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Newton-Raphson Method



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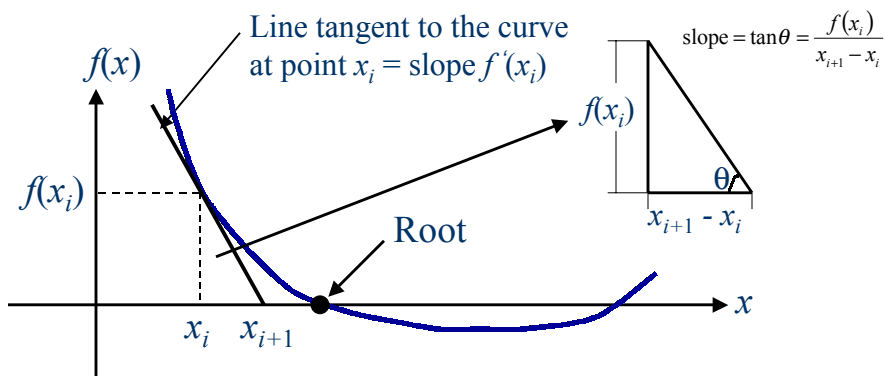
- Although the bisection method will always converge on the root, the rate of convergence is very slow.
- A faster method for converging on a single root of a function is the Newton-Raphson method.
- Perhaps it is the most widely used method of all locating formulas.



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Derivation of Newton-Raphson Method



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Derivation of Newton-Raphson Method

– Graphical Derivation

From the previous figure,

$$\text{Slope} = -f'(x_i) = \left. \frac{df(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=x_i} = \frac{f(x_i) - 0}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

or

$$x_{i+1} - x_i = \frac{f(x_i)}{-f'(x_i)}$$

or

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$



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Derivation of Newton-Raphson Method

– Derivation using Taylor Series

Recall Taylor series expansion,

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf^{(1)}(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0) + R_{n+1}$$

If we let $x_0 + h = x_i + h = x_{i+1}$ and terminate the series at its linear term, then

$$f(x_i + h) = f(x_i) + (x_{i+1} - x_i) f^{(1)}(x_i)$$

or

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + (x_{i+1} - x_i) f'(x_i)$$

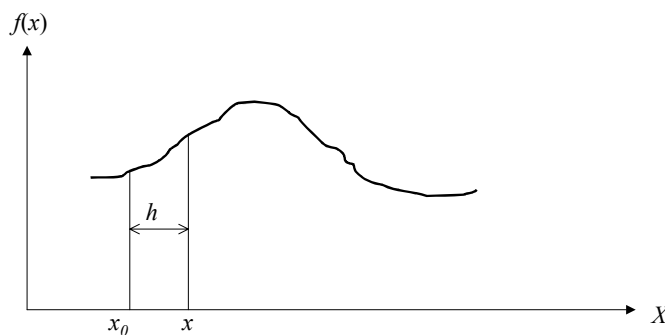


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– Derivation using Taylor Series

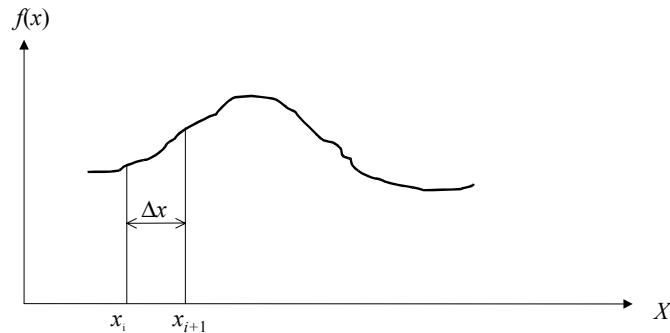




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■ Derivation of Newton-Raphson Method – Derivation using Taylor Series



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■ Derivation of Newton-Raphson Method

Note that since the root of the function relating $f(x)$ and x is the value of x when $f(x_{i+1}) = 0$ at the intersection, hence,

$$f(x_{i+1}) = 0 = f(x_i) + (x_{i+1} - x_i)f'(x_i)$$

or

$$(x_{i+1} - x_i)f'(x_i) = -f(x_i)$$

or

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

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■ Newton-Raphson Iteration

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

where

x_i = value of the root at iteration i

x_{i+1} = a revised value of the root at iteration $i + 1$

$f(x_i)$ = value of the function at iteration i

$f'(x_i)$ = derivative of $f(x)$ evaluated at iteration i

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■ Example 1

Use the Newton-Raphson iteration method to estimate the root of the following function employing an initial guess of $x_0 = 0$:

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

Let's find the derivative of the function first,

$$f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} = -e^{-x} - 1$$

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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

