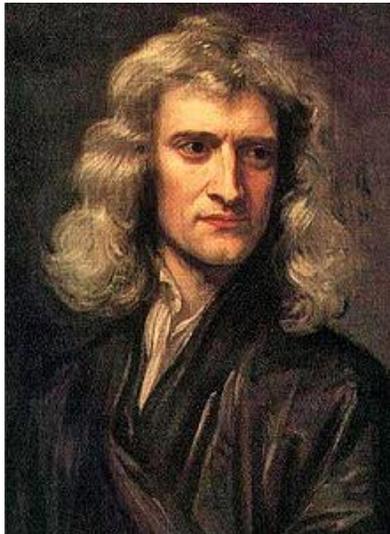


# Newton-Raphson Method

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**Isaac Newton**  
1669

*Joseph Raphson*

**Joseph Raphson**  
1690



**Thomas Simpson**  
1740

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# **Newton-Raphson Method**

General Development

# Fixed-point Method

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- Single nonlinear algebraic equation:

$$f(x) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = f(x) + x = g(x)$$

- Generate an iterative equation:

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) + x_n = g(x_n)$$

- A value  $x = s$  that satisfies  $s = g(s)$  is called a fixed point
- The fixed point also is a solution of  $f(s) = 0$

# Limitations of the Fixed-Point Method

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- The function  $g(x)$  is not unique
  - » Not obvious how to construct
- The method often exhibits divergence
  - » Not clear how to select  $g(x)$  and  $x_0$  to achieve convergence
- The method can exhibit very slow convergence
  - » Problematic for large systems of nonlinear algebraic equations
- More stable and faster converging methods are needed

# Newton-Raphson Method

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- First-order Taylor series expansion

$$0 = f(x) \cong f(\bar{x}) + \left( \frac{df}{dx} \right)_{(\bar{x})} (x - \bar{x})$$

- Iterative equation

$$f(x_{n+1}) = f(x_n) + \frac{df(x_n)}{dx} (x_{n+1} - x_n) = 0$$

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

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

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

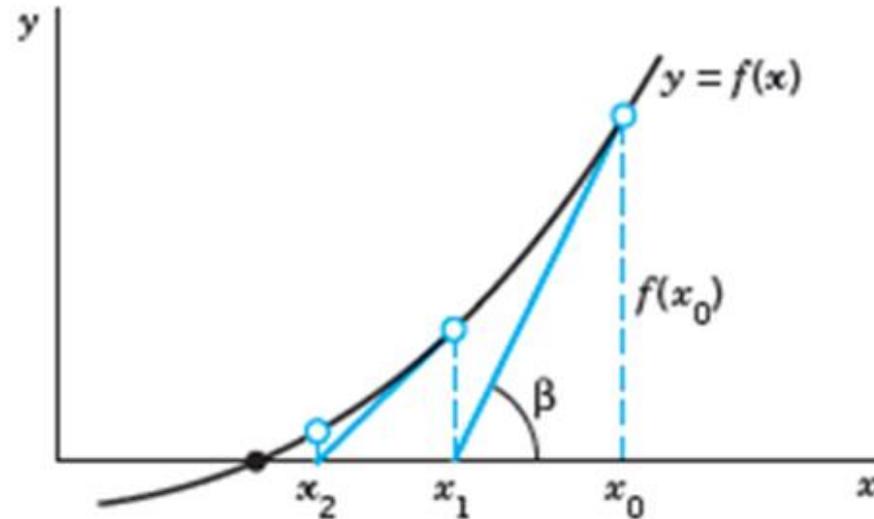


Fig. 428. Newton's method

- Newton-Raphson method offers better convergence properties than the fixed-point method
- This improved performance comes at the expense of needing to compute the derivative of  $f(x)$

# Convergence of the Newton-Raphson Method

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- Let  $f(x) = 0$  have a solution  $x = s$  and assume  $f(x)$  is three times differentiable, its first- and second-order derivatives are non-zero at  $x = s$  and  $x_0$  is sufficiently close to  $s$ .
- Then the Newton method is second-order and exhibit quadratic converge to  $s$ :

$$\varepsilon_n \equiv s - x_n \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\varepsilon_{n+1}| = c|\varepsilon_n|^2$$

- Caveats
  - » The method can converge slowly or even diverge for poorly chosen  $x_0$
  - » The solution obtained can depend on  $x_0$
  - » The method fails if the first-order derivative becomes zero (singularity)

# Practical Newton-Raphson Algorithm

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- Inputs

- » Functions:  $f(x)$  and  $df(x)/dx$

- » Initial guess:  $x_0$

- » Solution error tolerance:  $\delta$

- » Maximum number of iterations:  $N$

- Given  $x_n$ , compute  $x_{n+1}$  as:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{df(x_n)/dx}$$

- Continue until  $|x_{n+1} - x_n| < \delta|x_n|$  or  $n = N$

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# Newton-Raphson Method

Examples

# Newton-Raphson Example 1

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- Nonlinear equation:

$$f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 0.3820, 2.618$$

- Fixed point iteration:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = 2x - 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3 - 3x_n + 1}{2x_n - 3}$$

| Iteration | $x_0 = 1$ | $x_0 = 3$ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1         | 0         | 2.667     |
| 2         | 0.3333    | 2.619     |
| 3         | 0.3810    | 2.618     |
| 4         | 0.3820    | 2.618     |

