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1. Apply Newton's Method to  $f(x) = -x^4 + 3x^2 + 2$  with starting guess  $x_0 = 1$ .

Do we observe convergence? What happens if we change the choice of  $x_0$  to 0? What about  $x_0 = 2$ ?

2. Apply the Secant Method to the choice of  $f(x)$  above with your choice of initial two guesses  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ . Do you observe convergence?

3. Based on the experience of the above two methods, what would your choice of method be ? Please justify.