

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

## Last class: applications of Newton's Method

Replace complicated function & transform to Root finding problem.

$\sqrt{3} \rightarrow ?$  solve for  $x = +\sqrt{3} ?$

$$x = +\sqrt{3} \rightarrow x^2 = (+\sqrt{3})^2 = 3$$

$$x^2 = 3$$

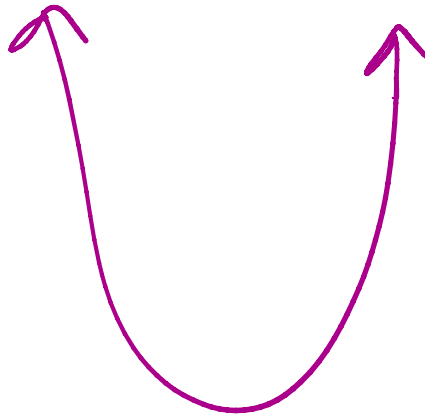
$$x^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$-\sqrt{3}$$

$$+\sqrt{3}$$

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

$$x_0 = 1.7$$



Second Application :

Replace the DIVISION operation

$$b > 0$$

$$1/b = ?$$

find  $x$  such that  $x = 1/b$

\* No Division operation involved!

~~$$x = \sqrt{3} \rightarrow x^2 = 3$$~~

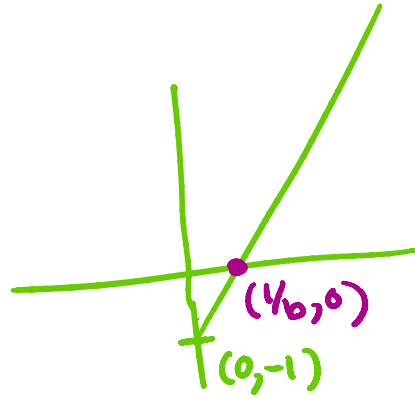
$$x = 1/b$$



$$bx = 1$$

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$$f(x) := bx - 1 = 0$$



$$f(x) = bx - 1$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$= x_n - \frac{(bx_n - 1)}{b}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{bx_n}{b} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{b}$$

Does not serve the purpose!

find  $x$ :  $x = \frac{1}{b} \rightarrow b \rightarrow 0$

$$f(x) = bx - 1 \rightarrow f(x) = 0$$

$\rightarrow x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{b}$

find a form for  $f(x)$  so that there is no division involved in

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

$$x = 1/b \rightarrow bx = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{bx}{x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$b = 1/x$$

$$f(x) = b - 1/x$$

$$f'(x) = 0 - (-1/x^2) = 1/x^2$$

$$f'(x) = 1/x^2$$

$$\frac{1}{f'(x)} = x^2$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, \quad f(x) = b - 1/x$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{(b - 1/x_n)}{1/x_n^2} = x_n - x_n^2(b - 1/x_n) \\ &= x_n - bx_n^2 + x_n^2/x_n \\ &= x_n - bx_n^2 + x_n \\ &= 2x_n - bx_n^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{n+1} = 2x_n - bx_n^2 \text{ solves}$$

$$x = 1/b$$

Remark:  $f(x) := x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1$

apply Newton's method with  $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$ .

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad \text{careful about subtraction}$$

One way to avoid any possible loss-of-significance errors due to subtraction is to simplify the

formula  $x_{n+1} = x_n - f(x_n) / f'(x_n)$

Useful formula:

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b)$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + b^2 + ab)$$

example: simplify the application of Newton's method

to  $f(x) = x^2 - 3$ .

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

$$= x_n - \frac{(x_n^2 - 3)}{2x_n}$$

$$= \frac{2x_n x_n}{2x_n} - \frac{(x_n^2 - 3)}{2x_n}$$

$$= \frac{2x_n^2 - (x_n^2 - 3)}{2x_n} = \frac{x_n^2 + 3}{2x_n}$$

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Remark: 3.2#3(a) special case with  $a=3$ .

Solve  $x^2 - a = 0$  using Newton's method &

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{a}{x_n} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = x^2 - a$$

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

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

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1 \rightarrow 3x^2 - 6x + 3 = f'(x)$$

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

$$= x_n - \frac{(x_n^3 - 3x_n^2 + 3x_n - 1)}{(3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3)}$$

$$= \frac{(3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3) x_n}{(3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3)} - \frac{(x_n^3 - 3x_n^2 + 3x_n - 1)}{3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3}$$

$$= \frac{(3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3)x_n - (x_n^3 - 3x_n^2 + 3x_n - 1)}{3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3}$$

$$= \frac{(3x_n - 6x_n + 3) \cdot (x_n^3 - 3x_n^2 + 3x_n + 1)}{3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3}$$

$$= \frac{3x_n^3 - 6x_n^2 + \cancel{3x_n} - x_n^3 + 3x_n^2 - \cancel{3x_n} + 1}{3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3}$$

$$= \frac{2x_n^3 - 3x_n^2 + 1}{3x_n^2 - 6x_n + 3} \quad \text{simplified expression!}$$

Secant Method:

$$f(x) = x^2 - x \quad x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$$

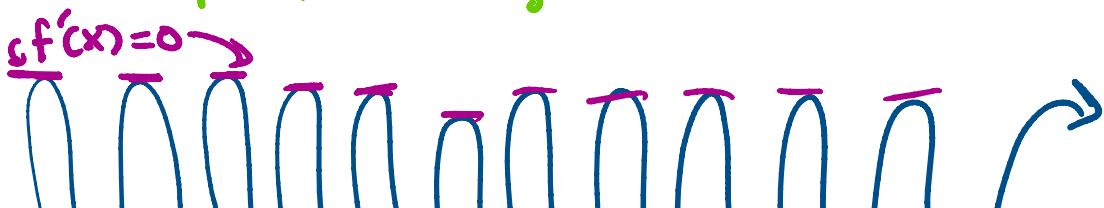
apply Newton's method

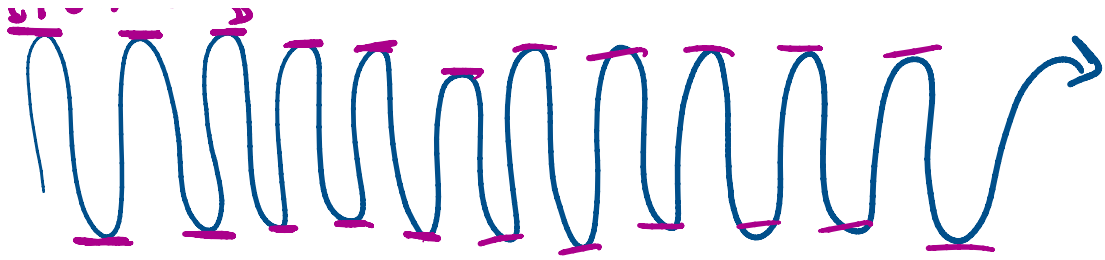
$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

$$= x_0 - \frac{(x_0^2 - x_0)}{2x_0 - 1}$$

$$= 0.5 - \frac{(0.25 - 0.5)}{2 \cdot 0.5 - 1} = 0.5 - \frac{(-0.25)}{0}$$

Derivative  $f'(x_0)$  d.n.e!





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

Initial Guess  $x_0$  &  $x_1$

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

No derivatives involved replace derivative by  $\frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$

