

Lab Task 1 Root-Finding Algorithms - Newton's Method vs. Secant Method

Problem Statement

1. Function to solve:

Use the following function as a test case:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$$

This function has a root in the interval $[1, 4]$.

2. Implement:

- **Newton's Method**
- **Secant Method**

Each method should be implemented as a separate function.

3. Calculate Error:

For each iteration, calculate the error E_n as the absolute difference between the current and previous approximations:

$$E_n = |x_n - x_{n-1}|$$

Use this error measure to evaluate how quickly each method converges to the root.

4. Stopping Criteria:

- Stop each method when the error E_n is less than a tolerance level $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$.
- Alternatively, you may stop if the method reaches a maximum of 100 iterations to avoid infinite loops.

Desired Output:

1. Estimated root in both method
2. Error calculated in both method
3. Plot errors found in each iteration for both methods to show how the error minimized in both case.