


Lecture 4  
On  
**Numerical Methods** & Computer Programming

**Topic: Iteration Method**

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INTRODUCTION

- ✓ In various applications of Engineering the Linear Algebraic Equations occurs quite often.
- ✓ The Solution of such system of the Equations can be obtained by Direct Methods or Iterative Method.
- ✓ Here we are Going to Talk about the ITERATIVE METHOD used in Engineering.

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ITERATIVE METHODS

- ✓ Whenever the Algebraic Equations contains large no of equations at that time DIRECT METHOD becomes lengthy and Time Consuming Headache.
- ✓ In this Case the Iteration methods plays a Vital Role by being the Substitute of the Method.
- ✓ In Iterative methods we start from an Initial Approximation to actual Solution & obtain the better Approximation after Repeating the ITERATION. This method gives Desired Accuracy.

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### 2.4 THE ITERATION METHOD

We have so far discussed root-finding methods, which require the interval in which the root lies. We now describe methods which require one or more starting values of  $x$ . These values need not necessarily bracket the root. The first is the iteration method, which requires one starting value of  $x$ .

To describe this method for finding the roots of the equation

$$f(x) = 0, \tag{2.1}$$

we rewrite this equation in the form

$$x = \phi(x). \tag{2.8}$$


There are many ways of doing this. For example, the equation

$$x^3 + x^2 - 1 = 0$$

can be expressed as either of the forms:

$$x = (1+x)^{-1/2}, \quad x = (1-x^3)^{1/2}, \quad x = (1-x^2)^{1/3}, \dots$$

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**Example 2.6** Find a real root of the equation  $x^3 + x^2 - 1 = 0$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$  with an accuracy of  $10^{-4}$ .

To find this root, we rewrite the given equation in the form

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}} \quad (i)$$

Thus

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}}, \quad \phi'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(x+1)^{3/2}}$$

and

$$\max_{[0,1]} |\phi'(x)| = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{8}} = k = 0.17678 < 0.2.$$

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Hence when the absolute value of the difference does not exceed 0.0004, the required accuracy will be achieved and then the iteration can be terminated.

Starting with  $x_0 = 0.75$ , we obtain the following table:

| $n$ | $x_n$     | $\sqrt{x_n+1}$ | $x_{n+1} = 1/\sqrt{x_n+1}$ |
|-----|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 0   | 0.75      | 1.3228756      | 0.7559289                  |
| 1   | 0.7559289 | 1.3251146      | 0.7546517                  |
| 2   | 0.7546517 | 1.3246326      | 0.7549263                  |

At this stage, we find that

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| = 0.7549263 - 0.7546517 = 0.0002746,$$

which is less than 0.0004. The iteration is therefore terminated and the root to the required accuracy is 0.7549.

**Ex.** Find the real root of equation  $x^3 - 9x + 1 = 0$ , upto 3-decimal place.

Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 9x + 1 = 0$  (Case-II:  $x^3 = 9x - 1 \Rightarrow x = (9x - 1)^{1/3} = \phi(x)$ )

$f(0) = 1, f(1) = 1 - 9 + 1 = -7$   
 $f(2) = -9 < 0, f(3) = 1 > 0$   
 Since root of  $f(x) = 0$  lies b/w 2 and 3 so taking  $x_0 = 2.7$

(Case-III: Again by (1)  $9x = x^3 + 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{x^3 + 1}{9} = \phi(x)$ )

$\phi'(x) = \frac{3x^2}{9} = \frac{x^2}{3} = \frac{(2.7)^2}{3} > 1$

Case-I: writing  $f(x) = 0$  as  $x(x^2 - 9) + 1 = 0$   
 $x = \frac{-1}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{1}{9 - x^2} = \phi(x)$

$\phi'(x) = \frac{2x}{(9 - x^2)^2}$   
 $\phi'(2.7) = \frac{5.4}{2.924} > 1$

Since In case-II satisfy the condition  $|\phi'(x)| < 1$  so taking  $x_{n+1} = (9x_n - 1)^{1/3}$  [iteration formula]

$n=0, x_1 = (9 \times 0 - 1)^{1/3} = (-1)^{1/3} = -1$   
 $n=1, x_2 = (9 \times 1 - 1)^{1/3} = (8)^{1/3} = 2.8562$   
 $n=2, x_3 = (9 \times 2.8562 - 1)^{1/3} = (25.7058)^{1/3} = 2.9427$   
 $n=3, x_4 = (9 \times 2.9427 - 1)^{1/3} = (26.4843)^{1/3} = 2.9428$

Here the real root is  $x = 2.9427$

**Example-1**

## APPLICATIONS

- Analysis of the Circuit containing the Invariant Elements.
- Determination of Output of Chemical Plants.
- **Study of the Civil Engineering Structures.**
- Problems of Layered Media in Siesmology etc.



## Home work

Find a positive root of the equation  $xe^x = 1$ , which lies between 0 to 1.



*Thank You*