The initial guess is $x_0 = 0$, hence,

$$i = 0:$$

$$f(0) = e^{-(0)} - 0 = 1$$

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

$$f'(0) = -e^{-(0)} - 1 = -1 - 1 = -2 \quad f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} = -e^{-x} - 1$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 0 - \frac{1}{-2} = 0.5$$



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

Now $x_1 = 0.5$, hence,

$$i = 1$$

$$f(0.5) = e^{-(0.5)} - (0.5) = 0.1065$$

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

$$f'(0.5) = -e^{-(0.5)} - 1 = -1.6065 \quad f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} = -e^{-x} - 1$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = 0.5 - \frac{0.1065}{-1.6065} = 0.5663$$



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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

Now $x_2 = 0.5663$, hence,

$$f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} = -e^{-x} - 1$$

$$\underline{i = 2}$$

$$f(x_2) = e^{-(0.5663)} - (0.5663) = 0.001322$$

$$f'(x_2) = -e^{-(0.5663)} - 1 = -1.567622$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = 0.5663 - \frac{0.001322}{-1.567622} = 0.5671$$

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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

Now $x_3 = 0.5671$, hence,

$$f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx} = -e^{-x} - 1$$

$$\underline{i = 3}$$

$$f(x_3) = e^{-(0.5671)} - (0.5671) = 0.00006784$$

$$f'(x_3) = -e^{-(0.5671)} - 1 = -1.56716784$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

$$x_4 = x_3 - \frac{f(x_3)}{f'(x_3)} = 0.5671 - \frac{0.00006784}{-1.56716784} = 0.5671$$

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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

Thus, the approach rapidly converges on the true root of 0.5671 to four significant digits.

i	x_i	$f(x_i)$	$f'(x_i)$	Percent $ \epsilon_r $
0	0	1	-2	---
1	0.5	0.106531	-1.6065307	100
2	0.566311003	0.001305	-1.5676155	11.709291
3	0.567143165	1.96E-07	-1.5671434	0.14672871
4	0.56714329	4.44E-15	-1.5671433	2.2106E-05
5	0.56714329	0	-1.5671433	5.0897E-13

Hence, the root is 0.5671.



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■ Example 2

The following polynomial has a root within the interval $3.75 \leq x \leq 5.00$:

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8 = 0$$

If a tolerance of 0.001 (0.1%) is required, find this root using both the bisection and Newton-Raphson methods. Compare the rate of convergence on the root between the two methods.



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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

Bisection Method:

$$x_s = 3.75, \quad x_e = 5.00$$

$$i = 1$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8 = 0$$

$$x_m = \frac{x_s + x_e}{2} = \frac{3.75 + 5.00}{2} = 4.375$$

$$f(x_s) = f(3.75) = (3.75)^3 - (3.75)^2 - 10(3.75) - 8 = -6.828$$

$$f(x_m) = f(4.375) = (4.375)^3 - (4.375)^2 - 10(4.375) - 8 = 12.850$$

$$f(x_e) = f(5) = (5)^3 - (5)^2 - 10(5) - 8 = 42.000$$

$$f(x_s)f(x_m) < 0 \quad (\text{negative})$$

$$f(x_m)f(x_e) > 0 \quad (\text{positive})$$



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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

Bisection Method:

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8 = 0$$

$$x_s = 3.75 \quad x_e = 4.375$$

$$i = 2$$

$$x_m = \frac{x_s + x_e}{2} = \frac{3.75 + 4.375}{2} = 4.063$$

$$f(x_s) = f(3.75) = -6.828$$

$$f(x_m) = f(4.063) = 1.918$$

$$f(x_e) = f(4.375) = 12.850$$

$$f(x_s)f(x_m) < 0 \quad (\text{negative})$$

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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

Bisection Method:

Iteration i	x_s	x_m	x_e	$f(x_s)$	$f(x_m)$	$f(x_e)$	$f(x_s)f(x_m)$	$f(x_m)f(x_e)$	error ϵ_d	error ϵ_d
1	3.7500	4.3750	5.0000	-6.8281	12.8496	42.0000	-	+	---	---
2	3.7500	4.0625	4.3750	-6.8281	1.9182	12.8496	-	+	0.31250	7.69
3	3.7500	3.9063	4.0625	-6.8281	-2.7166	1.9182	+	-	0.15625	4.00
4	3.9063	3.9844	4.0625	-2.7166	-0.4661	1.9182	+	-	0.07813	1.96
5	3.9844	4.0234	4.0625	-0.4661	0.7092	1.9182	-	+	0.03906	0.97
6	3.9844	4.0039	4.0234	-0.4661	0.1174	0.7092	-	+	0.01953	0.49
7	3.9844	3.9941	4.0039	-0.4661	-0.1754	0.1174	+	-	0.00977	0.24
8	3.9941	3.9990	4.0039	-0.1754	-0.0293	0.1174	+	-	0.00488	0.12
9	3.9990	4.0015	4.0039	-0.0293	0.0440	0.1174	-	+	0.00244	0.06
10	3.9990	4.0002	4.0015	-0.0293	0.0073	0.0440	-	+	0.00122	0.03
11	3.9990	3.9996	4.0002	-0.0293	-0.0110	0.0073	+	-	0.00061	0.02
12	3.9996	3.9999	4.0002	-0.0110	-0.0018	0.0073	+	-	0.00031	0.01
13	3.9999	4.0001	4.0002	-0.0018	0.0027	0.0073	-	+	0.00015	0.00
14	3.9999	4.0000	4.0001	-0.0018	0.0005	0.0027	-	+	0.00008	0.00
15	3.9999	4.0000	4.0000	-0.0018	-0.0007	0.0005	+	-	0.00004	0.00

