

Nonlinear Equations in One Variable

(The Secant Method, Newton-Raphson Method)

Lecture-2

Objective:

To find the root of a nonlinear equation in on variable with the help of

- **Secant methods**
- **Newton-Raphson methods.**

The Secant Method

In **Secant** method two values of x near the root is used and the root is approximated by the x -intercept of the secant line (chord) joining the two points.

Algorithm:

Step-1: Calculate the next estimated of the root from two initial guess using the following formula

$$x_{n+2} = x_{n+1} - \frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{f(x_{n+1}) - f(x_n)} f(x_{n+1}) \quad n \geq 1$$

Step-2: In selecting, x_1 and x_2 care should be taken so that , x_2 is closer to the root than x_1 to get rapid convergence. This can be achieved by selecting x_1 and x_2 such that $|f(x_2)| < |f(x_1)|$

Step-3: Repeat the process until $|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq \varepsilon$, where ε is the specified accuracy.

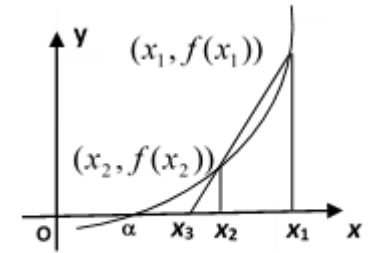


Fig.4.3 The Secant Method

Problems and Solutions

Example: Find the root of $f(x) = \cos x + 2 \sin x + x^2$ using secant method initiating with $x_1 = 0$ and $x_2 = -0.1$.

Solution:

| n | x_n | $f(x_n)$ |
|---|---------|----------|
| | | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | |
| 1 | -0.1 | 0.805 |
| | | |
| 2 | -0.5137 | 0.152 |
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| 3 | -0.6100 | 0.046 |
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| 4 | -0.6518 | 0.007 |
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$$x_2 = x_1 + \frac{x_1 - x_0}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)} f(x_1)$$

$$x_3 = x_2 + \frac{x_2 - x_1}{f(x_2) - f(x_1)} f(x_2)$$

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| 1 | -0.1000 | 0.805 |
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| 3 | -0.6100 | 0.046 |
| 4 | -0.6518 | 0.007 |
| 5 | -0.6588 | 0.000 |

The root correct to 1 decimal place(s) ≈ -0.7

Exercise

Given the following polynomial equations and an interval.

a. $x^3 - 5x + 1 = 0$; $[2, 3]$,

c. $x^4 - 2x - 5 = 0$; $[0, 2]$,

b. $x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 5 = 0$; $[1, 2]$,

d. $x^4 + x^2 - 80 = 0$; $[2.90, 2.92]$.

Apply secant method to estimate the root correct to 2 d.p. in the last interval acquired by using bisection method.

Advantages and Drawbacks: The secant Method

Advantages:

- ❑ It converges faster.

Drawbacks:

- ❑ Division by zero.
- ❑ Root jumping.

Outcome

By applying **Secant method**, nonlinear equations in one variable can be solved to find roots (approximately) of the equation, And it converges faster than bisection method, although it has few drawbacks.

Newton-Raphson Method

In this method, the root of the equation $f(x) = 0$ is approximated by the x -intercept of the tangent line through a guess value x_0 . Newton-Raphson formula can be written as follows

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad , n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Algorithm:

Step-1: Calculate $f'(x)$ symbolically.

Step-2: Substitute $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ in the formula.

Step-3: Choose a suitable starting value for x_0

Step-4: Repeat the process until $|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq \varepsilon$, where ε is the specified accuracy.

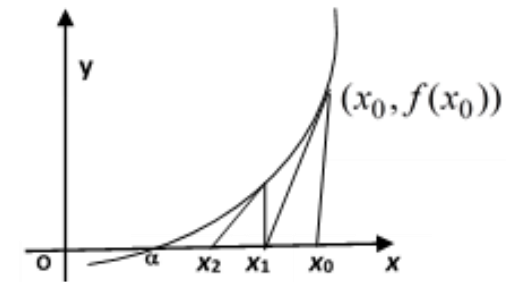


Fig.4.4 Newton-Raphson Method

Problems and Solutions

- Example:** Consider the function $f(x) = \sin x + 3x - 1$.
- Perform one iteration using Newton-Raphson formula for finding its root near $x = 0$.
 - Write MATLAB syntax for finding the root in $[0, 1]$ using MATLAB function “**fzero**”.

Solution:

i.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \sin x + 3x - 1 \\f'(x) &= \cos x + 3 \\f(0) &= -1, \quad f'(0) = 4 \\x_1 &= 0 - \frac{-1}{4} = 0.25\end{aligned}$$

N-R formula

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

ii. MATLAB code:

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>> F=@(x) sin(x)+3*x-1; %function using handle  
>> Sol = fzero(F, [0,1]) % use of fzero
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Sol =  
0.2507
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- ☐ Write down an iteration formula based on Newton-Raphson method.
- ☐ Perform one iteration using the above formula with a suitable value in the given interval to estimate the root to 2 d.p.
- ☐ Write down MATLAB codes to execute the iteration four times.

(a) Suitable Value in the interval $[2, 3]$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 5x + 1$$
$$f(2) = -1 \quad f(3) = 13 \quad f(2.5) = 4.125$$

The suitable starting value is $x_0 = 2$ (since $f(2) = -1$ is closer to 0)

Advantages and Drawbacks: Newton-Raphson Method

Advantages:

- ☐ It converges faster.
- ☐ Requires only one guess.

Drawbacks:

- ☐ Division by zero.
- ☐ Root jumping.
- ☐ Inflection point issue.

Outcome

By applying **Newton-Raphson method**, nonlinear equations in one variable can be solved to find roots (approximately) of the equation, although it has few drawbacks.

1. What is the formula to find the root of the polynomial by Secant method?

a) $x_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$, **b)** $x_{n+2} = x_{n+1} - \frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{f(x_{n+1}) - f(x_n)} f(x_{n+1})$, **c)** $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$, **d) None**

2. The next iterative value of the root of $x^2 - 4 = 0$ using secant method, if the initial guesses are 3 and 4, is-

a) 2.2857 , **b)** 2.5000 , **c)** 5.5000 , **d)** 5.7143

3. What is the formula to find the root of the polynomial by Newton-Raphson method?

a) $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$, **b)** $x_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$, **c)** $y - f(x_0) = f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$

4. What is the derivative of the function $f(x) = 2\cos 3x + 2 - x$?

a) $f'(x) = -6\sin 3x - 1$, **b)** $f'(x) = -4\sin 2x - 1$, **c)** $f'(x) = -\sin 2x - 1$ **d) None**

5. The next iterative value of the root of $x^2 - 4 = 0$ using Newton Raphson method with initial value 3

a) 2.166 , b) 2.5000 , c) 5.5000 , d) 5.7143