

CPE 310: Numerical Analysis for Engineers

Chapter 1: Solving Nonlinear Equations

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An important problem in applied mathematics is to:
"solve $f(x) = 0$ " where $f(x)$ is a function of x

The values of x that make $f(x) = 0$ are called
the **roots of the equation** or **zeros of f**

The problem is known as **root finding** or **zero
finding**

“1-D Nonlinear Equation”

We are concerned about solving single nonlinear equation in **one unknown**, where

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Solution is **scalar** x for which $f(x) = 0$

Example: $f(x) = 3x + \sin x - e^x$ for which $x = 0.3604$ is one approximate solution

These lectures describe some of the many methods for solving $f(x) = 0$ by ***numerical procedures*** where $f(x)$ is single nonlinear equation in **one unknown**

Interval Halving (Bisection)

Secant Method

Newton's Method

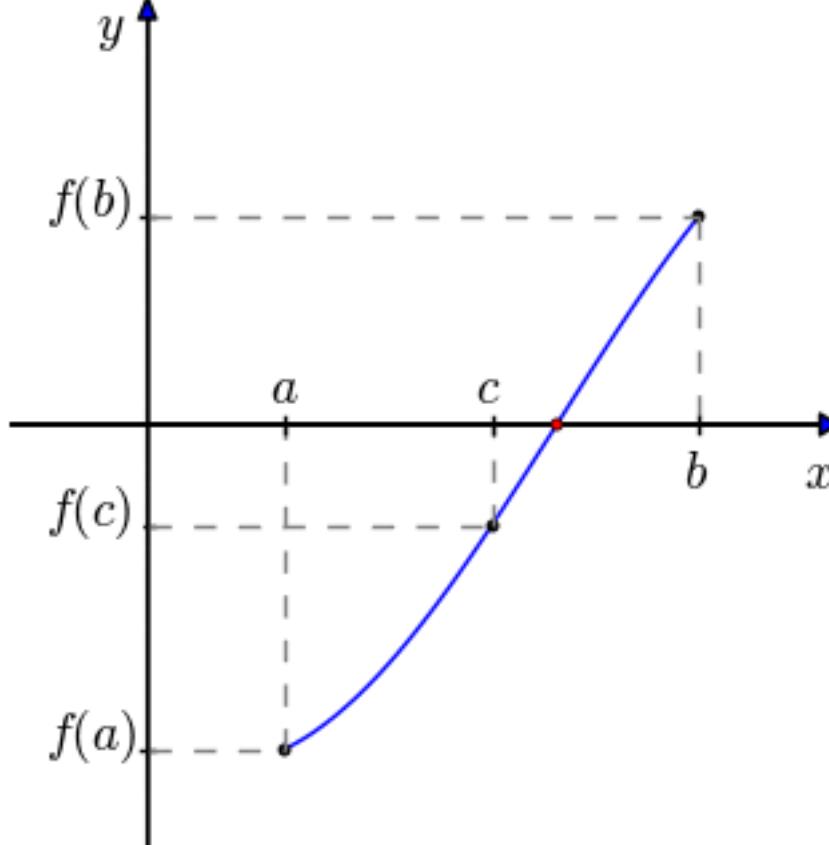
Fixed-Point Iteration Method

False-Position Method

Linear Interpolation Methods

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Ancient but effective method for finding a zero of $f(x)$

It begins with two values for x that bracket a root

It determines that they do bracket a root because $f(x)$ **changes signs** at these two x-values

if $f(x)$ is continuous, there must be at least one root between the values

A plot of $f(x)$ is useful to know where to start

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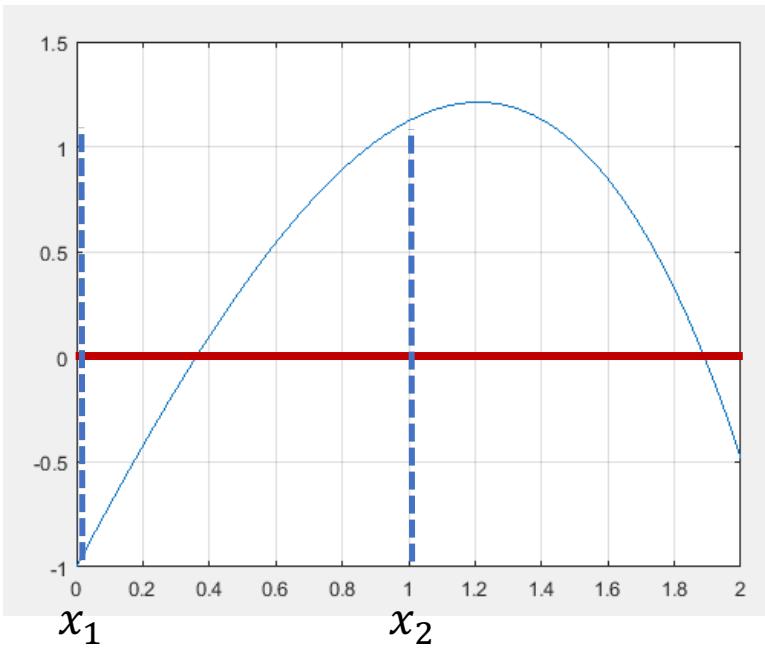
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“Maximum Error”

NOTES

- The final value of x_3 approximates the root, and it is in error by not more than $\frac{|x_1-x_2|}{2}$
- The algorithm may produce a **false root** if $f(x)$ is discontinuous on $[x_1, x_2]$



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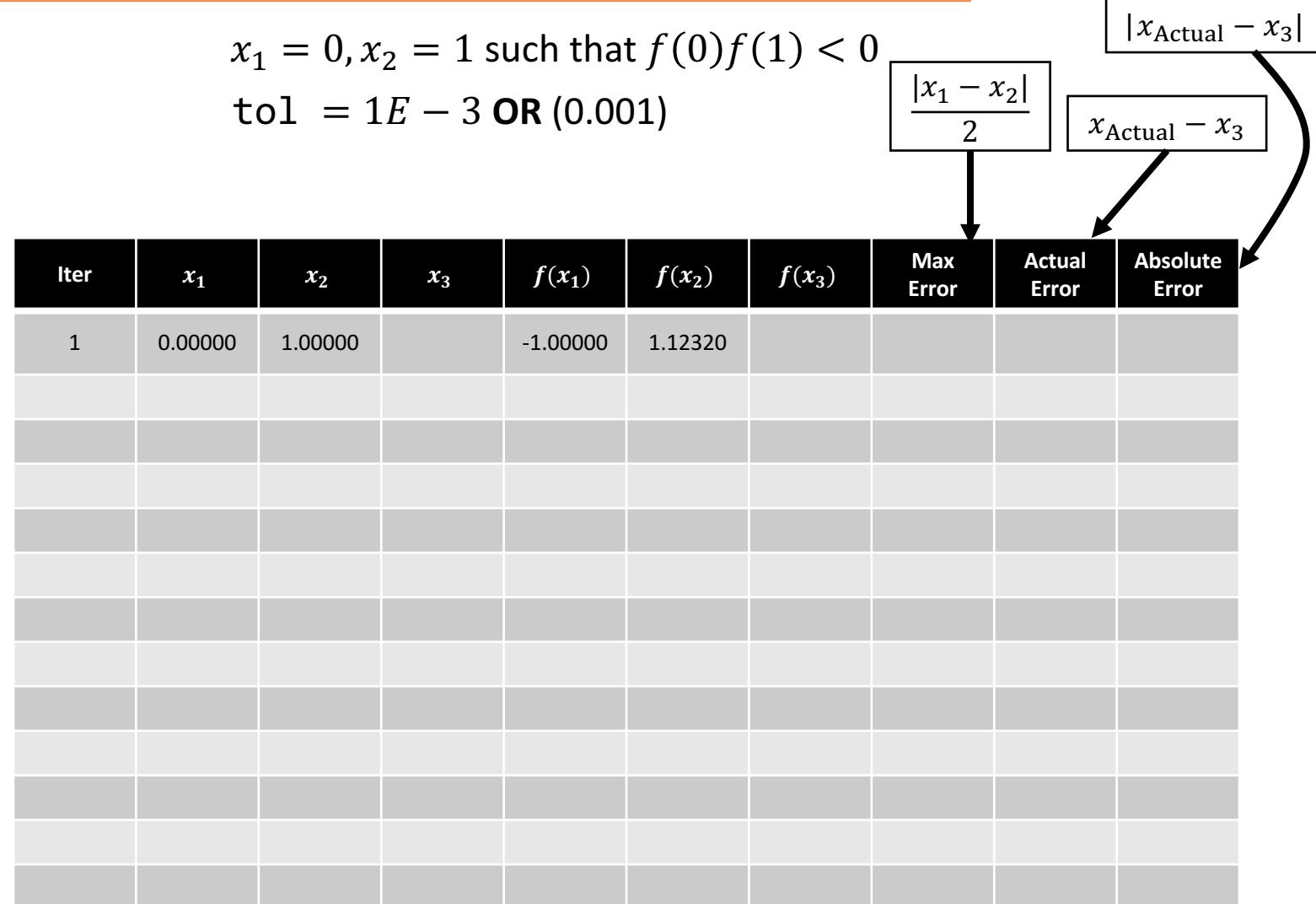
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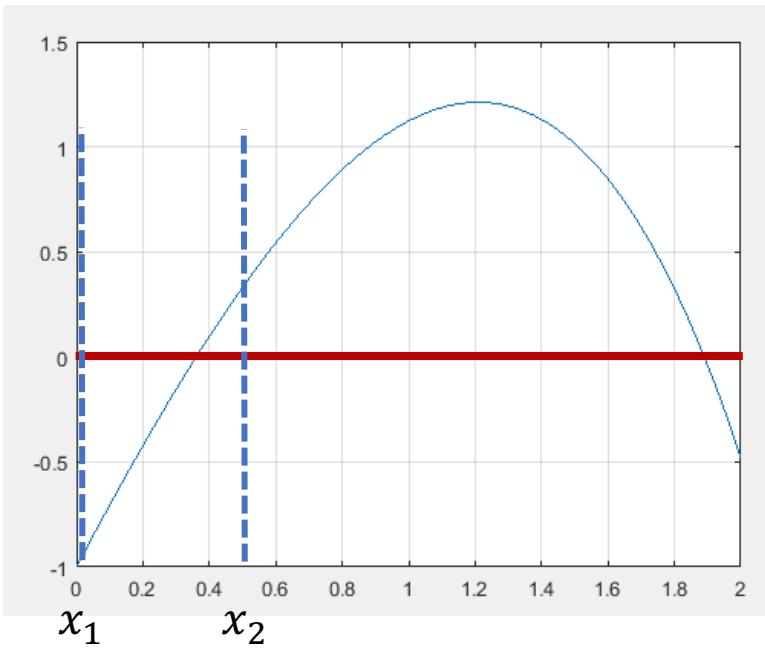
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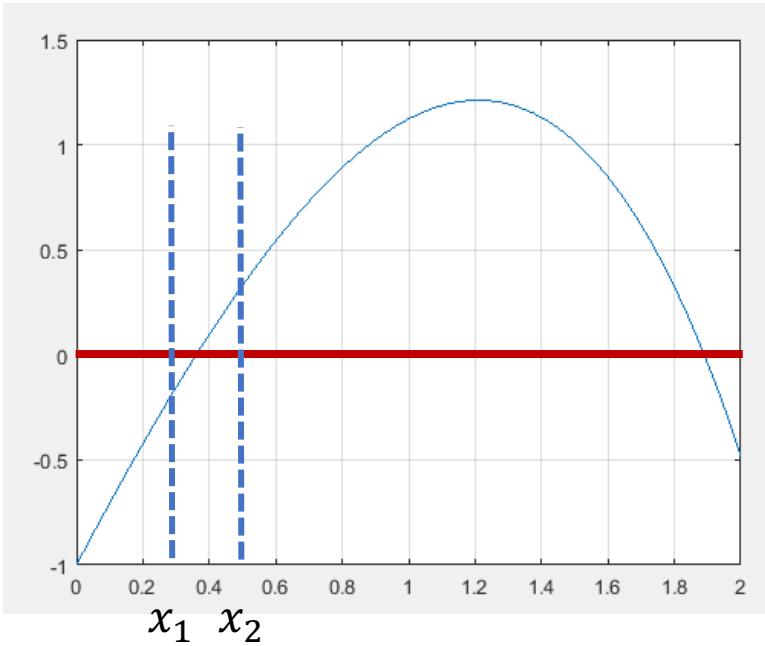
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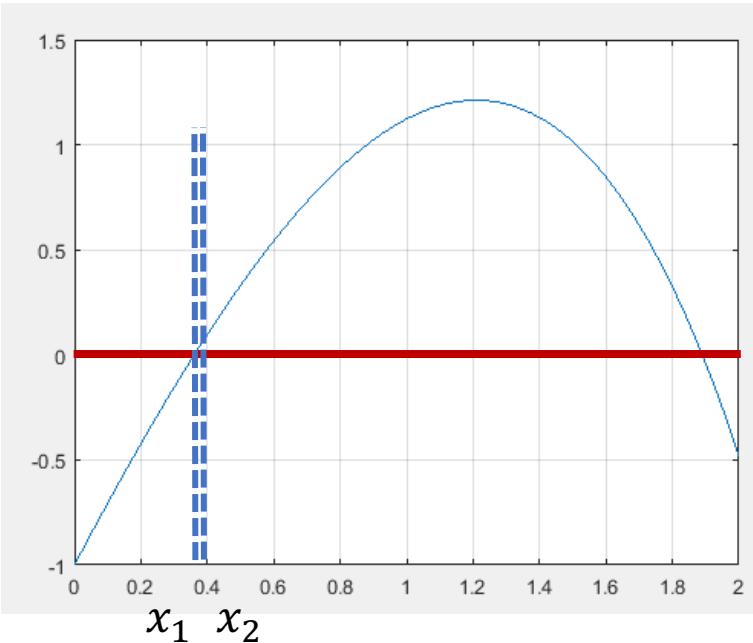
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$$|0.36035 - 0.36133| < 0.001 \Rightarrow 0.00098 < 0.001$$

Tolerance Met

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Simple and **guaranteed** to work if:

1. $f(x)$ is **continuous** in $[x_1, x_2]$; and
2. The values x_1 and x_2 **actually bracket a root**

Needed iterations to achieve a **specified accuracy**
is known in advance

$$\text{Error after } n \text{ iterations} < \left| \frac{x_2 - x_1}{2^n} \right|$$

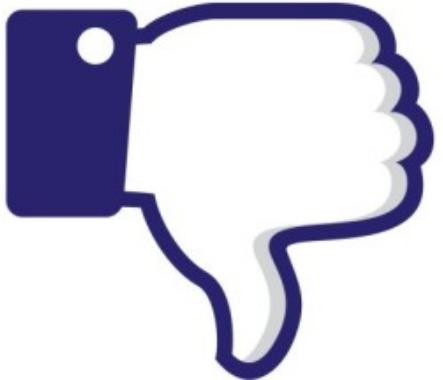
Plotting the function helps defining the bracket

