

Method of false position or Regula-falsi (7) method

This method is used for finding the real root of an eq. $f(x) = 0$ & closely resembles the bisection method.

Choose $x_0 \in x_1$ s.t. $f(x_0) \cdot f(x_1) < 0$

Eqⁿ of the chord joining $A[x_0, f(x_0)] \in B[x_1, f(x_1)]$ is

$$y - f(x_0) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} (x - x_0) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

The method consists of replacing the curve AB by means of the chord AB and taking the pt. of intersection of the chord with the x -axis as an approximation to the root. So the abscissa of the pt. where the chord cuts the x -axis ($y=0$) is given by.

$$x_2 = x_0 - \frac{x_1 - x_0}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)} f(x_0)$$

which is the approximation to the root.

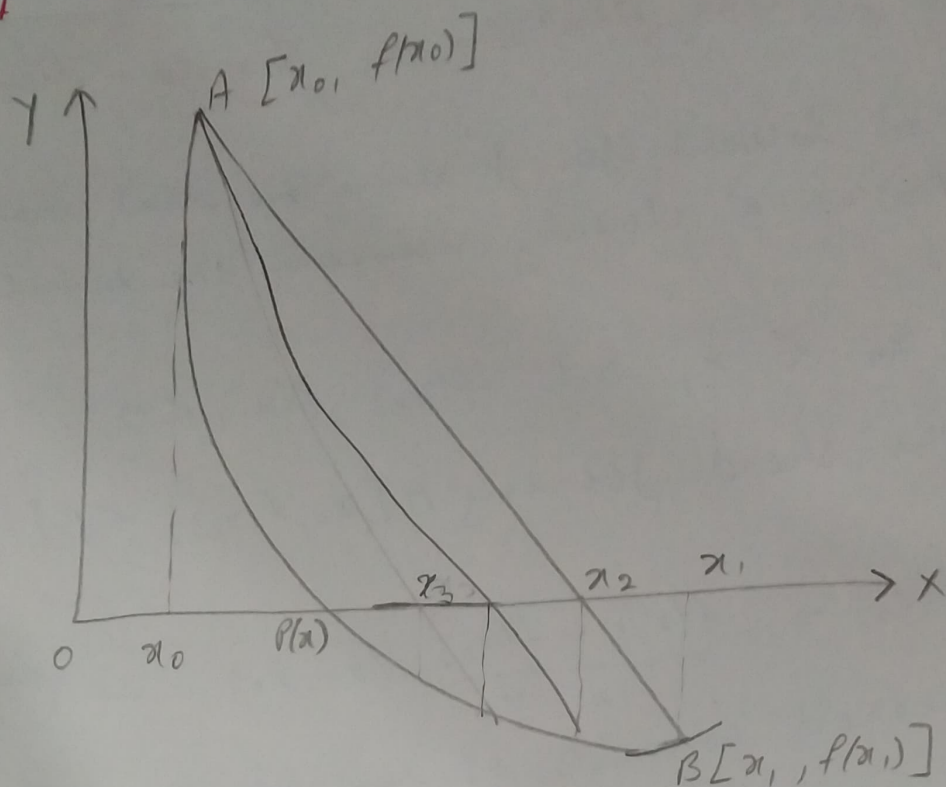
Repeat the procedure until the root is found to the desired accuracy.

Remark:- 1) Rate of convergence (ROC) is much faster than that of bisection method.

2) Linear Rate of convergence.

Q. Apply bisection method to

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Ans.

Find a real root of the eq. $x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0$ by the method of false position correct to 3 decimal places.

Ans. Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 5$
 $f(2) = -1 < f(3) = 16$

∴ root lies b/w 2 & 3.

∴ taking $x_0 = 2$, $x_1 = 3$, $f(x_0) = -1$, $f(x_1) = 16$, in

the method of false position, we get.

$$x_2 = x_0 - \frac{x_1 - x_0}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)} \cdot f(x_0) = 2 + \frac{1}{17} = 2.0588$$

$$f(x_2) = f(2.0588) = -0.3908$$

∴ the root lies b/w 2.0588 and 3.

taking $x_0 = 2.0588$, $x_1 = 3$, $f(x_0) = -0.3908$,

$$f(x_1) = 16$$

$$x_3 = 2.0588 - \frac{0.9412}{16.3908} (-0.3908) = 2.0813$$

Repeating this process, the successive approximations are.

$$x_4 = 2.0862, \quad x_5 = 2.0915, \quad x_6 = 2.0934,$$

$$x_7 = 2.0941, \quad x_8 = 2.0943$$

Hence, the root is 2.094 correct to 3 decimal places.

