Newton's Iteration

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Background

The problem: How can we calculate the roots of a function?

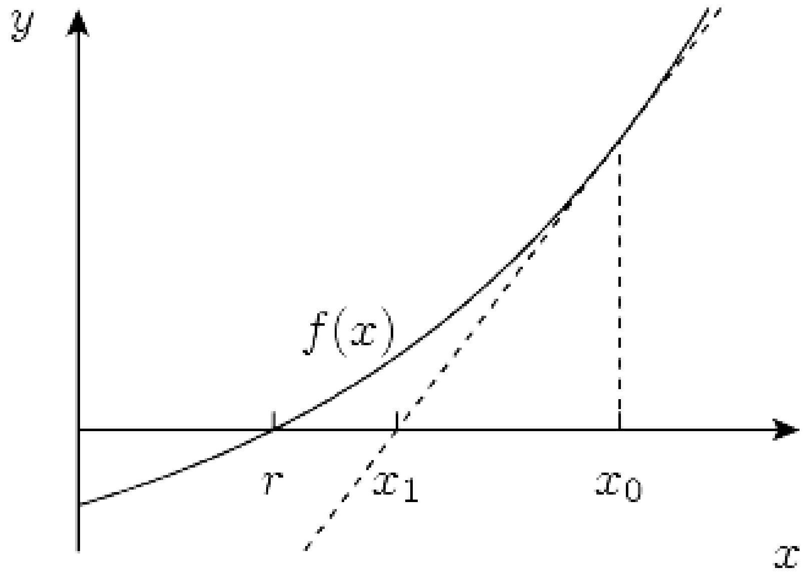
Newton's Iteration (also known as Newton's Method or the Newton-Raphson Method) is a numerical analysis method of approximating the roots of a function.

Applications of this method:

- Finding roots of functions
- Finding roots of numbers (ex: $\sqrt{77}$)
- Division
- Reciprocals (ex: the reciprocal of 77 is $\frac{1}{77}$)

Algorithm

1. Start with a given estimate, x_0.
2. Find the tangent line of the function at x_0.
3. The point at which this tangent line intersects with the x-axis becomes the next estimate, x_1.
4. Repeat the process until the estimate starts to converge.



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This process can be described with the following equation:

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

Deriving the equation

- The slope of the tangent line at (x0, f(x0)) can be expressed as the following equation: f'(x0)=f(x0) – 0 / x0-x1, obtained by inserting the points (x0, f(x0)) and (x1, 0) into the slope formula m = y2-y1 / x2-x1.
- Solve the slope formula for x1:
- (x0-x1) f'(x0)=f(x0) - 0
- x0-x1=f(x0)f'(x1)
- x1=x0-f(x0)f'(x0)
- If we derive the equation for x2, we will end up with x2=x1-f(x1)f'(x1)and so on for x3,x4…. The sequence can be summarized with the Newton Iteration equation.

Example: Use Newton's Iteration to solve for $\sqrt[5]{1000}$. Start with $x_0 = 3.5$ and estimate root up to x_4

- $\sqrt[5]{1000} = 1000^{\frac{1}{5}} = x$
- $x - 1000^{\frac{1}{5}} = 0$
- $f(x) = x^5 - 1000$
- $f'(x) = 5x^4$
- x1=3.5-f(3.5)/f'(3.5)=4.132778009
- x2=4.132778009-f(4.132778009)/f'(4.132778009)=3.991807286
- x3=3.991807286-f(3.991807286)/f'(3.991807286)=3.9811209306
- x4=3.9811209306-f(3.9811209306)/f'(3.9811209306)=3.981071707
- Root calculated on a TI-84 calculator = 3.981071706

Division Using Newton’s Iteration

Division (and the reciprocal of *b*) can be expressed as: $\frac{1}{b}$

We will express this as $\frac{1}{b}$ = *x*.

$$b - \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$f(x) = b - x^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = x - 2$$

Substitute f(x) and f’(x) into the recurrence equation and simplify:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{b - x_n^{-1}}{x_n^{-2}}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n(2 - bx_n)$$

Example: Calculate 1/115 using Newton's Iteration. Start with $x_0 = .001$

- x1=.001(2-115 • .001) =.001885
- x2=.001885(2-115 • .001885)=.0033613791
- x3=.0033613791(2-115 • .0033613791)=.0054233882
- x4=.0054233882(2-115 • .0054233882)=.0074642653
- x5=.0074642653(2-115 • .0074642653) =.0085212761
- Quotient calculated on a T1-84 calculator = .0086956522

Divide and Conquer

Code

Time Complexity

Thank you.