Good for initial guess for other root finding
algorithms



Slow Convergence compared to other
techniques we will see next

Other methods require less number of iterations

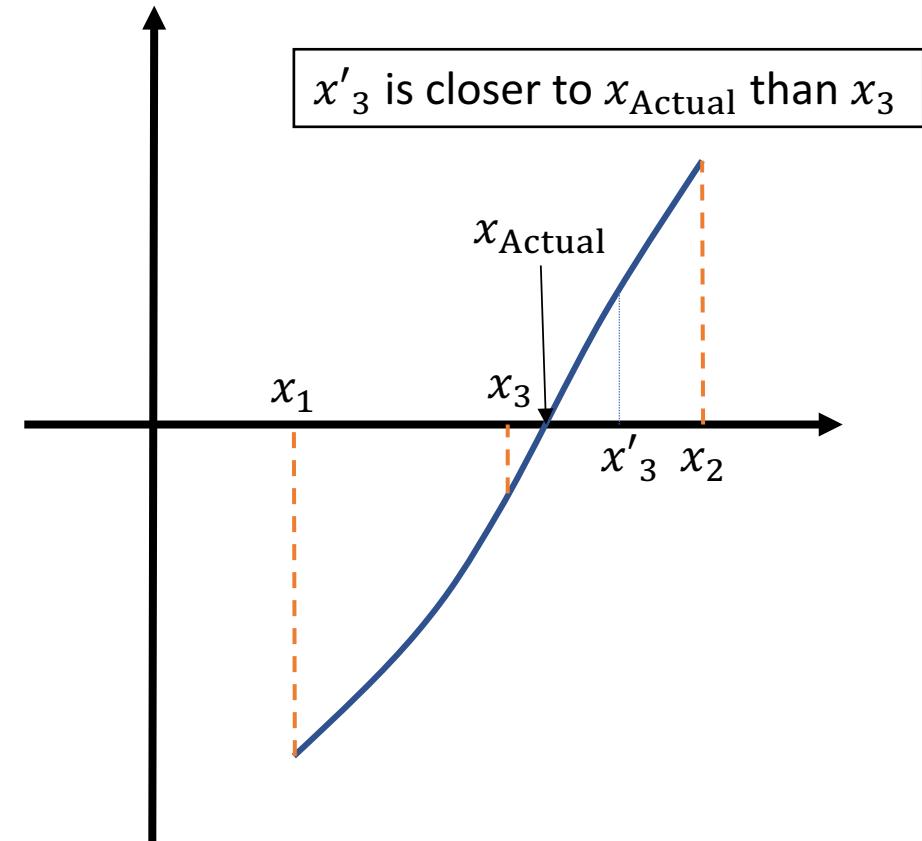


Some earlier iteration may result on a closer approximation than later ones

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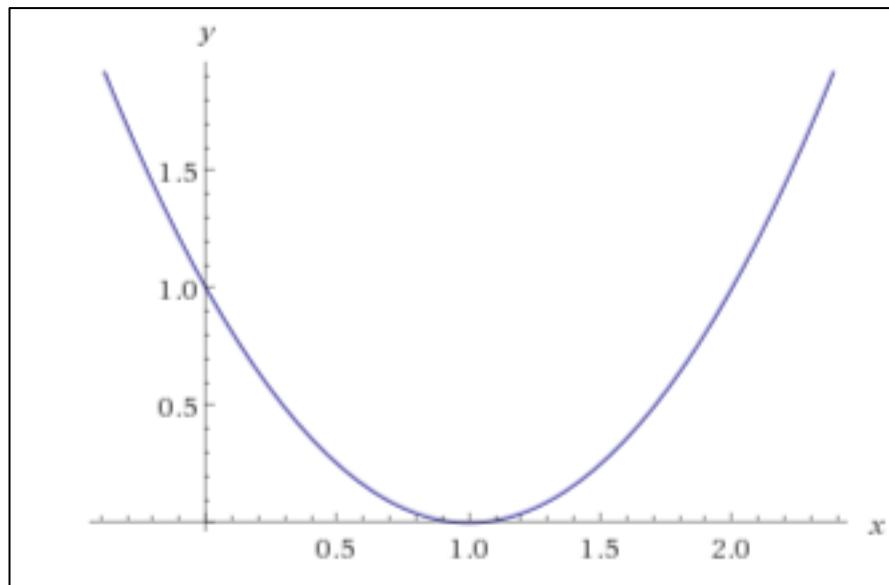
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When there are multiple roots, **interval halving may not be applicable**, because the function *may not change sign* at points on either side of the roots.

We may be able to find the roots by working with $f'(x)$, which will be zero at a multiple root.



Example:

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0, \text{ in bracket } [0, 2]$$

Bisection Method - Animation

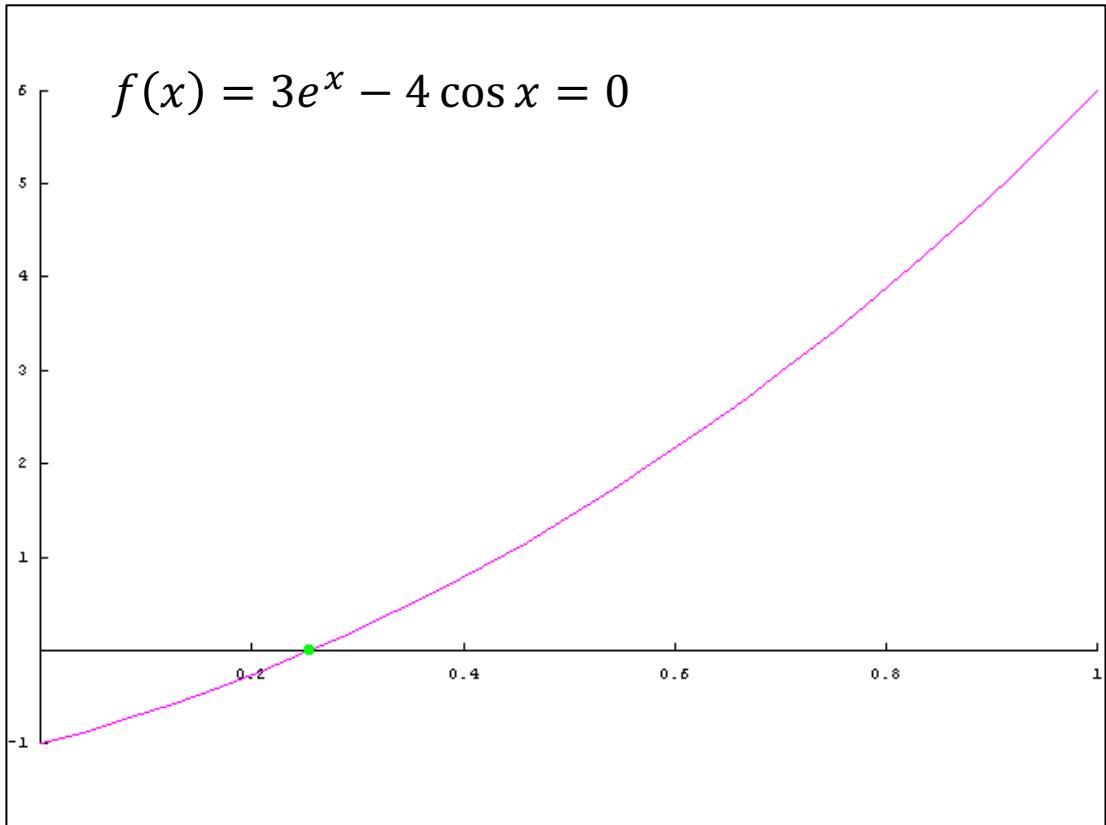
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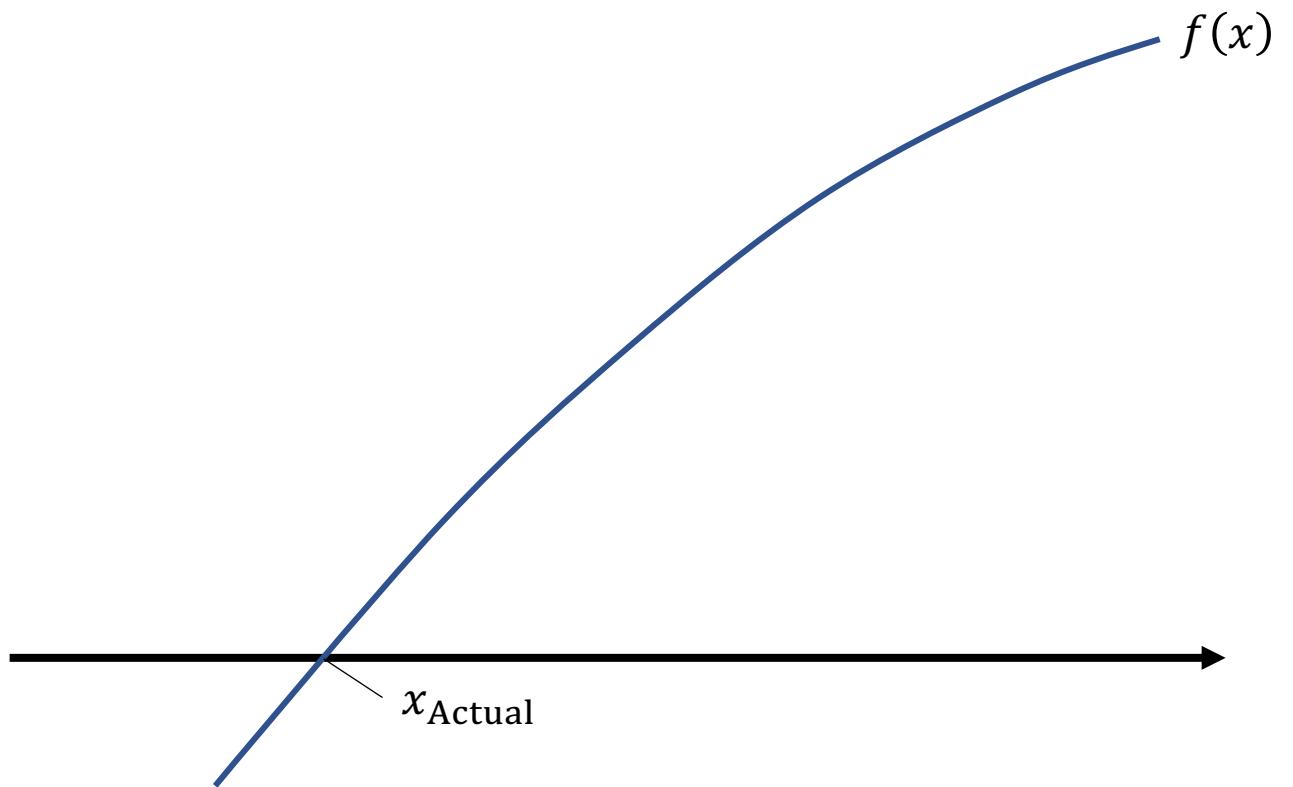
In geometry, a **secant of a curve** is a line that *intersects two points* on the curve

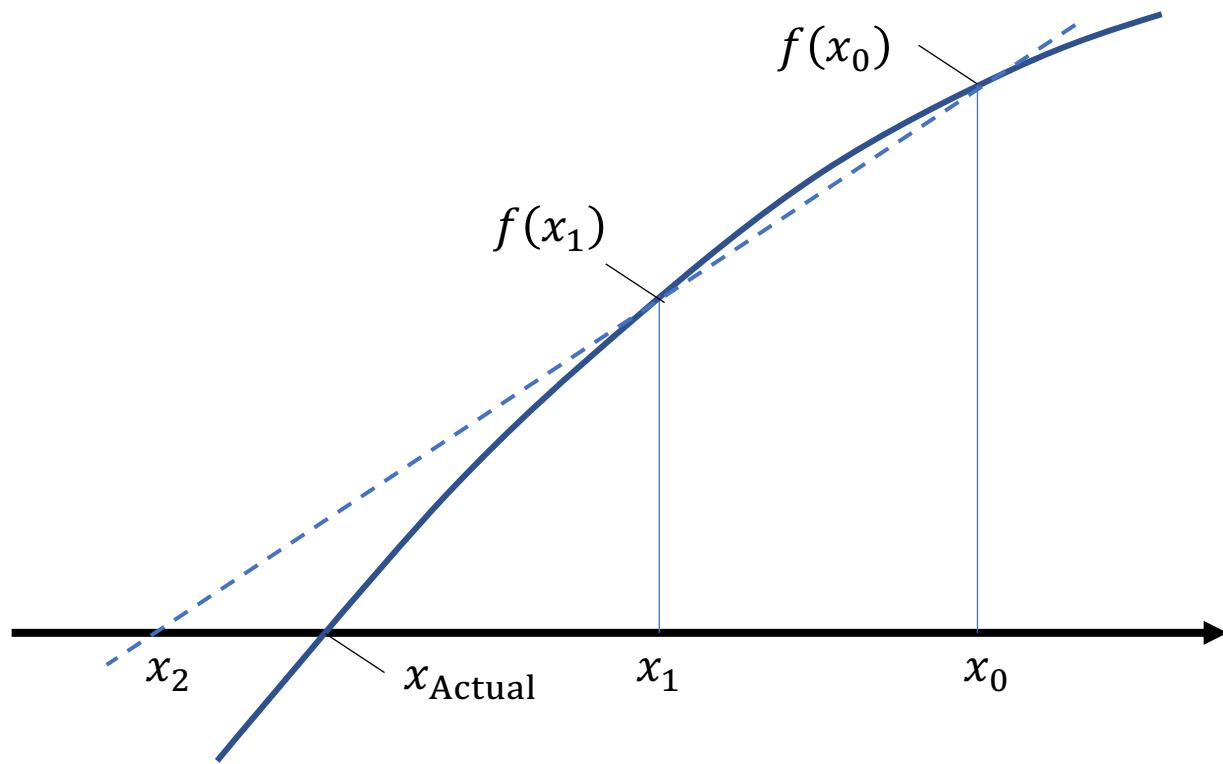
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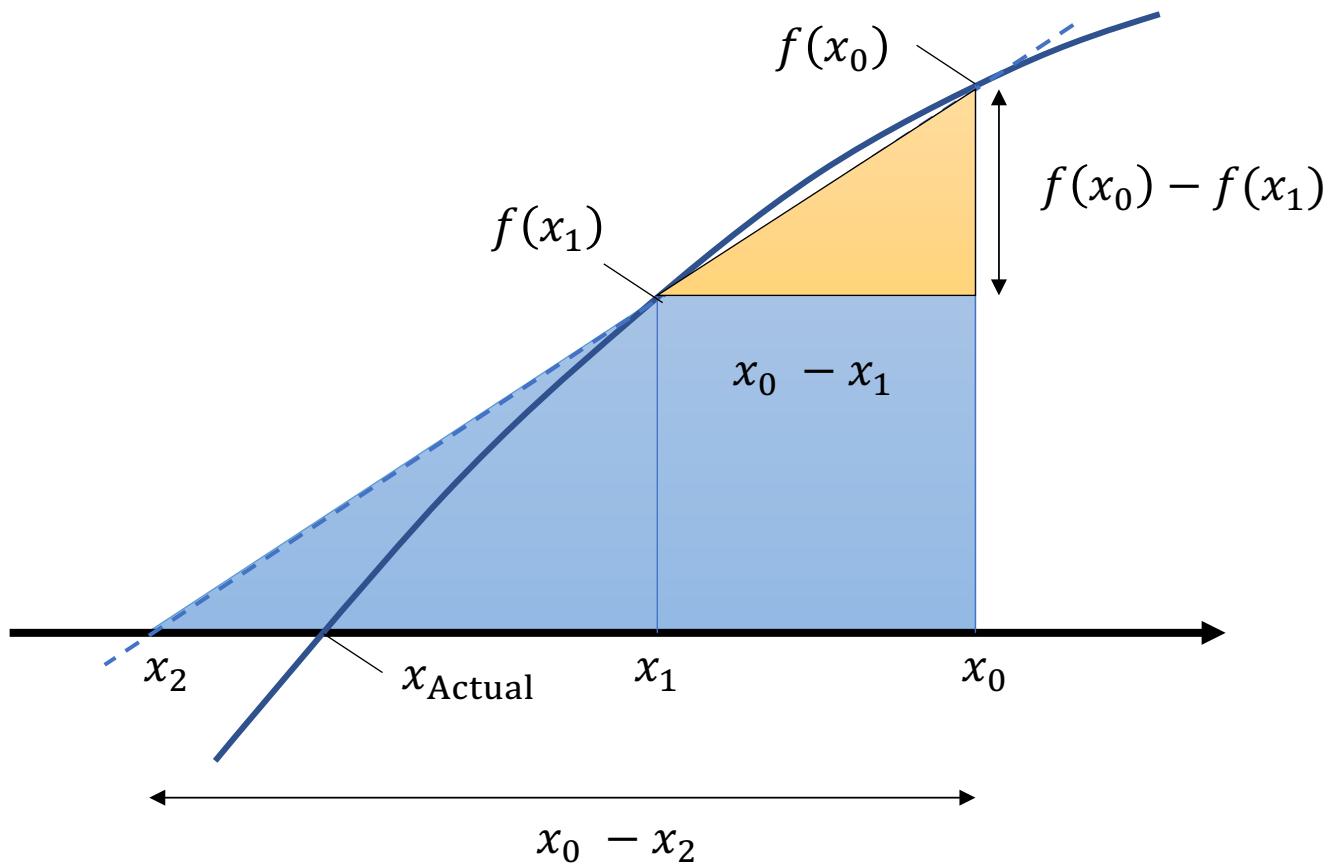
The two values maybe on the same side from the root or on **opposite side**

