

Example 1:

Use the Newton Method to find a root of $x = 2\sin x$.

Let $f(x) = x - 2\sin x$. Then $f'(x) = 1 - 2\cos x$, and the Newton iteration is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{x_n - 2\sin x_n}{1 - 2\cos x_n}$$

Let $x_0 = 1.1$, $f'(1.1) = 0.092807757$ so we can use it. The next six estimates are:

X1	8.4529922
X2	5.2564136
X3	203.3841837
X4	118.0193304
X5	-87.4706733
X6	-203.664234

The result get worse. X1 quite far from X0, and X2 is far from X1. the chaotic continues. The trouble was caused by the choice of X0.

Let $X_0 = \pi/3$, $f'(\pi/3) = 0$. we can not use it because x_1 does not exist.

Let $X_0 = 1.5$, $f'(1.5) = 0.858525$ so we can use it. The next six estimates are:

X1	2.076558201
X2	1.910506616
X3	1.895622003
X4	1.895494276
X5	1.895494267
X6	1.895494267

The X5 agrees with X6 so the root is 1.895494267.

Example 2:

Newton's equation $y^3 - 2y - 5 = 0$ has a root near $y = 2$. Starting with $y_0 = 2$, compute y_1 , y_2 , and y_3 , the next three Newton-Raphson estimates for the root.

Let $f(x) = y^3 - 2y - 5$. Then $f'(x) = 3y^2 - 2$, and the Newton iteration is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{y^3 - 2y - 5}{3y^2 - 2}$$

Y0=2 then the Y1,Y2 and Y3 is

Y1	2.1
Y2	2.094568121
Y3	2.094551482

Example 3:

Use Newton's Method to find the only real root of the equation $\cos x = 2x$ correct to 9 decimal places

Let $f(x) = \cos x - 2x$, then $f'(x) = -\sin x - 2$, and the Newton iteration is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{\cos x_n - 2x_n}{-\sin x_n - 2}$$

Let $x_0 = 0.5$ $f'(0.5) = -2.4794255$ and $f(0.5) \approx 0$

X1	0.45063
X2	0.45018
X3	0.45018

with no further changes in the digits, to five decimal places. Therefore, to this degree of accuracy, the root is $x = 0.45018$

Example 4:

Use Newton's Method to find the only real root of the equation $x = \tan x$ correct to 9 decimal places

Let $f(x) = x - \tan x$, then $f'(x) = 1 - \sec^2 x$, and the Newton iteration is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{x_n - \tan x_n}{1 - \sec^2 x_n}$$

Let try $x_0 = 4$ then

X1	6.12016
X2	238.40428
X3	1957.26490

Clearly these numbers are not converging. We need to try a new initial guess.

Let's try $x_0 = 4.6$

X1	4.54573
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X2	4.50615
X3	4.49417
X4	4.49341
X5	4.49341

with no further changes in the digits, to five decimal places. Therefore, to this degree of accuracy, the root is $x = 4.49341$