

## 4.8: NEWTON'S METHOD

### (A) Review

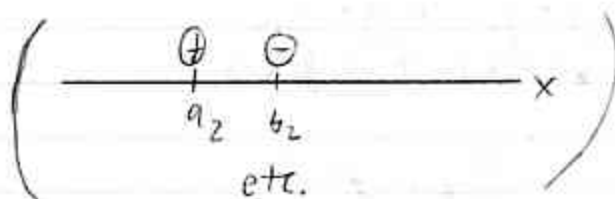
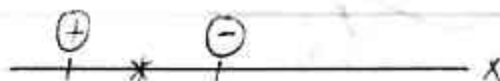
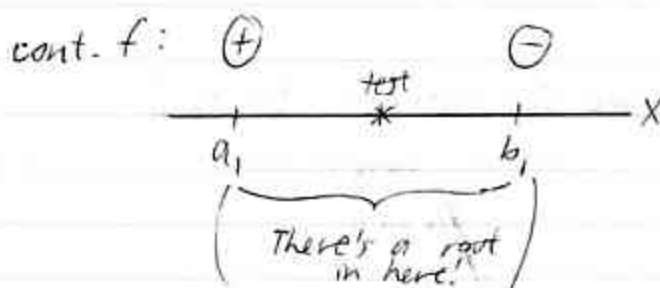
Solve an eq.  
Can - RHS

Find a sol'n of  $f(x)=0$  ( $\frac{f}{f'}$ ,  $\frac{x-\text{ints}}{f'}$ ,  $\frac{\text{cvs. #s}}{f'}$ )  
i.e., Find a zero (or "root") of  $f$ .

10<sup>th</sup>-degree; factoring, rational zero test ( $\pm \frac{p}{q}$ ), etc. fail?  
Ing?  $\checkmark$ ?

Approximate a root!

2.5: Bisection Method (based on IVT)



Iterative

When are we  
guaranteed  
to have a  
root inside  
here?  
seeds  $a_1, b_1$

rounding error  
if uh say  $f(x)$   
the  
secant method

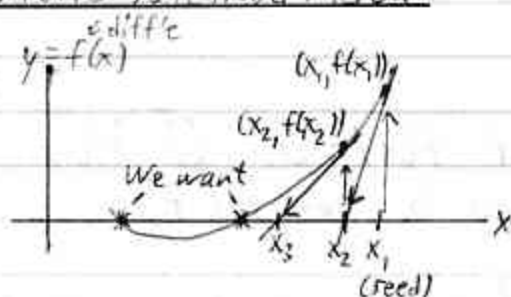
form or known  
really by  
Simpson  
(CMC2) '03)

We want the  
0s of the  $f$   
so we want  
the value  
on the graph?  
(x-inter.)  
we just need one.

This graph  
might be  
messy to us.  
Ideally, we could  
ski down  
Instead, we'll use  
tangent line approx.  
the graph near  
this pt.

Really Simpson's?

## (B) Newton's Method: Idea

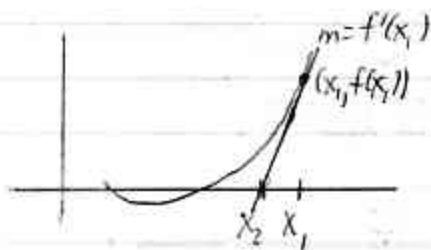


(Ski down tangent line  
to new approx.)

Seed (initial guess) =  $x_1$  (maybe based on a  
graph or a graphing calc.)

Let  $x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$  of tangent line at  $(x_1, f(x_1))$   
 $x_3 =$   
etc

## (C) How do we get from $x_1$ to $x_2$ ?



That's the same  $x_1$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - f(x_1) = [f'(x_1)](x - x_1)$$

When we  
find  $x_2$

Plug in  $y=0$   
Solve for  $x$

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

← if  $\neq 0$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} \quad \left( \text{prev. approx.} - \frac{\text{ratio of func. value to deriv. value there}} \right)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \quad n=1,2,3,\dots \quad \leftarrow \text{provided } \neq 0$$

Stuck  $\Rightarrow$  New seed!

① Ex

what does this have to do w/ finding roots?  
Can use differentials, but overstep  
let's say you have a cheap calc.

Approx.  $\sqrt{5}$  to 4 dec. places.  
i.e., Approx. the "+" root of  $f(x) = x^2 - 5$ .  
 $f'(x) = 2x$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \\ x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 5}{2x_n} \\ &= \frac{2x_n^2 - x_n^2 + 5}{2x_n} \\ &= \frac{x_n^2 + 5}{2x_n} \end{aligned}$$

$\sqrt{5}$  has to be between what and what?

Seed:  $x_1 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= \frac{(2)^2 + 5}{2(2)} \\ &= 2.2500 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= \frac{(2.25)^2 + 5}{2(2.25)} \\ &\approx 2.2361 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_4 \overset{\text{turns out}}{\approx} (2.2361)$$

same, so STOP!

If the method works, when you get close to a root, the # of correct decimal places doubles w/ each iteration.  
Quadratic convergence

Try to avoid rounding off

When Animals Attack

## ⑥ When Newton Fails!

Why does the method fail! ①  
Stuck in a valley ②  
 $x^{\frac{1}{3}}$  diverges ③

$\forall x \neq 0$   
Flat tan line intervals  
Lesson 218:

Suff. for conv.:  
 $\left| \frac{f(x)f'(x)}{(f'(x))^2} \right| < 1$   
on an open interval  
containing the root

appears often  
not good for any

(Why are we talking about this now?  
Applic of derivs. and  $f'(x)=0$  - find critical #s  
 $f''(x)=0$  - find P/Ns)