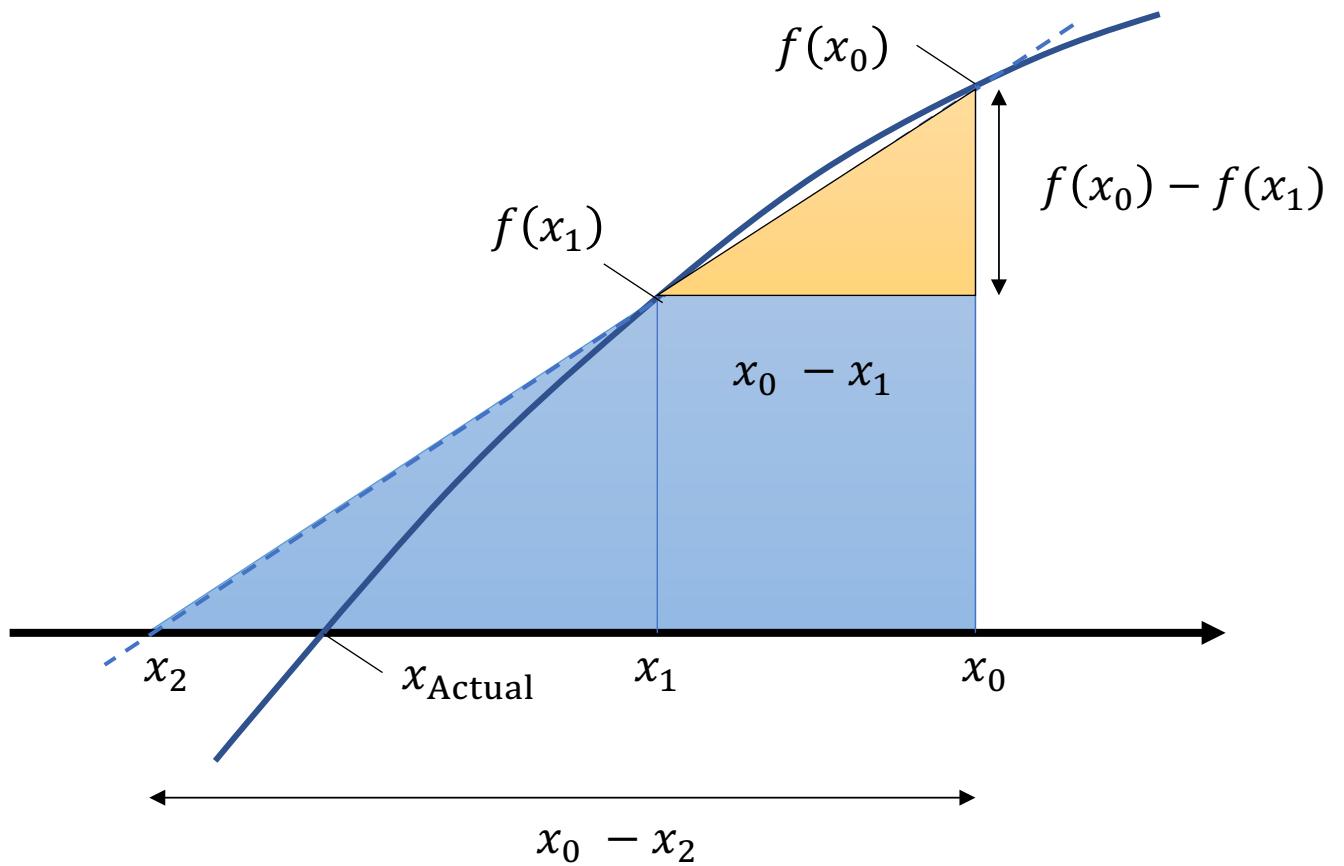
if $f(x)$ is **linear**, the secant intersects the x-axis at the root exactly

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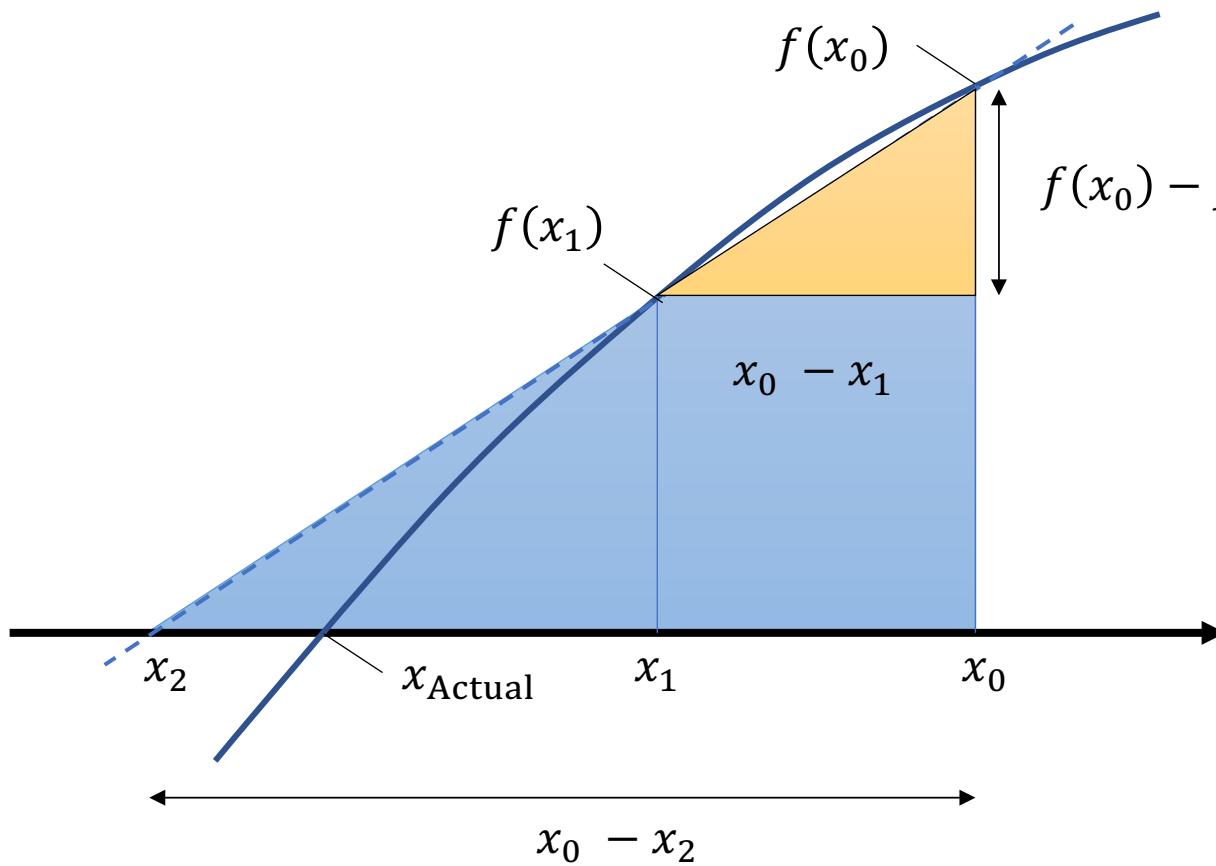








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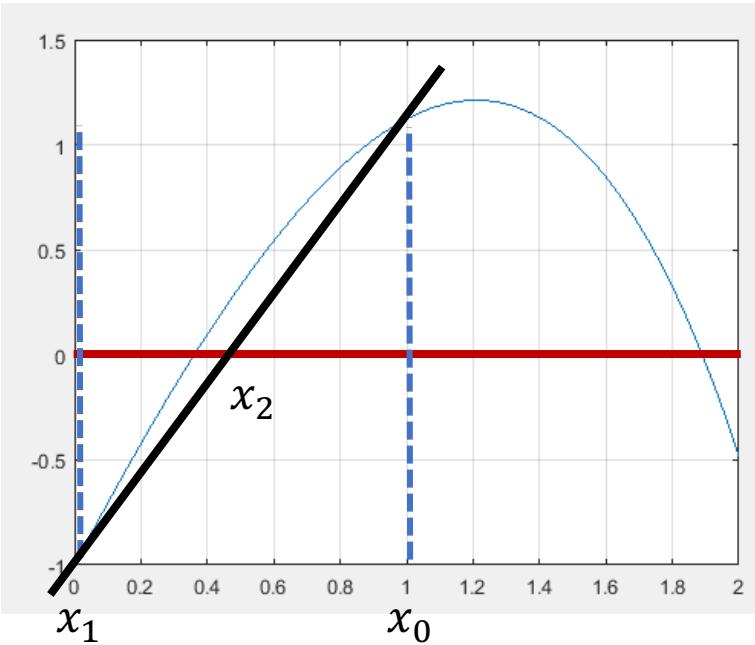
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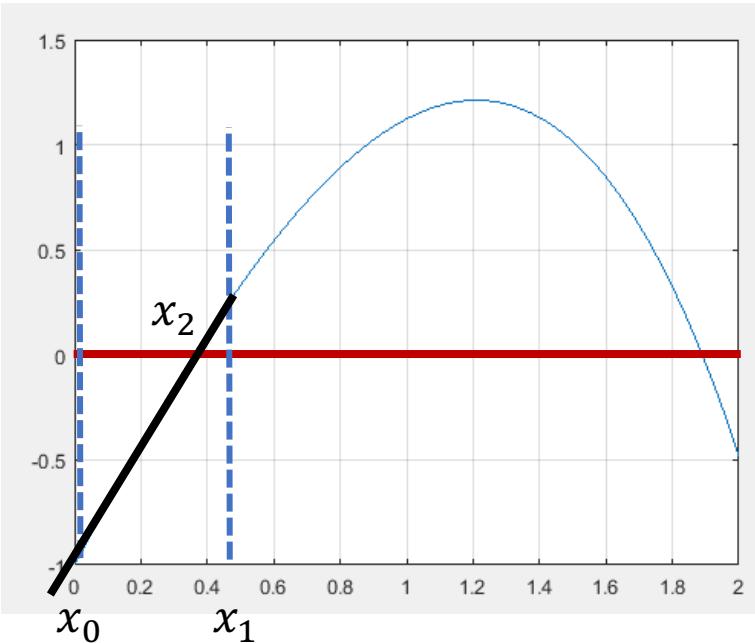
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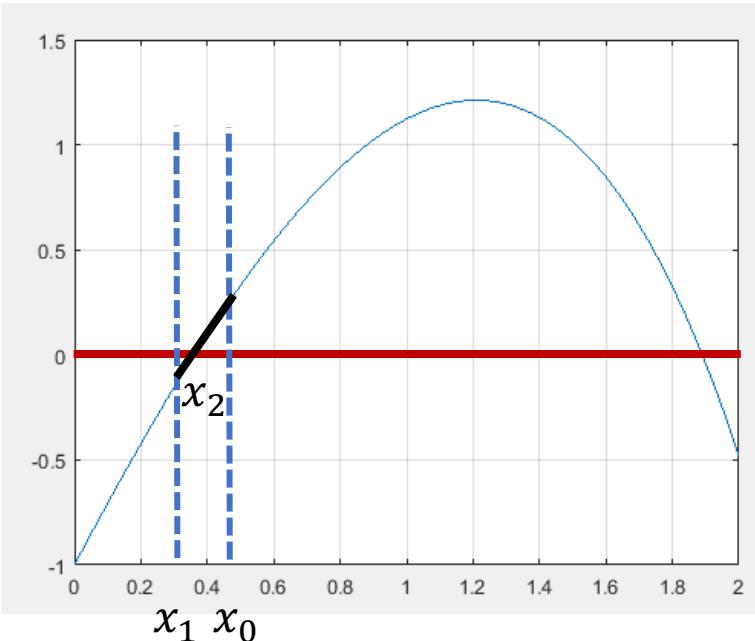
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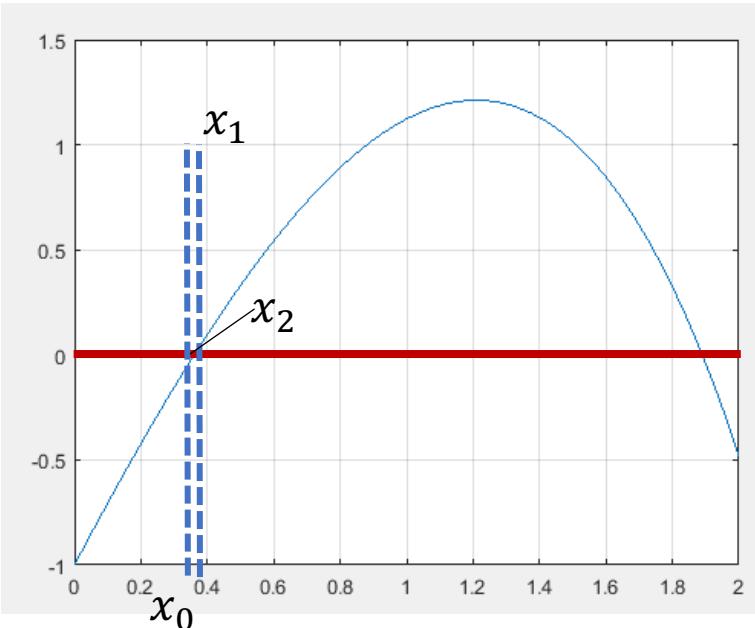
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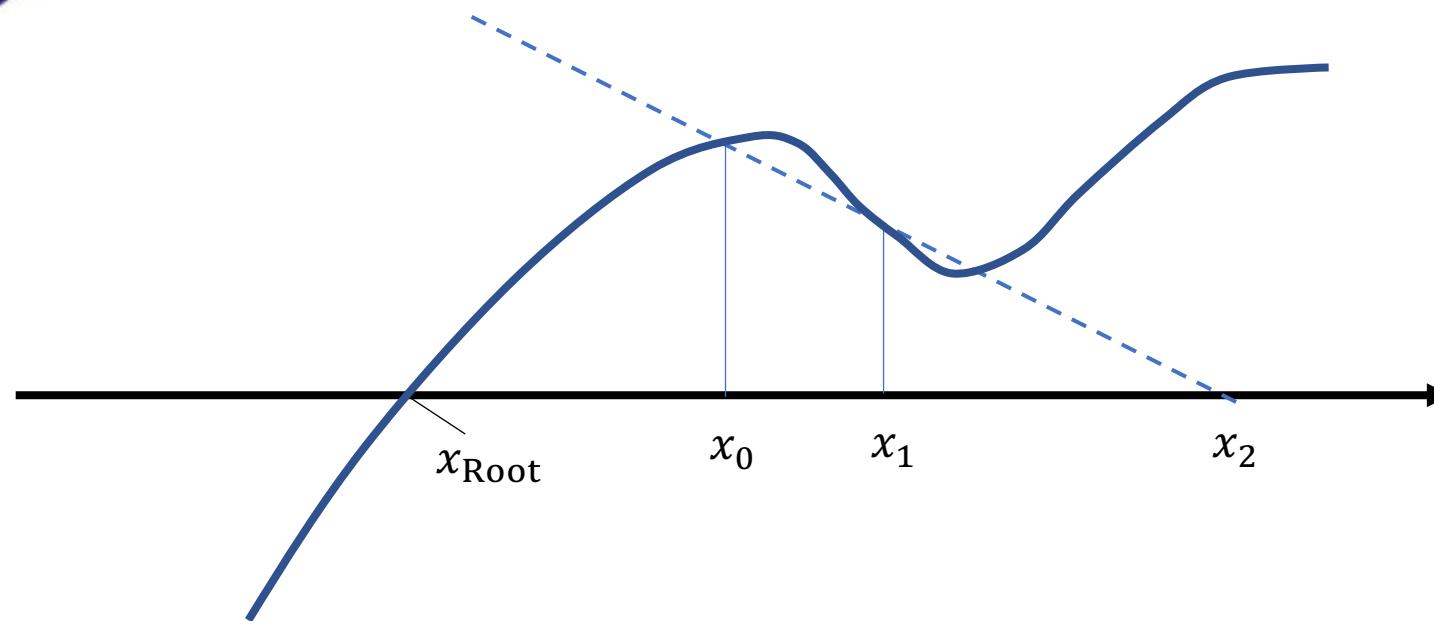
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Tolerance Met

