsilon_0|.$$

Let  $|\phi'(x)| \leq C$ ,  $k=0, 1, 2 \dots$ , then

$$|\epsilon_{k+1}| \leq C^{k+1} |\epsilon_0|$$

For convergence, we require that  $|\epsilon_{k+1}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

This result is possible, if and only if  $C < 1$ .

Therefore, the iteration method converges if and only if

$$|\phi'(x_k)| \leq C < 1, \quad k=0, 1, 2 \dots$$

$\Rightarrow |\phi'(x)| < 1$ , for all  $x$  in the interval  $(a, b)$ .

Example:- Find smallest positive root of the eqn  $x^3 - x - 10 = 0$ , using iteration method or fixed point iteration method.

Soln: Since  $f(0) = -10$ ,  $f(1) = -10$ ,  $f(2) = -4$ ,  $f(3) = 14$ , and  $f(2)f(3) < 0$ , the smallest positive root lies in the interval  $(2, 3)$ .

Write  $x^3 - x - 10 = 0$  as

$$x^3 = x + 10 \Rightarrow x = (x+10)^{1/3} \Rightarrow \phi(x) = (x+10)^{1/3}$$

where  $\phi(x) = (x+10)^{1/3}$

Now

$$\phi'(x) = \frac{1}{3(x+10)^{2/3}}$$

Since  $|\phi'(x)| = \left| \frac{1}{3(x+10)^{2/3}} \right| < 1$  for all  $x \in (2, 3)$ ,

Hence, ~~we have~~

$x_{k+1} = (x_k + 10)^{1/3}$  converges.

Let  $x_0 = 2.5$ , then

$$x_1 = (2.5 + 10)^{1/3} = 2.3208$$

$$x_2 = (2.3208 + 10)^{1/3} = 2.3097$$

$$x_3 = (2.3097 + 10)^{1/3} = 2.3090$$

$$x_4 = (2.3090 + 10)^{1/3} = 2.3089$$

Hence

$$|x_4 - x_3| = 0.0001 < 0.0005$$

Hence the required root as  $x \approx 2.3089$