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■ Example 2 (cont'd)

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8$$

Newton-Raphson Iteration:

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 10$$

The initial guess is $x_0 = 3.75$, hence,

$i = 0$:

$$f(3.75) = (3.75)^3 - (3.75)^2 - 10(3.75) - 8 = -6.8281$$

$$f'(3.75) = 3(3.75)^2 - 2(3.75) - 10 = 24.6875$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 3.75 - \frac{-6.8281}{24.6875} = 4.0266$$

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■ Example 2 (cont'd) $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8$

Newton-Raphson Iteration: $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 10$

Now we have $x_1 = 4.0266$, hence,

$i = 1:$

$$f(4.0266) = 0.8052$$

$$f'(4.0266) = 30.5869$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = 4.0266 - \frac{0.8052}{30.5869} = 4.0003$$



Newton-Raphson Method

■ Example 2 (cont'd)

i	x_i	$f(x_i)$	$f'(x_i)$	$ \epsilon_d $	Percent $ \epsilon_r $
0	3.75	-6.8281	24.688	---	---
1	4.0266	0.8053	30.587	0.2766	6.87
2	4.0003	0.0077	30.006	0.0263	0.66
3	4	7E-07	30	0.0003	0.01
4	4	3E-14	30	0.0000	0.00
5	4	0	30	0.0000	0.00

The rate of convergence with Newton-Raphson iteration is much faster than the bisection method.

N-R method converges to the exact root in 3 iterations.



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■ Pitfalls of the Newton-Raphson Method

– Nonconvergence

- Nonconvergence can occur if the initial estimate is selected such that the derivative of the function equals zero.
- In such case, $f(x_i)$ would be zero and $f(x_i) / f'(x_i)$ would go to infinity.

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{0} \Rightarrow \infty$$



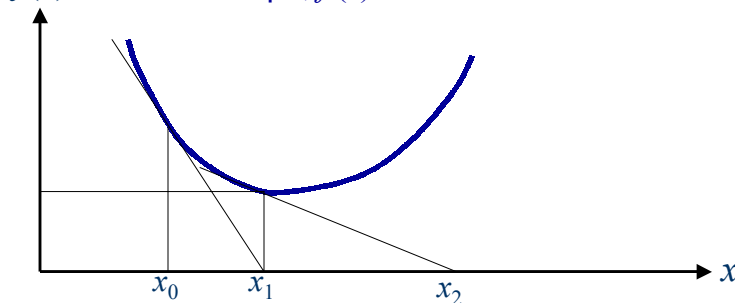
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■ Pitfalls of the Newton-Raphson Method

– Nonconvergence

- Zero Slope, $f'(x) = 0$





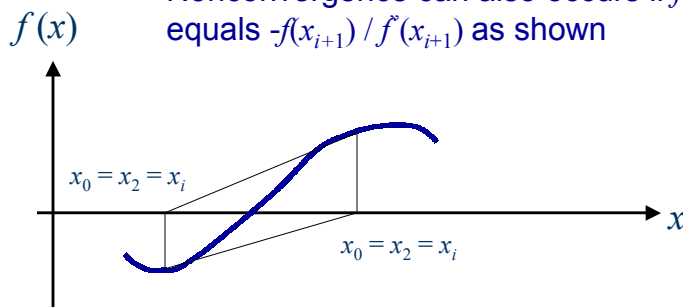
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■ Pitfalls of the Newton-Raphson Method

– Nonconvergence

- Nonconvergence can also occur if $f(x_i) / f'(x_i)$ equals $-f(x_{i+1}) / f'(x_{i+1})$ as shown



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■ Pitfalls of the Newton-Raphson Method

– Excessive Iteration

- A large number of iterations will be required if the value of $f'(x_i)$ is much larger than $f(x_i)$.
- In this case, $f(x_i) / f'(x_i)$ is small, which leads to a smaller adjustment at each iteration.
- This situation can occur, for example, when the root of a polynomial is near zero.