$$|f(x_2)| < 1E - 7$$

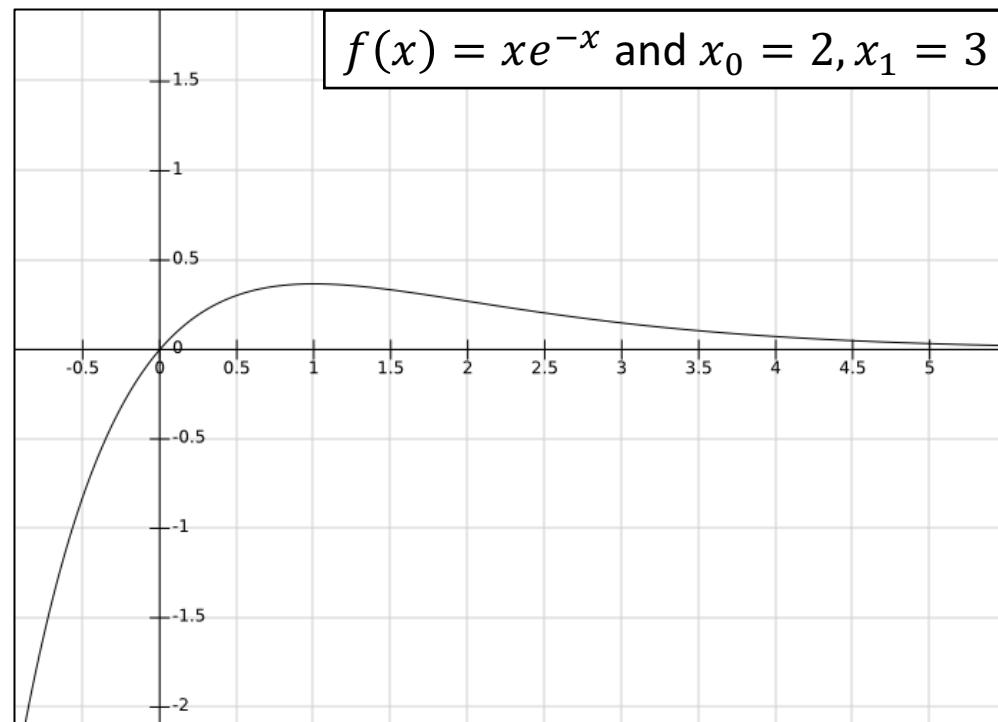


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The bad choice of x_0 and x_1 or duplicating a previous result, may result on an endless loop, thus, never reaching an answer



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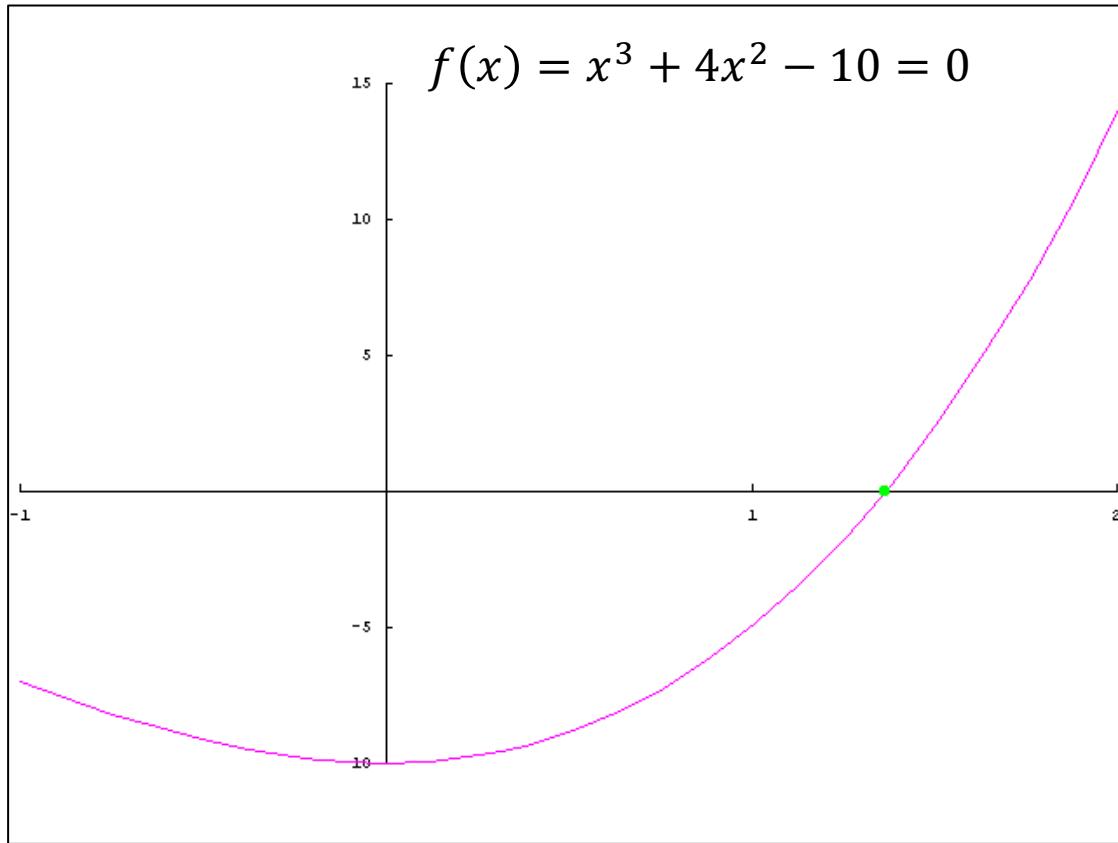
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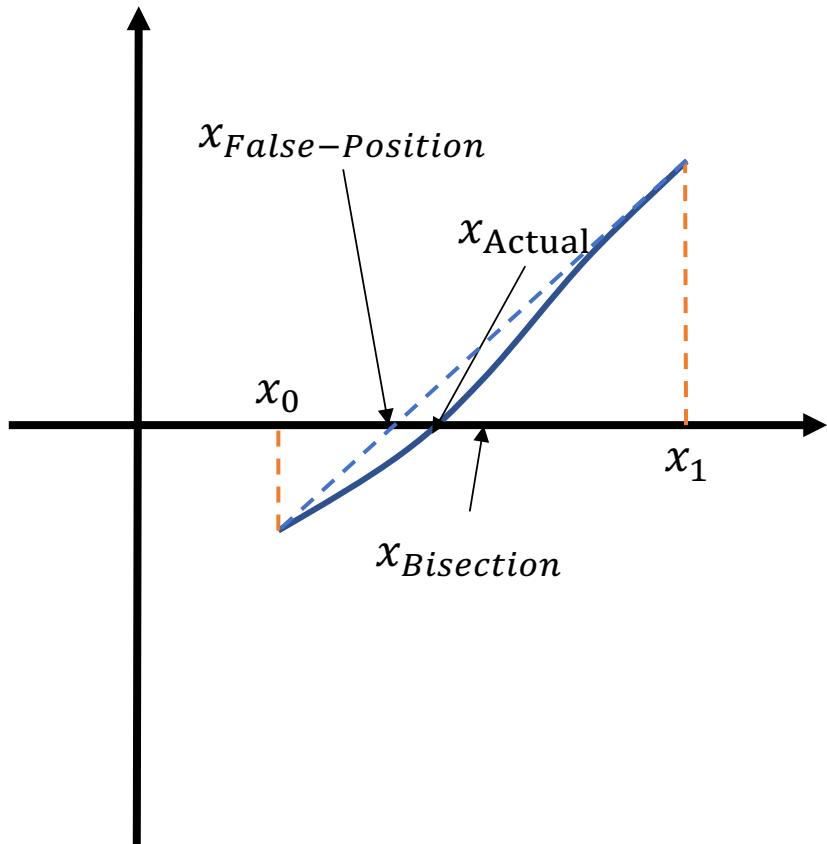


Problem of Secant Method

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False-Position **begins with two values** for x that **bracket** a root

Ensure that the root is bracketed between the two starting values and remains between the successive pairs.



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Similar to bisection except the next iterate is taken at the intersection of a line between the pair of x-values and the x-axis rather than at the midpoint

Faster than Bisection but more complicated

False-Position (*regula falsi*) Method

INPUT

- x_0 and x_1 that **bracket a root** such that $f(x_0)$ and $f(x_1)$ are of opposite sign
- tol: the specified tolerance value

REPEAT

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IF $f(x_2)$ is of opposite sign to $f(x_0)$ **THEN**

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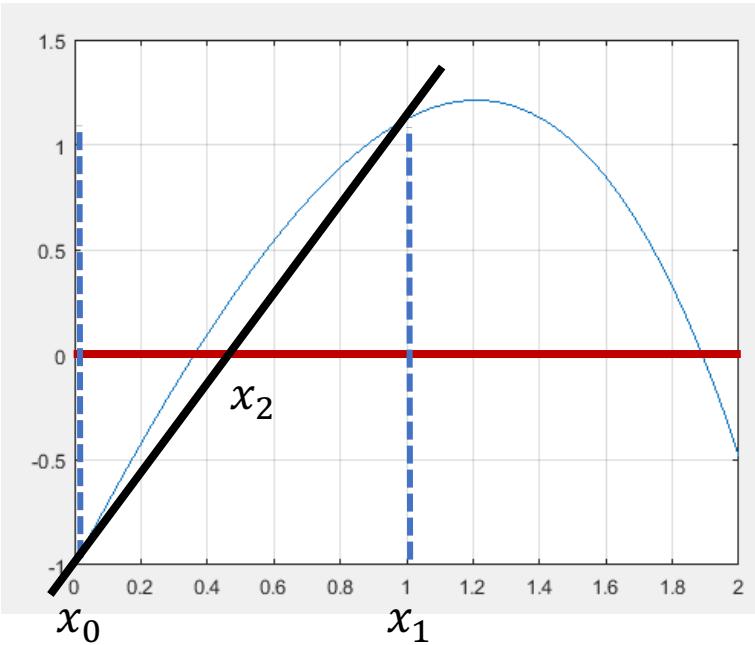
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$$x_0 = 1 \quad x_1 = 0$$

$$\text{tol} = 1E - 4 \text{ OR } (0.0001)$$

Iter	x_0	x_1	x_2	$f(x_0)$	$f(x_1)$	$f(x_2)$	Actual Error
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False-Position (*regula falsi*) Method

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REPEAT

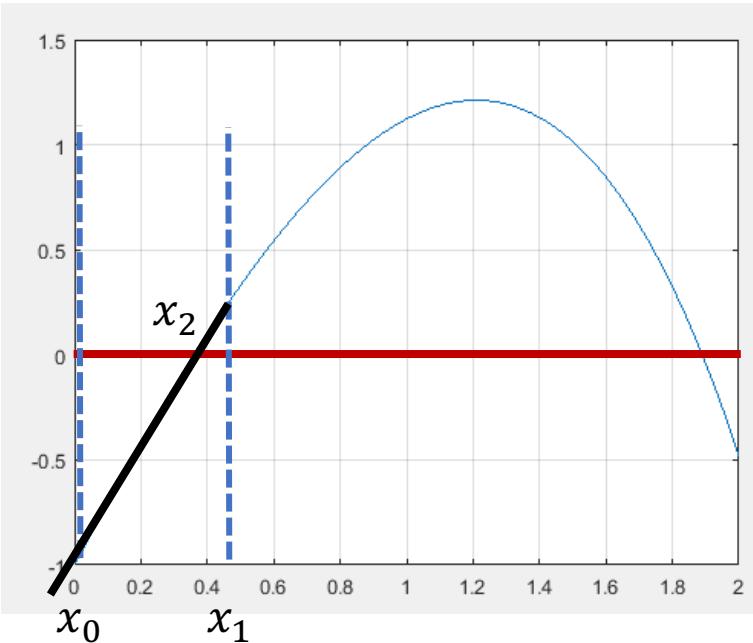
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UNTIL $(|f(x_2)| < \text{tol})$



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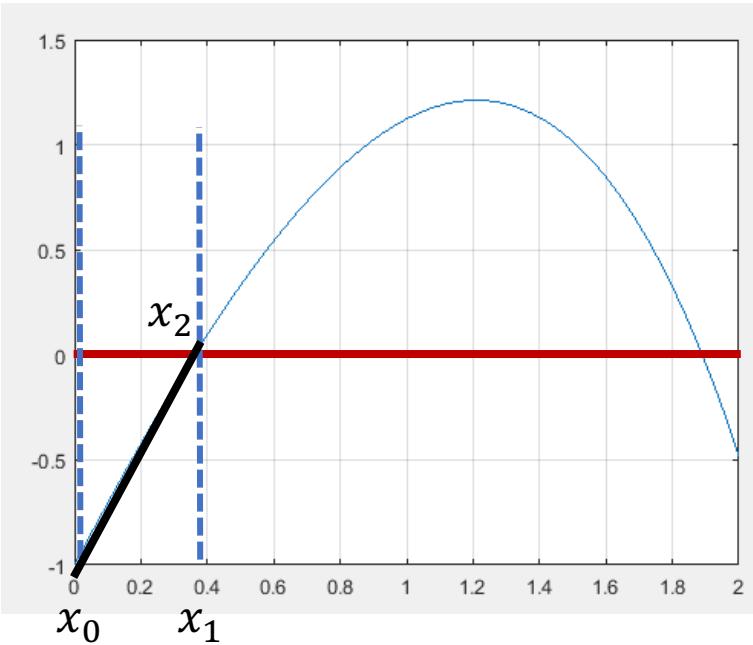
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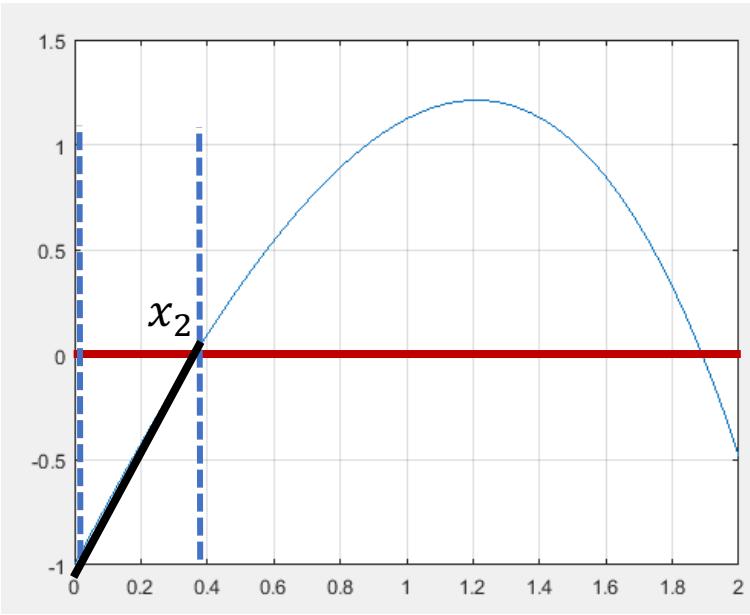
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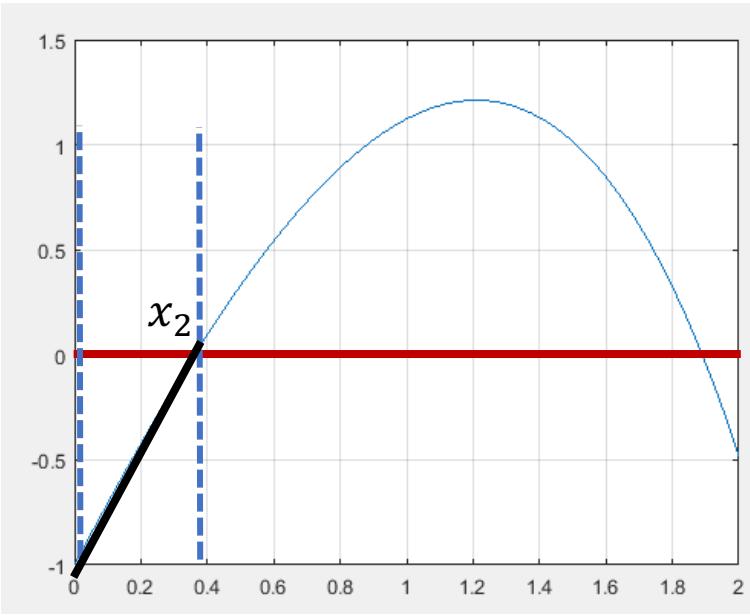
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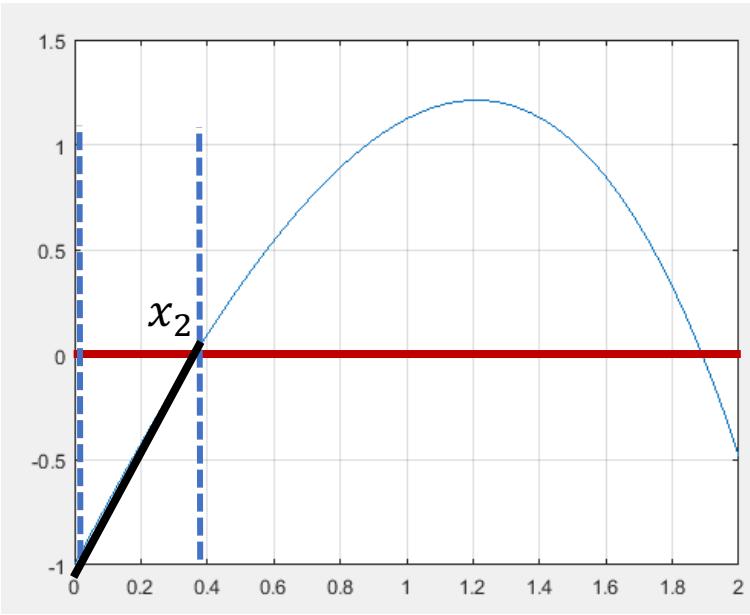
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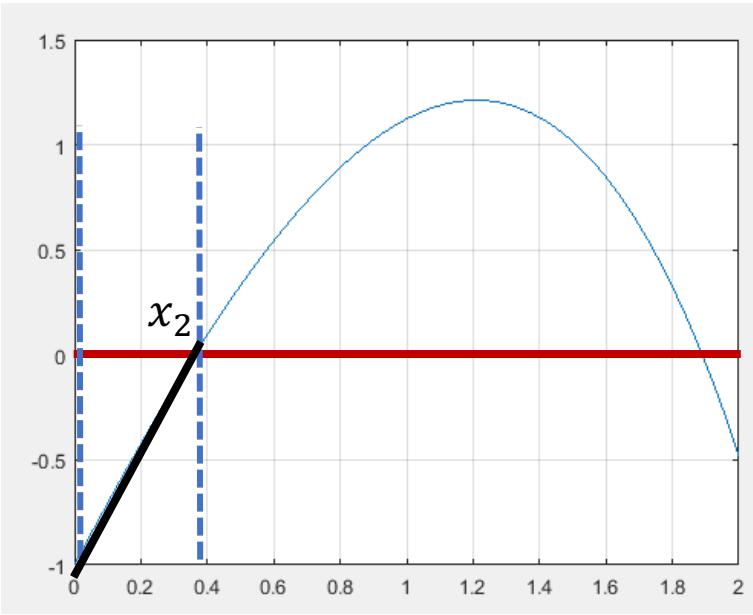
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Tolerance Met

