

3. NEWTON RAPHSON METHOD:

The **Newton-Raphson method** (also known as Newton's method) is a way to quickly find a good approximation for the root of a real-valued function $f(x) = 0$. It uses the idea that a continuous and differentiable function can be approximated by a straight line tangent to it.

FORMULA:

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

ADVANTAGES:

1. Converges fast (quadratic convergence), if it converges.
2. Requires only one guess.

DISADVANTAGES:

Divergence at inflection points: Selection of the initial guess or iteration of the root that is close to the inflection point of the function $f(x)$ may start diverging away from the root in the Newton-Raphson method.

Example:

$$f(x) = \cos x - x e^x$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f(1) = -2.17$$

So, points are (0,1).

$$f' = -\sin x - x e^x + e^x$$

Now put in

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

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{(\cos x - x e^x)}{(-\sin x - x e^x + e^x)}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{\cos x_n - x_n e^{x_n}}{e^{x_n} - x_n e^{x_n} - \sin x_n}$$

$$x_0 = -1.86$$

$$n = 0$$

$$x_1 = -1.8631$$

$$n=2$$

$$x_2=-1.8638$$

$$n=3$$

$$x_3=-1.8640$$

$$n=4$$

$$x_4=-1.8640$$

Hence, roots are -1.8640 for Newton-Raphson method.

Error:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Formula for error is: } |Ea| &= \left| \frac{x_{new} - x_{old}}{x_{new}} \right| \times 100 \\ &= \left| \frac{1.8640 - 1.8640}{1.8640} \right| \times 100 \\ &= 0\%.\end{aligned}$$