# Newton-Raphson Example 2

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- Redlich-Kwong equation:

$$P = \frac{RT}{V-b} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{TV}(V+b)}$$

- Iterative equation:

$$f(V) = -P + \frac{RT}{V-b} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{TV}(V+b)} = 0$$

$$f'(V) = -\frac{RT(1)}{(V-b)^2} + \frac{a\sqrt{T}(2V+b)}{TV^2(V+b)^2}$$

$$V_{n+1} = V_n - \frac{f(V_n)}{f'(V_n)}$$

# Newton-Raphson Example 2

- Data for argon
  - »  $a = 16.82 \text{ L}^2 \cdot \text{bar} \cdot \text{mol}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{1/2}$
  - »  $b = 0.02219 \text{ L/mol}$
- Conditions
  - »  $P = 174 \text{ bar}$
  - »  $T = 390 \text{ K}$
- Gas constant:  $R = 0.08314 \text{ L} \cdot \text{bar} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$

| Iteration | $V_0 = 0.1$ | $V_0 = 1$             |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1         | 0.1423      | -3.392                |
| 2         | 0.1759      | -68.34                |
| 3         | 0.1871      | $-2.3 \times 10^4$    |
| 4         | 0.1879      | $-3.4 \times 10^9$    |
| 5         | 0.1879      | $-6.2 \times 10^{19}$ |

# Nonlinear Algebraic Equation Systems

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$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Newton-Raphson method:

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n - \left[ \frac{d\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)}{d\mathbf{x}} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

- Guess  $\mathbf{x}_0$

# The Jacobian Matrix

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- The Jacobian matrix is a  $n \times n$  matrix of partial derivatives:

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{d\mathbf{f}}{d\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- For a large system of equations, calculating  $\mathbf{J}$  requires considerable effort
- Many of the elements of  $\mathbf{J}$  may be identically zero

# Newton-Raphson Example 3

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- 2 coupled nonlinear algebraic equations

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2 \\ x_1 x_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

- Jacobian matrix

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & 2x_2 \\ x_2 & x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Newton-Raphson Example 3

- Iterative equation

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n - \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & 2x_2 \\ x_2 & x_1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2 \\ x_1x_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

| Iteration | $\mathbf{x}_0 = [3 \ 2]$ | $\mathbf{x}_0 = [300 \ 200]$ |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1         | [1.700 1.200]            | [150.0 100.0]                |
| 2         | [1.195 0.9448]           | [75.01 50.01]                |
| 3         | [1.065 0.9398]           | [37.51 25.01]                |
| 4         | [1.031 0.9688]           | [18.77 12.52]                |
| 5         | [1.016 0.9844]           | [9.418 6.292]                |
| 15        | [1.000 1.000]            | [1.002 0.9985]               |

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# **Newton-Raphson Method**

In-class Exercise

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# **Newton-Raphson Method**

Secant Method

# Secant Method

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- Motivation

- » Evaluation of  $df/dx$  is computationally expensive for large systems of equations
- » Want an efficient, derivative-free method

- Derivative approximation

$$\frac{df(x_n)}{dx} \simeq \frac{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})}{x_n - x_{n-1}}$$

- Secant algorithm

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

- Convergence

- » Superlinear:  $|\varepsilon_{n+1}| = c|\varepsilon_n|^m$   $1 < m < 2$
- » Slower but more efficient than Newton-Raphson ( $m = 2$ )

# Secant Example 1

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- Redlich-Kwong equation:

$$P = \frac{RT}{V-b} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{TV}(V+b)}$$

- Iterative equation:

$$f(V_n) = -P + \frac{RT}{V_n-b} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{TV_n}(V_n+b)} = 0$$

$$V_{n+1} = V_n - f(V_n) \frac{V_n - V_{n-1}}{f(V_n) - f(V_{n-1})}$$

# Secant Example 1

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| Iteration | $V_0 = 0.1, V_{-1} = 0.2$ |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1         | 0.1941                    |
| 2         | 0.1911                    |
| 3         | 0.1878                    |
| 4         | 0.1879                    |
| 5         | 0.1879                    |

# Secant Method for Equation Systems

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- Newton-Raphson method

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{J}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_n)\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

- Jacobian approximation for 2x2 system

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}_n) \cong \tilde{\mathbf{J}}(\mathbf{x}_n) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{f_1(x_{1,n}, x_{2,n}) - f_1(x_{1,n-1}, x_{2,n})}{x_{1,n} - x_{1,n-1}} & \frac{f_1(x_{1,n}, x_{2,n}) - f_1(x_{1,n}, x_{2,n-1})}{x_{2,n} - x_{2,n-1}} \\ \frac{f_2(x_{1,n}, x_{2,n}) - f_2(x_{1,n-1}, x_{2,n})}{x_{1,n} - x_{1,n-1}} & \frac{f_2(x_{1,n}, x_{2,n}) - f_2(x_{1,n}, x_{2,n-1})}{x_{2,n} - x_{2,n-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Secant method:

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n - \tilde{\mathbf{J}}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_n)\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)$$