$$|f(x_2)| < 1E - 4$$



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False Position converges to the root from only one side, slowing it down, especially if that end of the interval is farther from the root.

There is a way to avoid this result, called modified linear interpolation

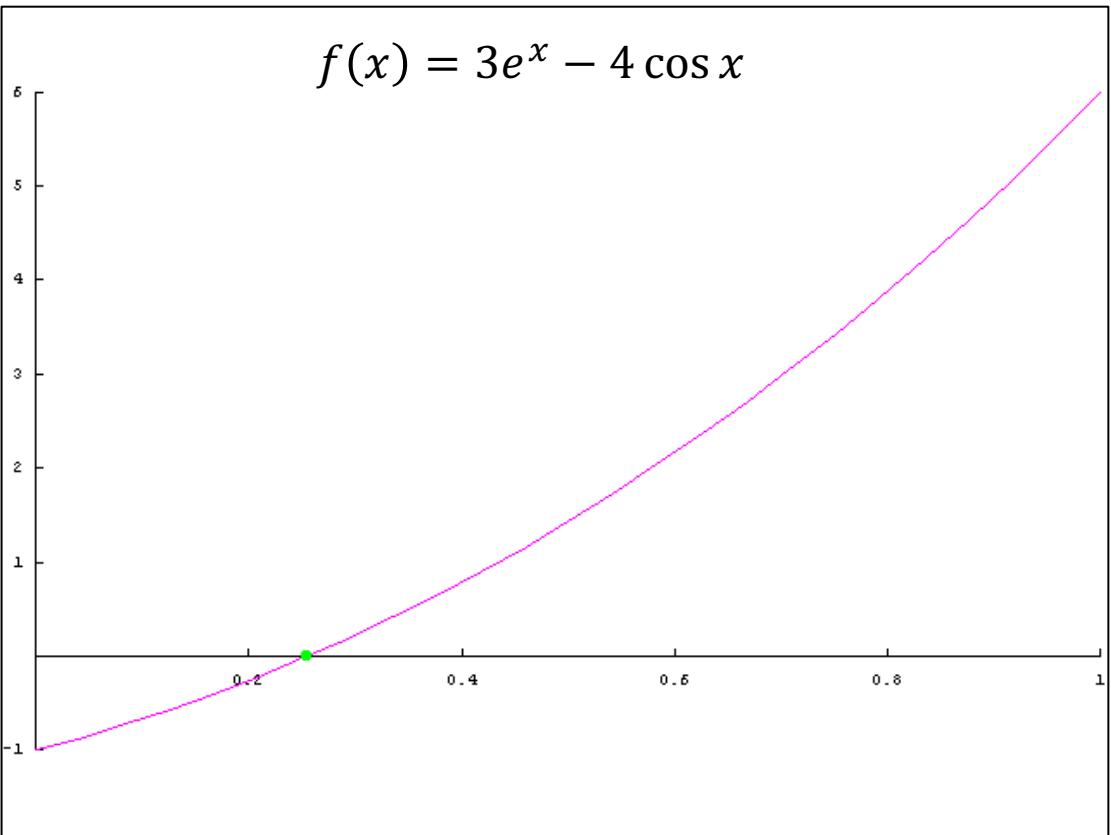
False-Position Method- Animation

<http://mathfaculty.fullerton.edu/mathews/a2001/Animations/RootFinding/RegulaFalsi/RegulaFalsi.html>

Newton's Method

Linear approximation of the function using tangent line over small interval

Newton's Method



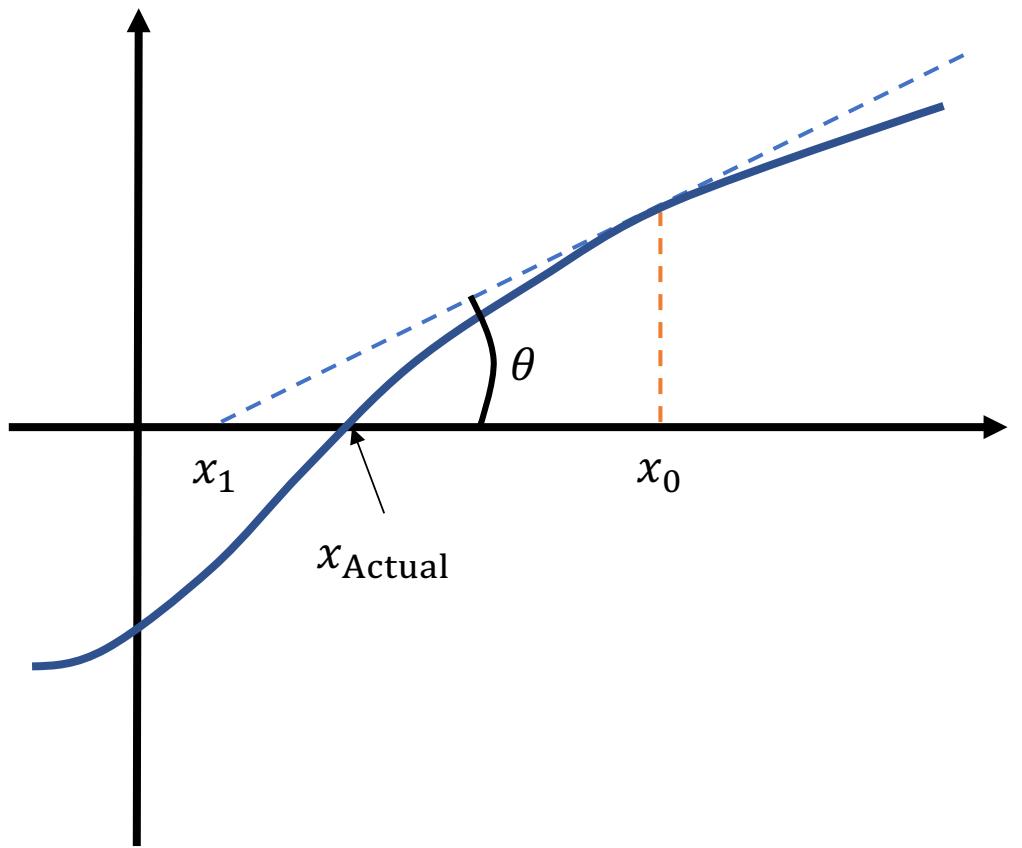
One of the most widely used methods of solving equations

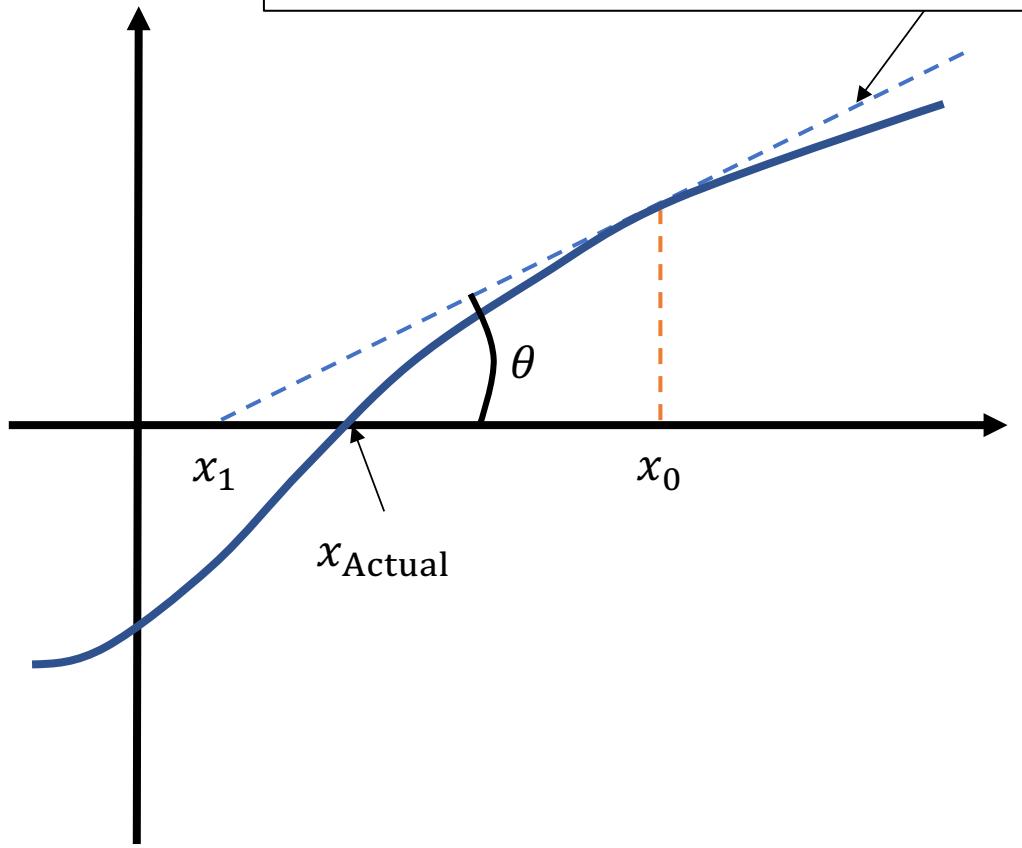
Based on a linear approximation of the function using a **tangent** to the curve

Starting from a **single initial estimate**, x_0 that is not too far from a root

Move along **the tangent** to its **intersection with the x-axis**, and take that as the next approximation

Continue until either the successive **x-values are sufficiently close** or the **value of the function is sufficiently near zero**





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

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

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

Newton's Method

INPUT

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- tol1: the specified tolerance value for difference between successive x-values.
- tol2: the specified tolerance value for how close $f(x_1)$ to zero.

COMPUTE $f(x_0), f'(x_0)$

SET $x_1 = x_0$

IF ($f(x_0) \neq 0$) **AND** ($f'(x_0) \neq 0$) **THEN**

REPEAT

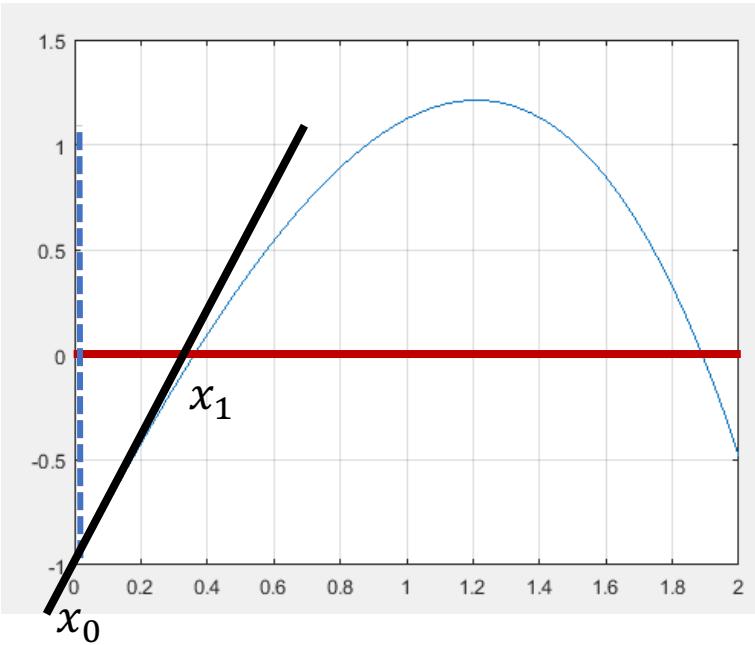
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UNTIL ($|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol1}$) **OR** ($|f(x_1)| < \text{tol2}$)

NOTES

- The method **may converge to a root different from the expected one or diverge if the starting value is not close enough** to the root.