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)} = x_i - \text{small number}$$

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- A potential problem in utilizing Newton-Raphson method is the evaluation of the derivative.
- Although this is not true for polynomials and many other functions, there are certain functions whose derivatives may be extremely difficult or inconvenient to evaluate.



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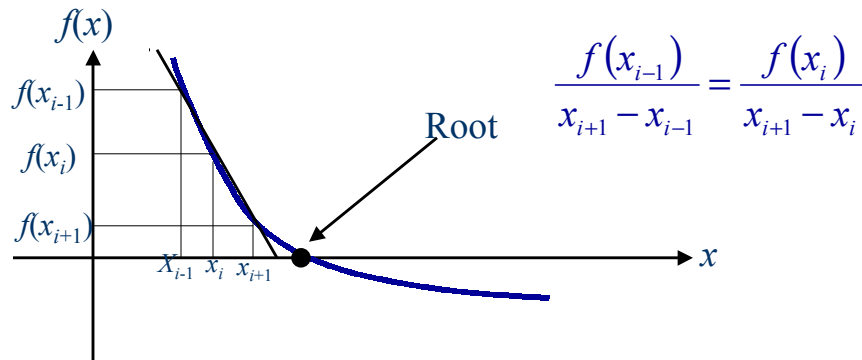
- The secant method is similar to the Newton-Raphson method with the difference that the derivative $f'(x)$ is numerically evaluated, rather computed analytically.

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Development of the Secant Method



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Development of the Secant Method

– Using the geometric similarities of two triangles of the previous figure, Hence

$$\frac{f(x_{i-1})}{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}} = \frac{f(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

or

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)[x_{i-1} - x_i]}{f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)}$$

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Secant Method



■ The Secant Method

A new estimate of the root can be obtained using values of the function $f(x_i)$ and $f(x_{i-1})$ at two other estimates x_i and x_{i-1} of the root, and applying the following iterative procedure:

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)[x_{i-1} - x_i]}{f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)}$$

Secant Method



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■ Example 1

Use the secant method to estimate the root of the following function:

$$f(x) = e^{-x} - x$$

Start with initial estimates of $x_{i-1} = 0$ and $x_i = 1$.

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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

First iteration, $i = 1$:

$$x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = e^{-(0)} - (0) = 1$$

$$x_1 = 1 \Rightarrow f(1) = e^{-(1)} - 1 = -0.63212$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)[x_0 - x_1]}{f(x_0) - f(x_1)} = 1 - \frac{-0.63212[0 - 1]}{1 - (-0.63212)} = 0.61270$$

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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

Second iteration, $i = 2$:

$$x_1 = 1, \Rightarrow f(x_1) = -0.63212$$

$$x_2 = 0.61270, \Rightarrow f(0.61270) = -0.07081$$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)[x_1 - x_2]}{f(x_1) - f(x_2)} = 0.61270 - \frac{-0.07081[1 - 0.61270]}{-0.63212 - (-0.07081)} = 0.56384$$

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■ Example 1 (cont'd)

Third iteration, $i = 3$:

$$x_2 = 0.61270, \Rightarrow f(x_1) = -0.07081$$

$$x_3 = 0.56384, \Rightarrow f(0.56384) = 0.00518$$

$$x_4 = x_3 - \frac{f(x_3)(x_2 - x_3)}{f(x_2) - f(x_3)} = 0.56384 - \frac{0.00518[0.61270 - 0.56384]}{-0.07081 - 0.00518} = 0.56717$$

$$f(0.56717) = -0.00004$$

Hence, the root is 0.56717 to 4 significant digits.

Polynomial Reduction



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- After one root of a polynomial has been found, the process can be repeated using a new estimate.
- However, if proper consideration is not given to the selection of the new initial estimate of the second root, then application of some method might result in the same root being found.



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■ Definition

Polynomial reduction states that if the polynomial $f(x)$ equals zero and root x_1 is the root of $f(x)$, then there is a reduced polynomial $f^*(x)$ such that $(x - x_1)f^*(x) = 0$, where

$$f^*(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x - x_1}$$

If $f(x)$ is a polynomial of order n , the reduced polynomial is of order $n - 1$.



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■ Example

Using Newton-Raphson iteration, a root of $x_1 = 4$ was found for the following polynomial: $x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8$. Reduce this polynomial.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + 3x^2 + 2 \\
 x-4 \overline{) x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8} \\
 \underline{x^3 - 4x^2} \\
 3x^2 - 10x \\
 \underline{3x^2 - 12x} \\
 2x - 8 \\
 \underline{2x - 8} \\
 0 = \text{error}
 \end{array}$$



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■ Example

- The reduced polynomial $x^2 + 3x + 2$ can be used to find additional roots for the original polynomial $x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8$.
- Any other method then can be used to find a root of the reduced polynomial, and the polynomial can be reduced again using polynomial reduction until all of the roots are found.