Newton-Raphson Method or Newton's Iteration method or method of Tangents

Let x_0 be an approximate root of the equation

$f(x) = 0$. If $x_1 = x_0 + h$ be the exact root, then $f(x_1) = 0$

\therefore expanding $f(x_0 + h)$ by Taylor's series

$$f(x_0) + h f'(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x_0) + \dots = 0$$

Since h is small, neglecting h^2 & higher powers of h , we get.

$$f(x_0) + h f'(x_0) \approx 0 \quad \text{or} \quad h = -\frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

\therefore a closer approximation to the root is given by

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

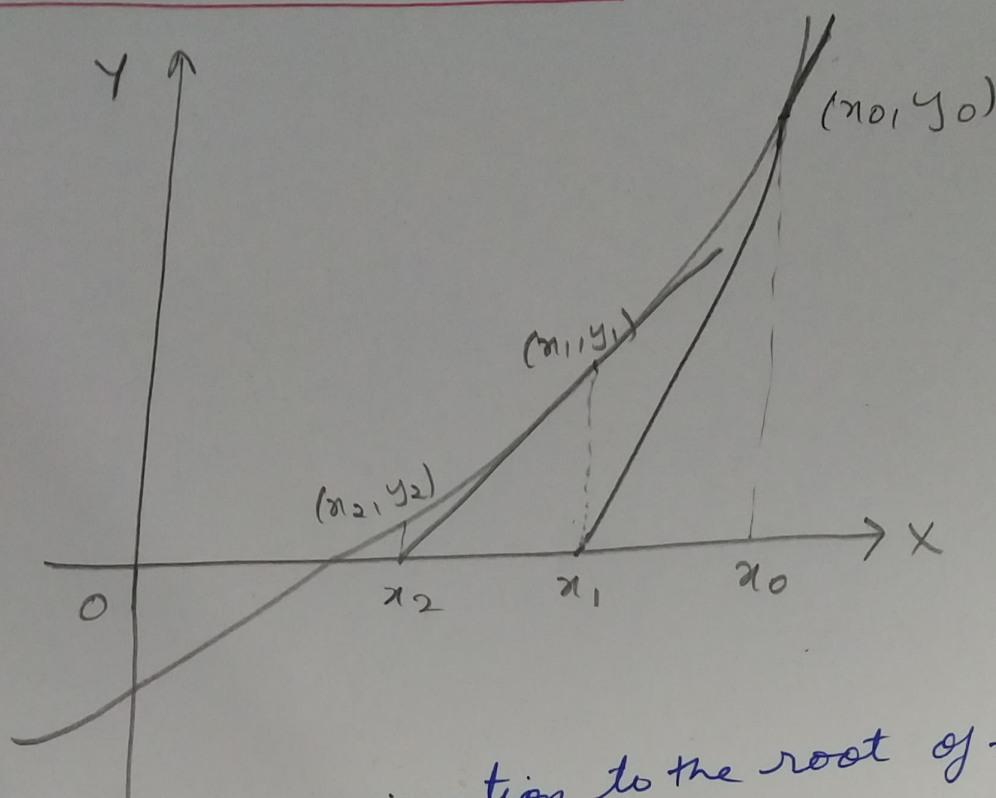
Similarly, starting with x_1 , a still better approx. x_2 is given by.

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

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

Note Newton's method has a second order of quadratic Cgs.

Geometrical Interpretation



Let x_0 is an approximation to the root of $f(x) = 0$.
we find the eq. of tangent at (x_0, y_0) to the graph
of the curve $y = f(x)$ where $y_0 = f(x_0)$. let this
tangent meets x -axis at x_1 , then x_1 will be the next
approximation and we find (x_1, y_1) on the graph
& draw tangent at (x_1, y_1) to the curve $y = f(x)$.
Its intersection with x -axis will be x_2 .
Proceeding in this way, when approximation x_n is
found then intersection of tangent at (x_n, y_n)
with x -axis will give the next approx. x_{n+1} .

Ques: Find the positive root of $x^4 - x = 10$ correct to 3 decimal places, using N-R method.

Ans: Let $f(x) = x^4 - x - 10$

s.t $f(1) = -10$ (ve) , $f(2) = 16 - 2 - 10 = 4$ (ve)

\therefore a root lies b/w 1 & 2.

Let us take $x_0 = 2$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 1$$

N-R formula is

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

Let $n=0$,

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 2 - \frac{f(2)}{f'(2)} = 1.871$$

Let $n=1$,

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = \frac{(1.871)^4 - (1.871) - 10}{4(1.871)^3 - 1} \\ &= 1.856 \end{aligned}$$

Let $n=2$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = 1.856$$

Here $x_2 = x_3$. Hence the desired root is 1.856 correct to 3 decimal places.