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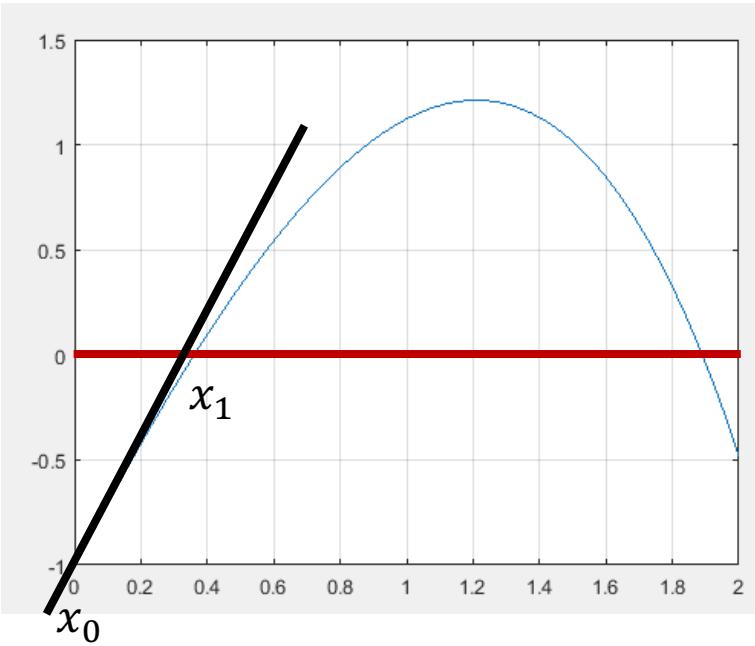
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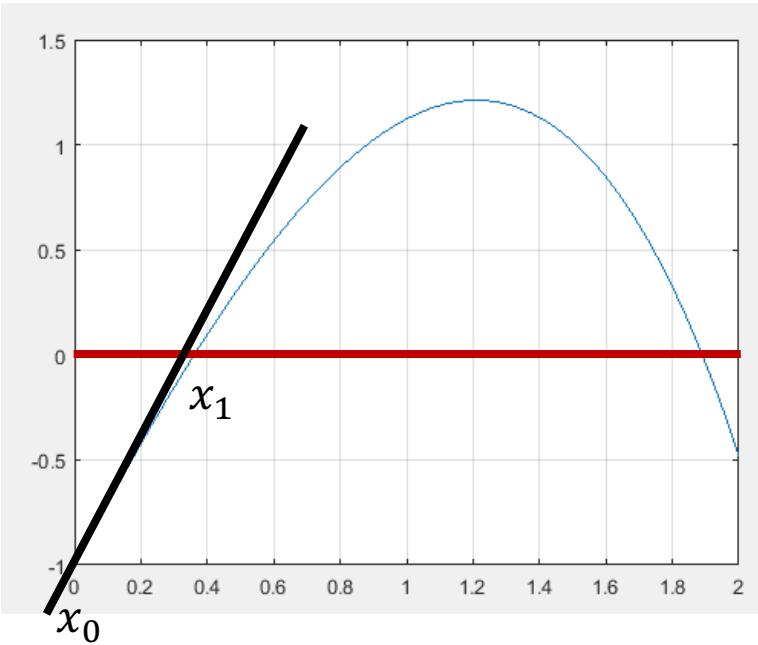
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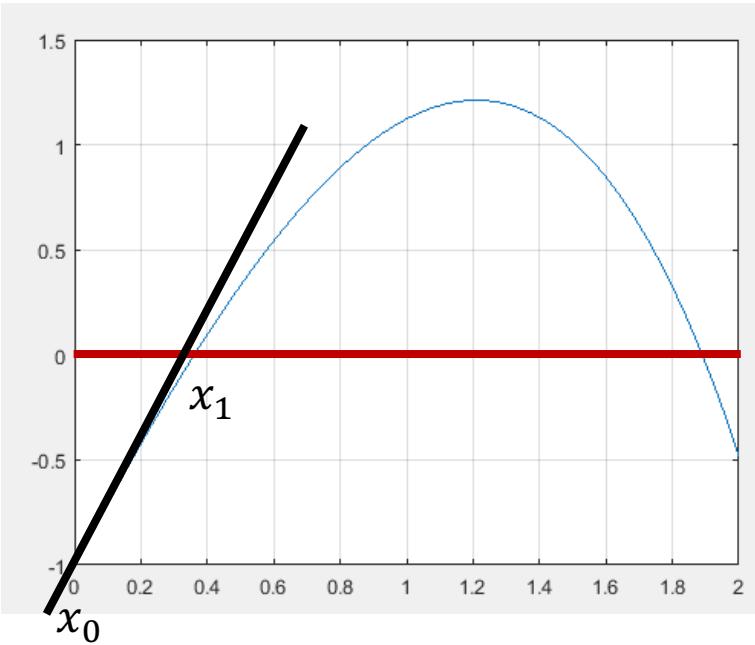
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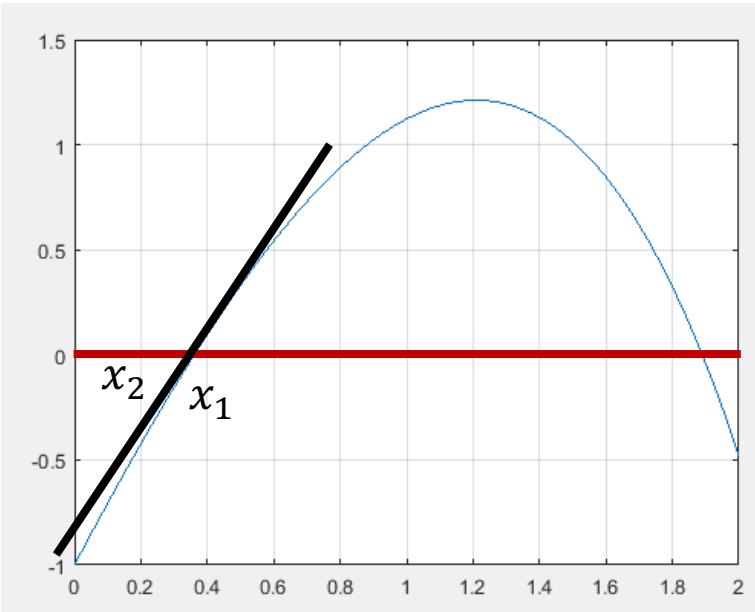
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$$|0.33333 - 0.0| < 0.00001 \text{ OR } |-0.068418| < 0.00001$$



$$f(x) = 3x + \sin x - e^x = 0$$

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$$|0.36017 - 0.33333| < 0.00001 \text{ OR } |-0.0006279| < 0.00001$$

Newton's Method

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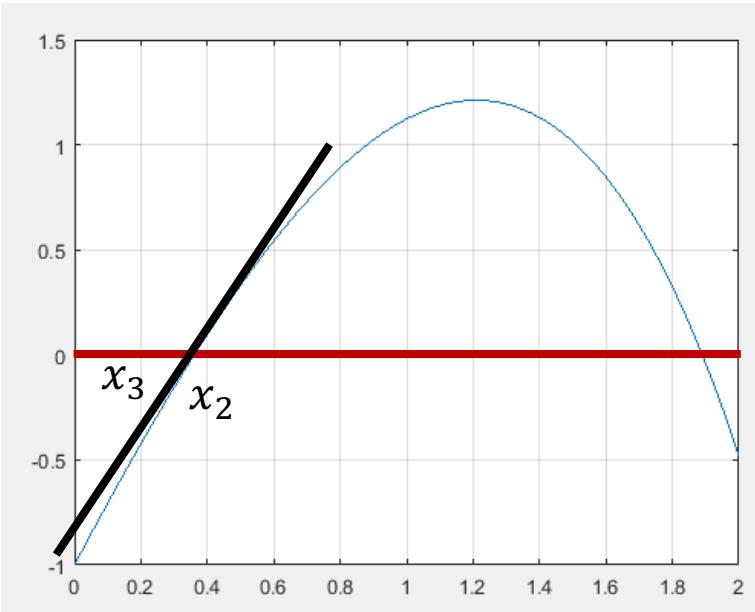
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$$|0.3604217 - 0.36017| < 0.00001 \text{ OR } |-0.00000005| < 0.00001$$

Newton's Method

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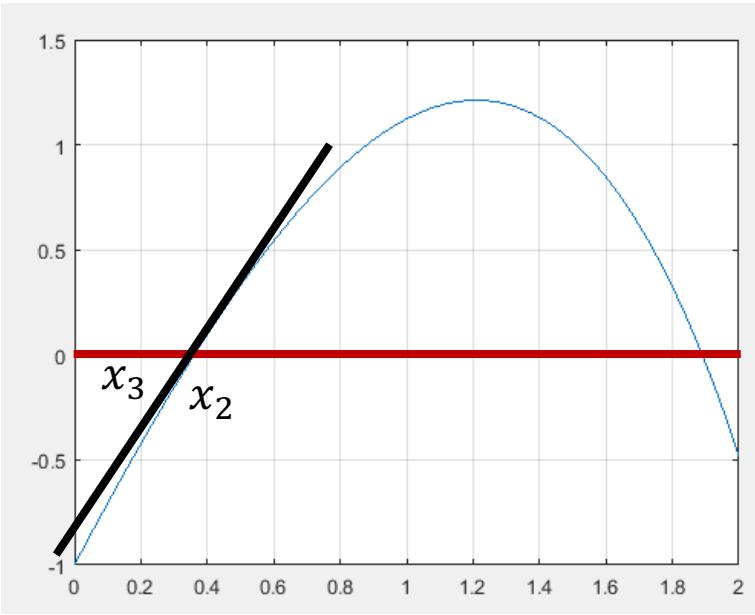
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REPEAT

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UNTIL $(|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol1}) \text{ OR } (|f(x_1)| < \text{tol2})$



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$$|0.3604217 - 0.36017| < 0.00001 \text{ OR } |-0.00000005| < 0.00001$$

Newton's Method

INPUT

- x_0 reasonably close to the root
- tol1: the specified tolerance value for difference between successive x-values.
- tol2: the specified tolerance value for how close $f(x_1)$ to zero.

COMPUTE $f(x_0), f'(x_0)$

SET $x_1 = x_0$

IF $(f(x_0) \neq 0)$ AND $(f'(x_0) \neq 0)$ THEN

REPEAT

SET $x_0 = x_1$

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

UNTIL $(|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol1}) \text{ OR } (|f(x_1)| < \text{tol2})$

$$\text{Actual Error} = x_{Actual} - x_3 = 0.00000002960324$$

$$\text{Absolute Error} = |x_{Actual} - x_3| = 0.00000002960324$$



Newton's algorithm is widely used because, at least in the near neighborhood of a root, it is **more rapidly convergent** than any of the methods discussed so far

The number of decimal places of accuracy **nearly doubles** at each iteration



There is the need for two function evaluations at each step $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ and we must obtain the derivative function at the start

Finding $f'(x)$ may be difficult. Computer algebra systems can be a real help



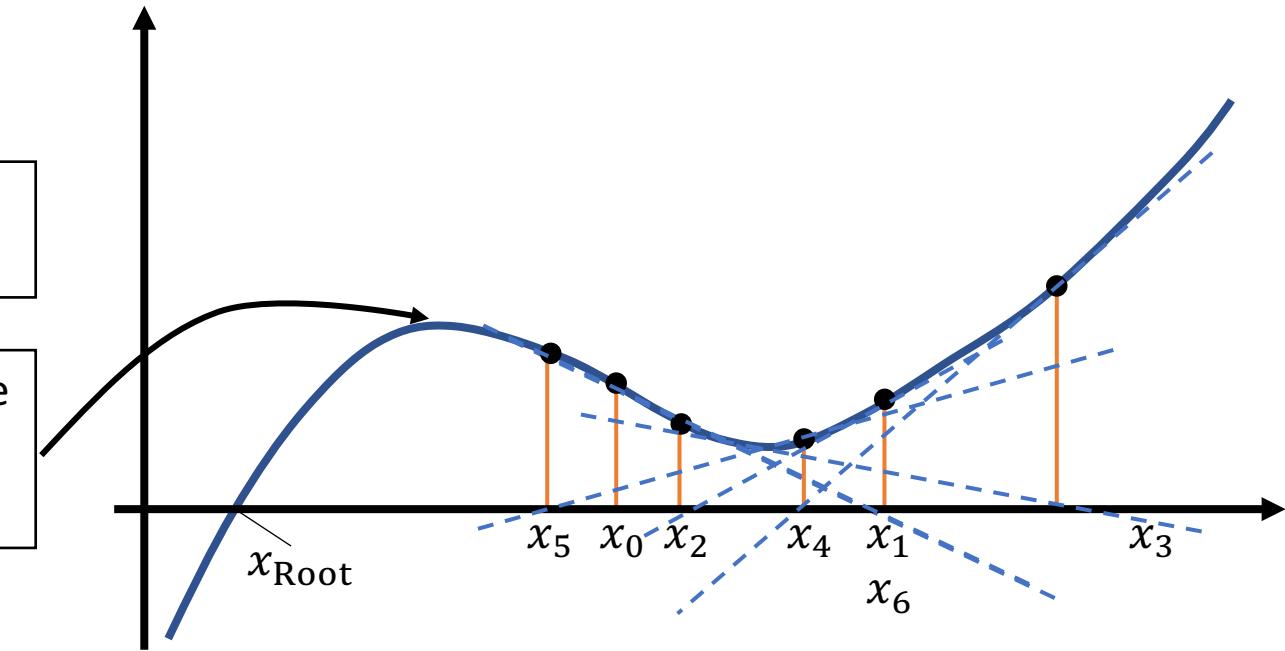
In some cases Newton's method will not converge

The **bad choice** of x_0 may never lead us to reach an answer; we are stuck in an **infinite loop**

Reaching **local minimum** or **local maximum** of the function, the answer will fly off to infinity

$$f'(x_0) = 0$$

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



Relating Newton's to Other Methods

Linear Interpolation Methods

$$x_2 = x_0 - f(x_0) \frac{(x_0 - x_1)}{f(x_0) - f(x_1)}$$

$$x_2 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{\frac{f(x_0) - f(x_1)}{(x_0 - x_1)}}$$

The denominator of the fraction is an **approximation** of the derivative at x_0

Newton's Method

$$x_2 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

$$x_1 = x_0 + h$$

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{(x_1 - x_0) \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$x_2 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{\lim_{(x_1 - x_0) \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}$$

Secant method looks like Newton's and **its good to use when the derivative is not easy to achieve**

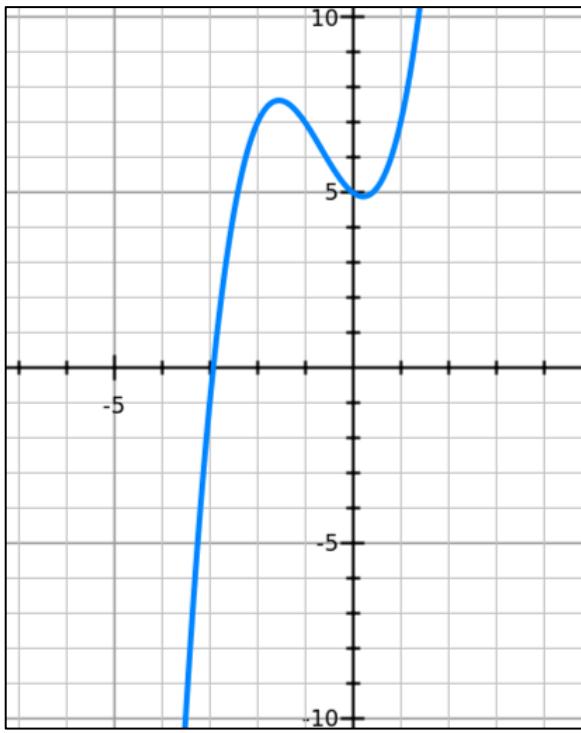
Secant Method

$$x_2 = x_0 - f(x_0) \frac{(x_0 - x_1)}{f(x_0) - f(x_1)}$$

Newton's Method

$$x_2 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

Newton's method **works with complex roots** if we give it a complex value for the starting value x_0



$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 5 = 0$$

$$x_{\text{Actual}} = -2.9259, 0.46293 \pm 1.22254i$$

We begin with $x_0 = 1 + i$

tol1 = $1E - 4$ OR (0.0001)

tol2 = $1E - 4$ OR (0.0001)

Newton's Method

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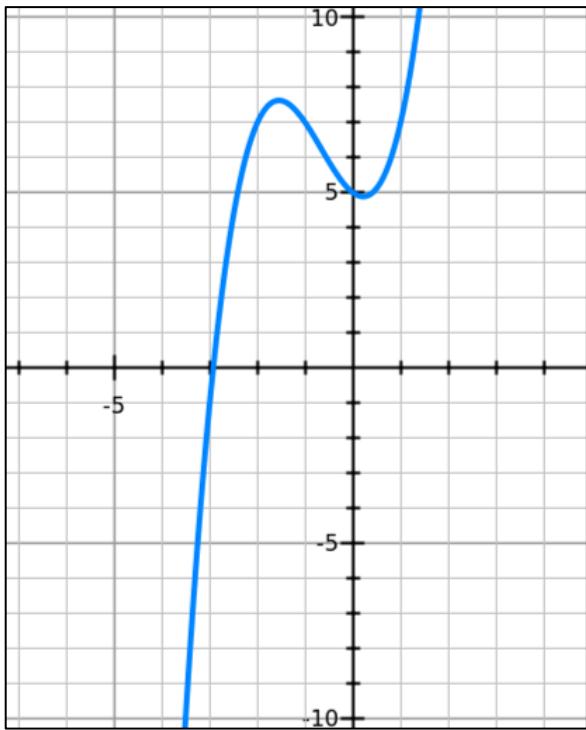
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REPEAT

SET $x_0 = x_1$

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

UNTIL ($|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol1}$) OR ($|f(x_1)| < \text{tol2}$)



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$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 4x - 1$$

$$f(x_0) = 2 + 5i, f'(x_0) = 3 + 10i$$

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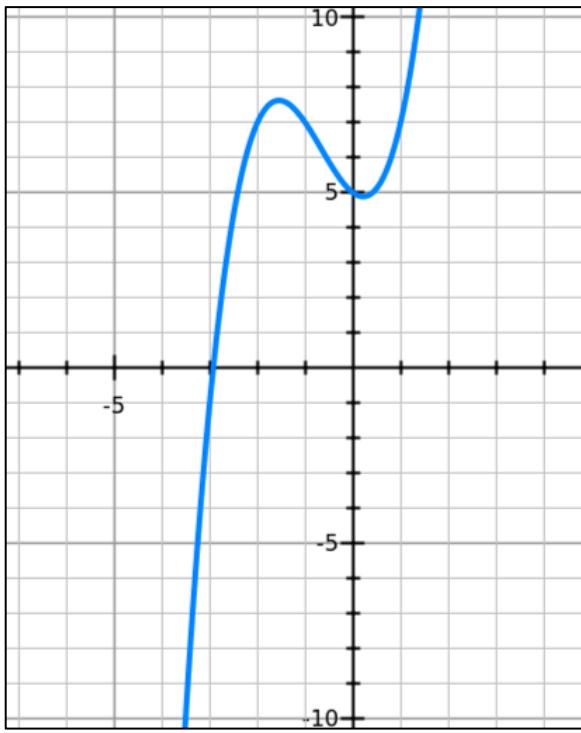
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$$\text{Iteration 1: } x_0 = 1 + i, x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = (1 + i) - \frac{2+5i}{3+10i} = 0.486238 + 1.04587i$$

Newton's Method

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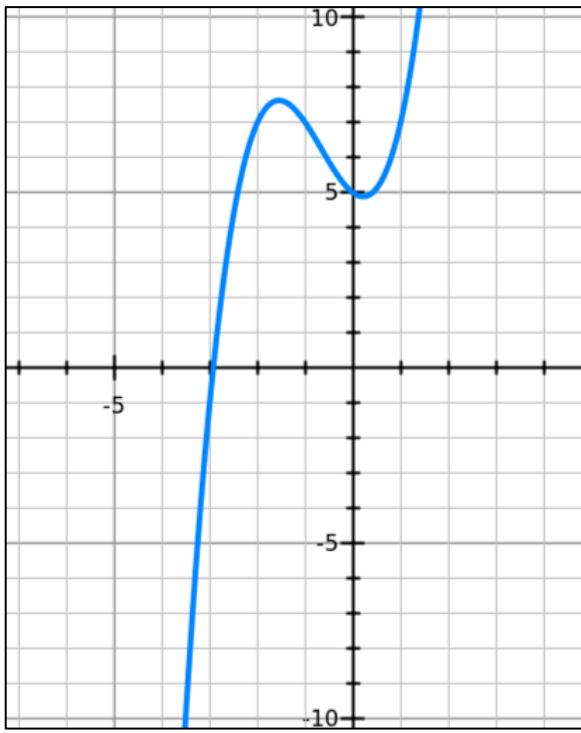
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SET $x_0 = x_1$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Iteration 2: } x_1 &= 0.486238 + 1.04587i, x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = \\ &= 0.486238 + 1.04587i - \frac{0.519354 - 0.402202i}{-1.62730 + 7.23473i} \\ &= 0.448139 + 1.23665i \end{aligned}$$

Newton's Method

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- tol1: the specified tolerance value for difference between successive x-values.
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COMPUTE $f(x_0), f'(x_0)$

SET $x_1 = x_0$

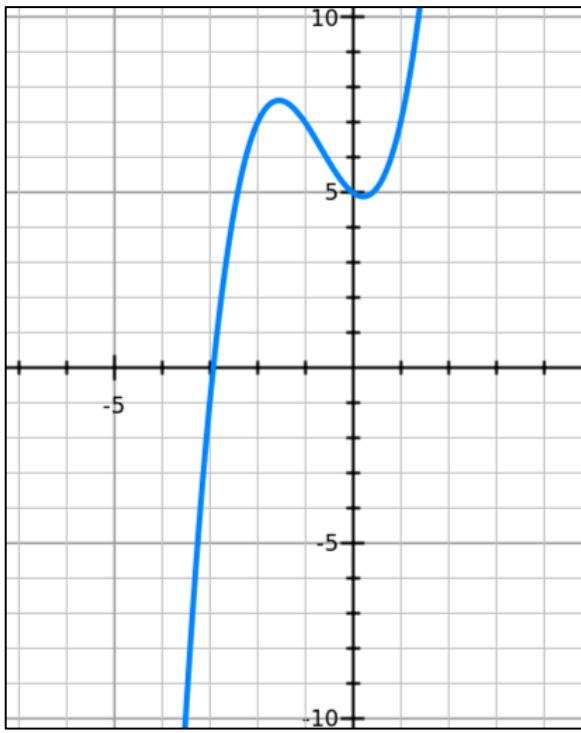
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REPEAT

SET $x_0 = x_1$

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

UNTIL ($|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol1}$) **OR** ($|f(x_1)| < \text{tol2}$)



$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 5 = 0$$

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We begin with $x_0 = 1 + i$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Iteration 3: } x_2 &= 0.448139 + 1.23665i, x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = \\ &= 0.448139 + 1.23665i - \frac{-0.0711105 - 0.166035i}{-3.19287 + 8.27175i} \\ &= 0.462720 + 1.22242i \end{aligned}$$

Newton's Method

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COMPUTE $f(x_0), f'(x_0)$

SET $x_1 = x_0$

IF $(f(x_0) \neq 0)$ **AND** $(f'(x_0) \neq 0)$ **THEN**
REPEAT

SET $x_0 = x_1$

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

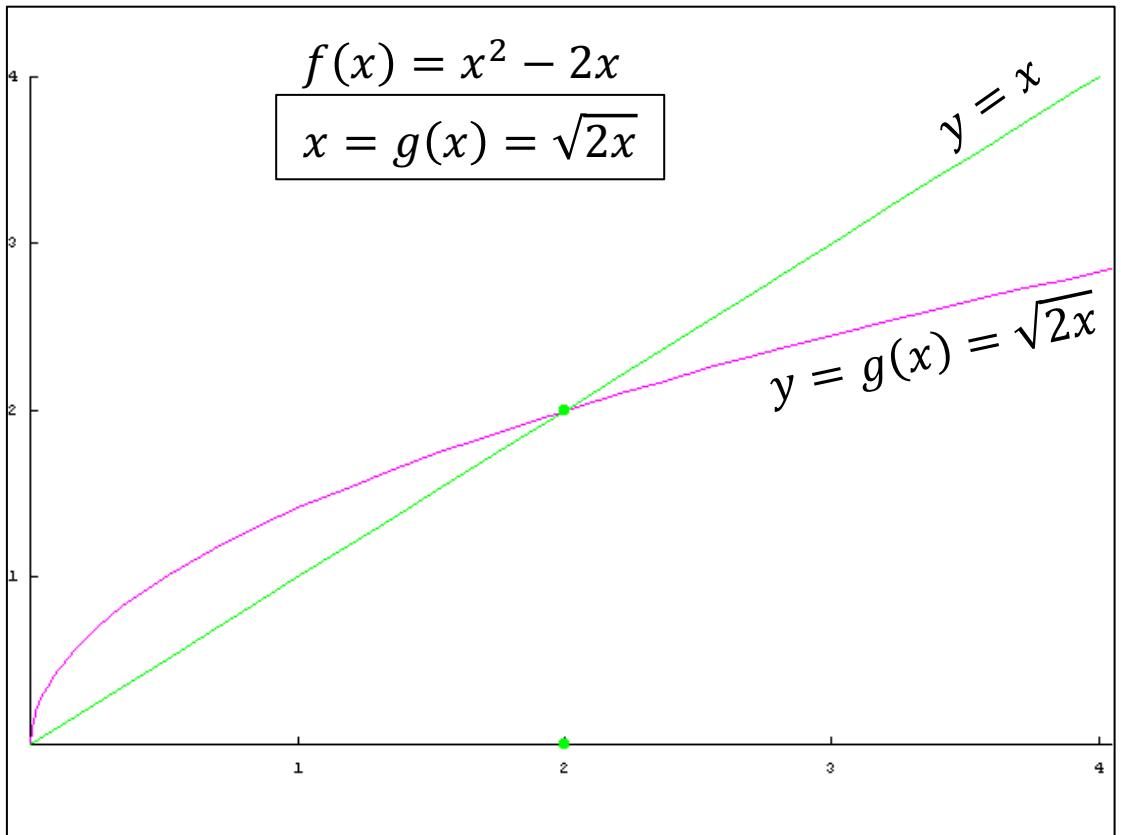
UNTIL $(|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol1})$ **OR** $(|f(x_1)| < \text{tol2})$

Newton's Method- Animation

<http://mathfaculty.fullerton.edu/mathews/a2001/Animations/RootFinding/NewtonMethod/NewtonMethod.html>

Fixed-Point Iteration Method

Fixed-Point Iteration Method



A very useful way to get a root of a given $f(x)$

We rearrange $f(x)$ into an **equivalent** form $x = g(x)$

If r is a root of $f(x)$,
then $f(r) = r - g(r) = 0 \Rightarrow r = g(r)$

r is a fixed-point for function g

$$x_{n+1} = g(x_n) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

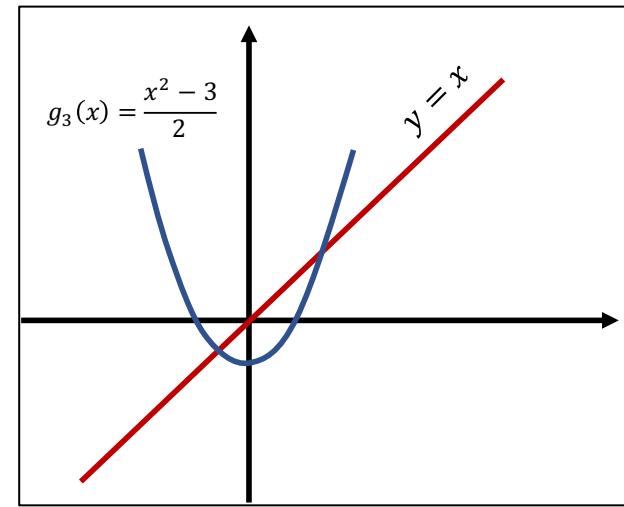
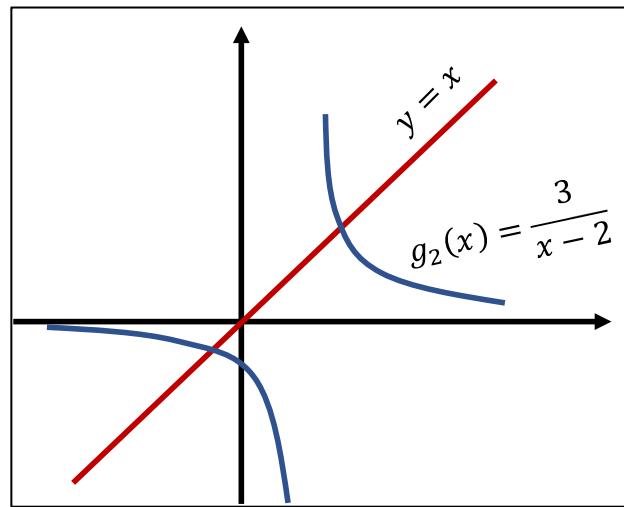
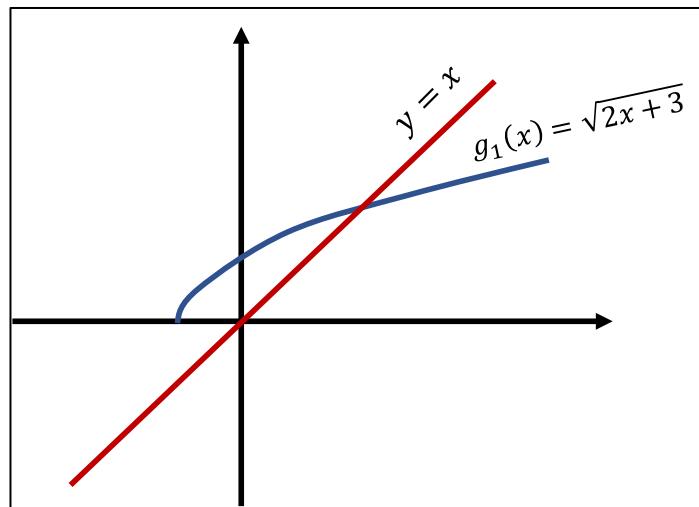
For given equation $f(x) = 0$, there may be **many equivalent** fixed-point problems
 $x = g(x)$ with different choice of $g(x)$

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

$$g_1(x) = \sqrt{2x + 3}$$

$$g_2(x) = \frac{3}{x - 2}$$

$$g_3(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3}{2}$$



Fixed-Point Iteration Method ($x = g(x)$ Method)

INPUT

- x_1 reasonably close to the root
- tol: the specified tolerance value

REARRANGE $f(x)$ **INTO** $x = g(x)$

SET $x_2 = x_1$

REPEAT

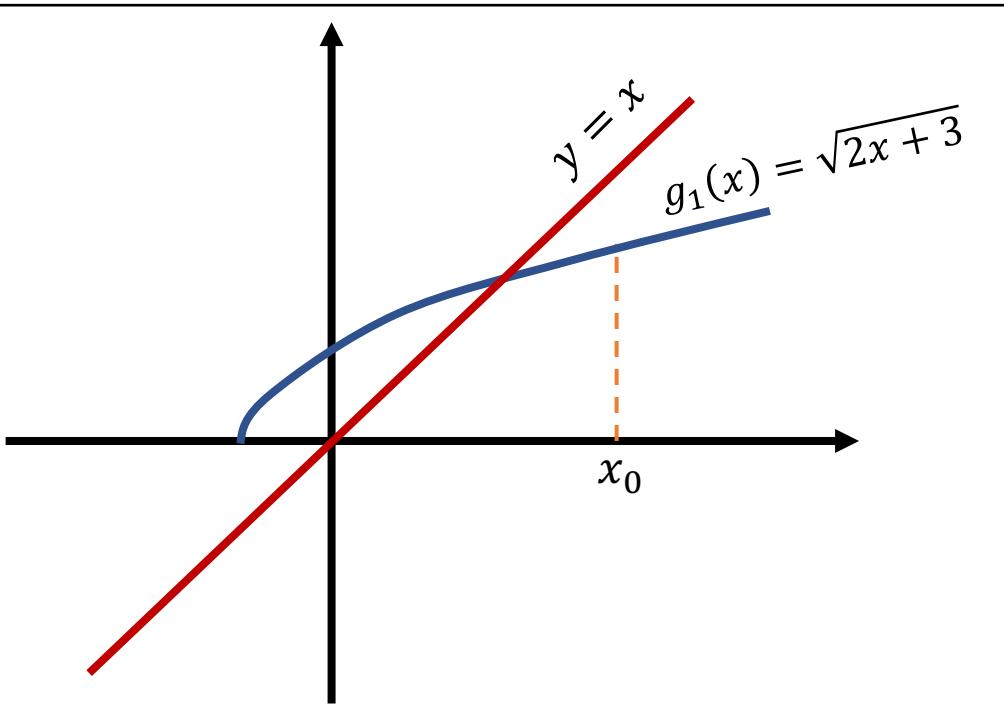
SET $x_1 = x_2$

SET $x_2 = g(x_1)$

UNTIL ($|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol}$)

NOTES

- The method **may converge to a root different from the expected one or diverge.**
- Different rearrangements will converge at different rates.



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REARRANGE $f(x)$ **INTO** $x = g(x)$

SET $x_2 = x_1$

REPEAT

SET $x_1 = x_2$

SET $x_2 = g(x_1)$

UNTIL $(|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol})$

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

$x_{\text{Actual}} = -1, 3$

$$g_1(x) = \sqrt{2x + 3}$$

We begin with $x_0 = 4$

tol = $1E - 4$ OR (0.0001)

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

$$x_0 = 4,$$

$$x_1 = \sqrt{2(4) + 3} = \sqrt{11} = 3.31663$$

$$x_2 = \sqrt{2(3.31663) + 3} = \sqrt{9.63325} = 3.10375$$

$$x_3 = \sqrt{2(3.10375) + 3} = \sqrt{9.20750} = 3.03439$$

$$x_4 = \sqrt{2(3.31663) + 3} = \sqrt{9.06877} = 3.01144$$

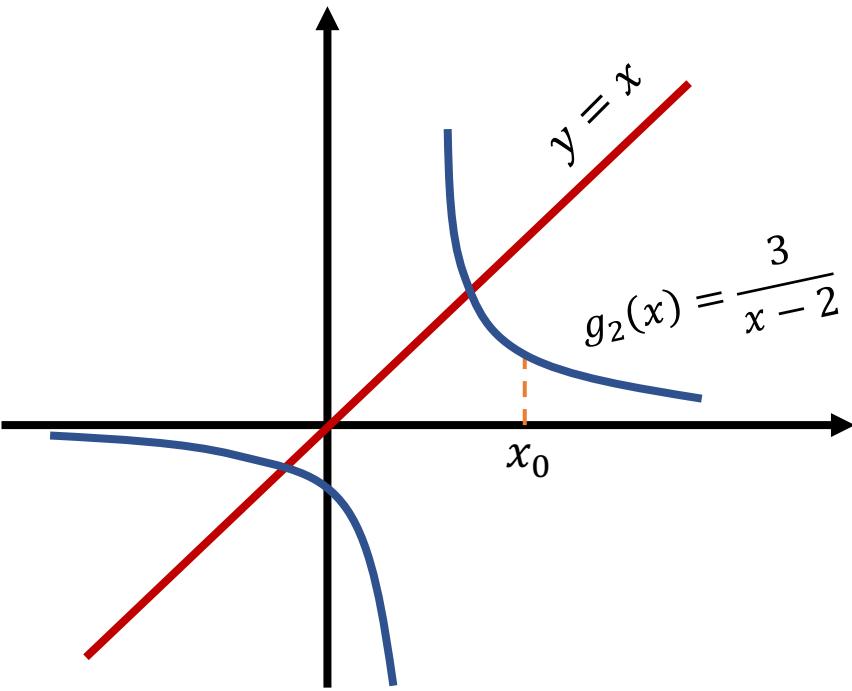
$$x_5 = \sqrt{2(3.01144) + 3} = \sqrt{9.02288} = 3.00381$$

$$x_6 = \sqrt{2(3.00381) + 3} = \sqrt{9.00762} = 3.00127$$

$$x_7 = \sqrt{2(3.00127) + 3} = \sqrt{9.00254} = 3.00042$$

$$x_8 = \sqrt{2(3.00042) + 3} = \sqrt{9.00084} = 3.00013$$

$$x_9 = \sqrt{2(3.00013) + 3} = \sqrt{9.00026} = 3.00004$$



Fixed-Point Iteration Method ($x = g(x)$ Method)

INPUT

- x_1 reasonably close to the root
- tol: the specified tolerance value

REARRANGE $f(x)$ **INTO** $x = g(x)$

SET $x_2 = x_1$

REPEAT

SET $x_1 = x_2$

SET $x_2 = g(x_1)$

UNTIL $(|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol})$

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

$x_{\text{Actual}} = -1, 3$

$$g_2(x) = \frac{3}{x - 2}$$

We begin with $x_0 = 4$

tol = $1E - 4$ OR (0.0001)

$$x_0 = 4,$$

$$x_1 = 1.5$$

$$x_2 = -6$$

$$x_3 = -0.375$$

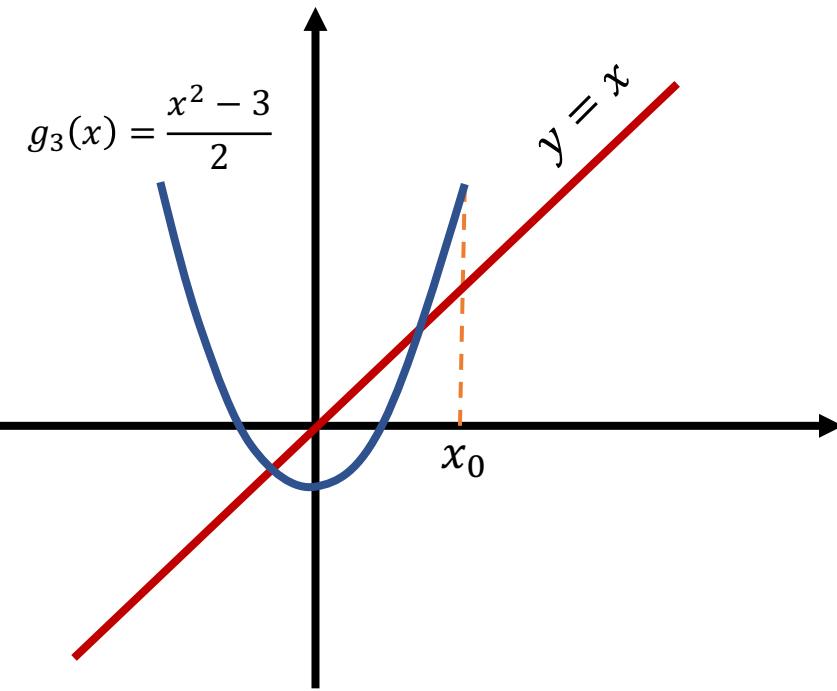
$$x_4 = -1.263158$$

$$x_5 = -0.919355$$

$$x_6 = -1.02762$$

$$x_7 = -0.990876$$

$$x_8 = -1.00305$$



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

$x_{\text{Actual}} = -1, 3$

$$g_3(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3}{2}$$

We begin with $x_0 = 4$
 $\text{tol} = 1E - 4 \text{ OR } (0.0001)$

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= 4, \\x_1 &= 6.5 \\x_2 &= 19.625 \\x_3 &= 191.070\end{aligned}$$

Fixed-Point Iteration Method ($x = g(x)$ Method)

INPUT • x_1 reasonably close to the root
• tol: the specified tolerance value

REARRANGE $f(x)$ **INTO** $x = g(x)$

SET $x_2 = x_1$

REPEAT

SET $x_1 = x_2$

SET $x_2 = g(x_1)$

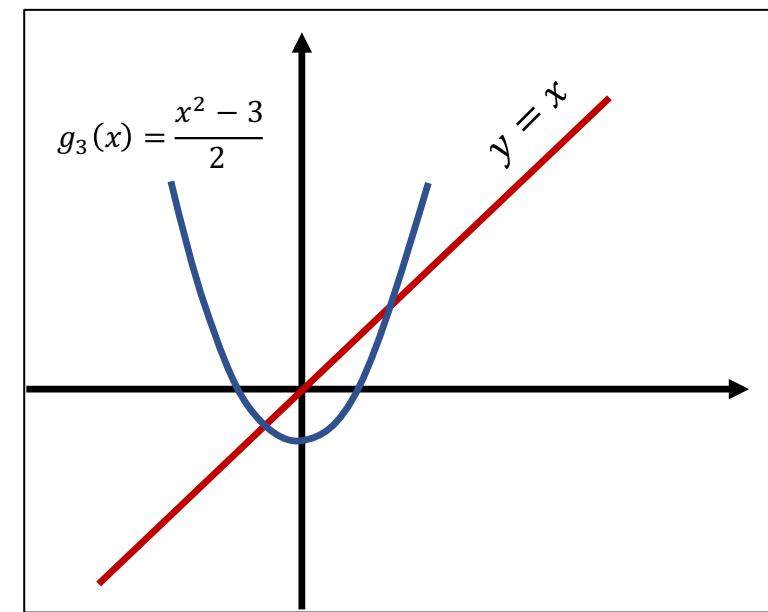
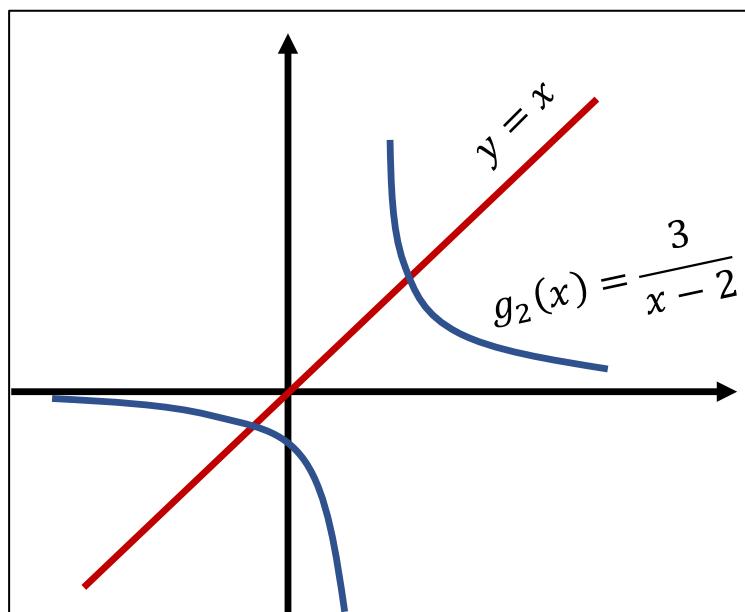
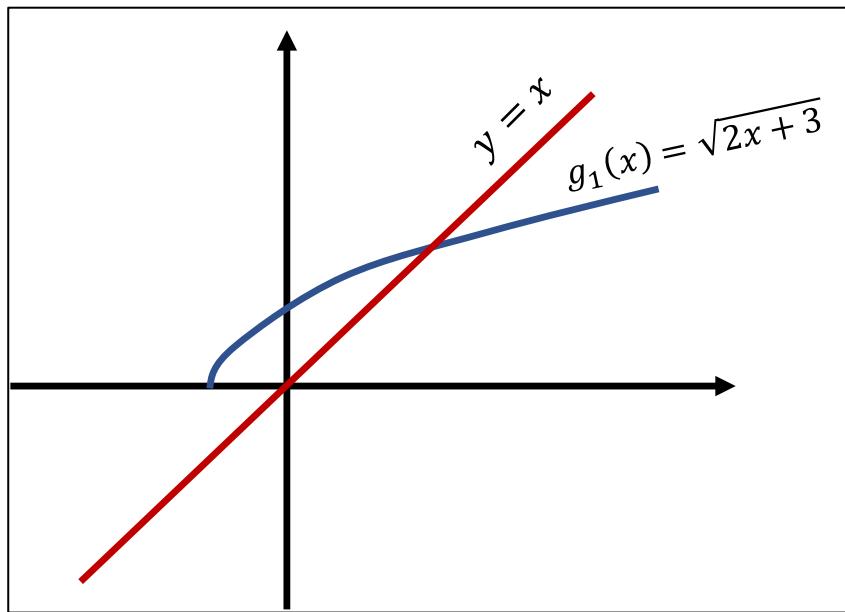
UNTIL $(|x_1 - x_0| < \text{tol})$

Diverges

How it works?

Start on the x -axis at the initial x_0 , go vertically to the curve $g(x)$, then horizontally to the line $y = x$, then vertically to the curve, and again horizontally to the line.

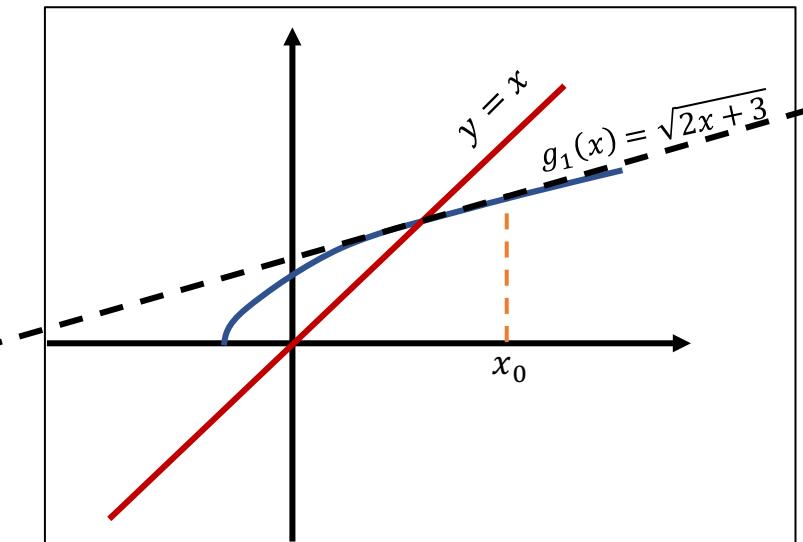
Repeat this process until the points on the curve converge to a fixed point or else diverge



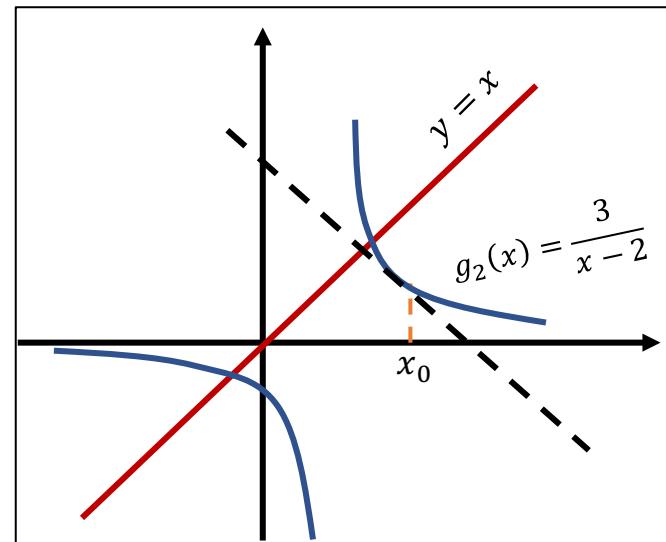
How it works?

The different behaviors depend on whether the **slope of the curve** is greater, less, or of opposite sign to the slope of the line

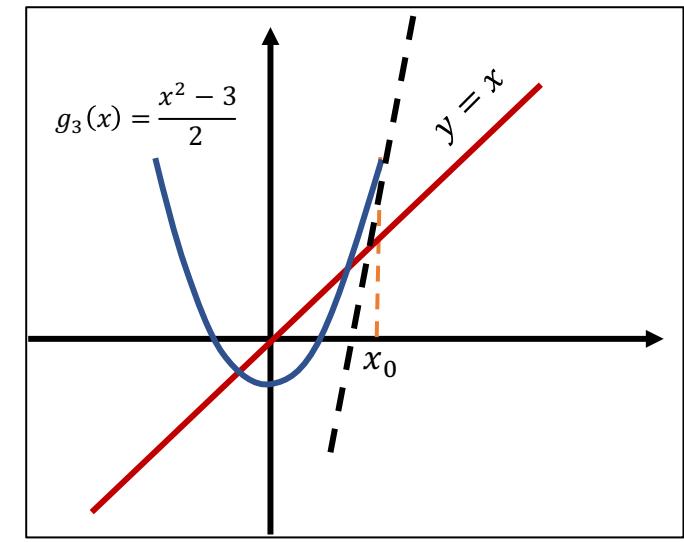
$0 < \text{Slope of Curve} < 1$



$-1 < \text{Slope of Curve} < 0$



$|\text{Slope of Curve}| \geq 1$



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monotonic convergence

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oscillatory convergence

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