

# Fixed Point Iteration Schemes

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While the simple enclosure method is guaranteed to converge to a root of equation,

it often suffers from slow rate of convergence

To overcome the slow rate of convergence, we have options of Fixed-point Iterations

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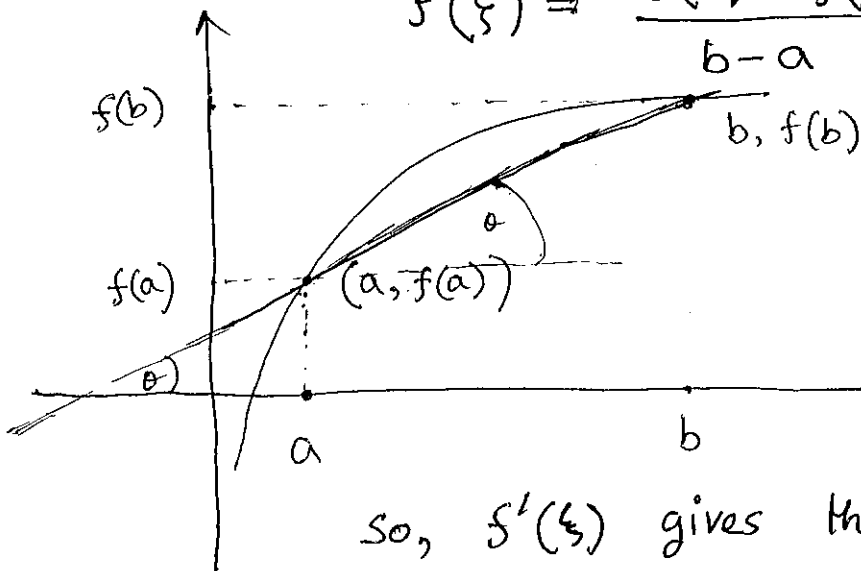
Provides rapid convergence.

But, at the cost of the loss of guaranteed convergence.

## Review of Mean Value Theorem:

Theorem: If the function "f" is continuous on the close interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ , then there exists a real number  $\xi \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f'(\xi) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

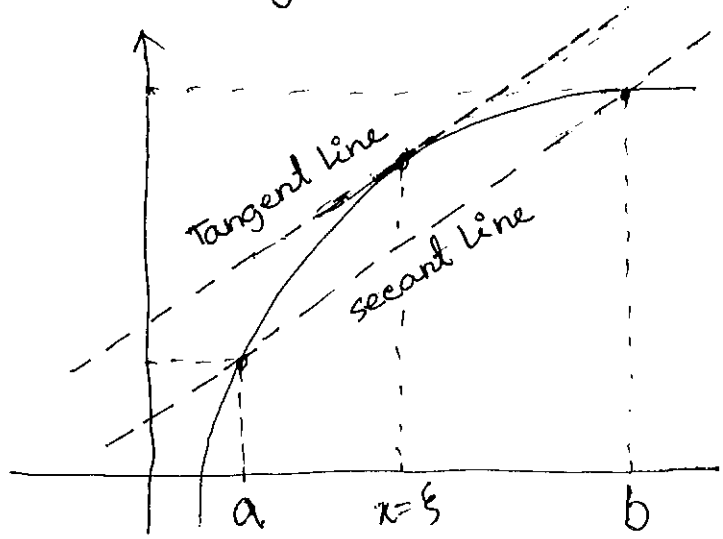


$$\text{Slope: } \theta = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

So,  $f'(\xi)$  gives the slope of a line passing through  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$

Line passing through this is often called secant line.

$f'(\xi)$  gives the slope of the line tangent to  $f$  at  $x = \xi$ .



So, the Mean Value Theorem guarantees —

That there's at least one point on the graph of the  $f$  at which the tangent line is parallel to the secant line. Eq. goes as follows:

$$f'(\xi) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{(b-a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(\xi)(b-a) = f(b) - f(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(b) - f(a) = f'(\xi)(b-a)$$



This form relates difference of two  $f$  values to the difference of the corresponding input values.

# Fixed Points : BACKGROUND

A fixed point of the function 'g' is any real number, p, for which  $g(p) = p$ ; that is, whose location is fixed by g

Example: Consider  $f(x) = \sin x$  as the function.

$$\sin(\pi/4) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sin(0) = 0$$

Here, sine fn<sup>c</sup> maps '0' to '0'; sine fn<sup>c</sup> fixes the location of '0'

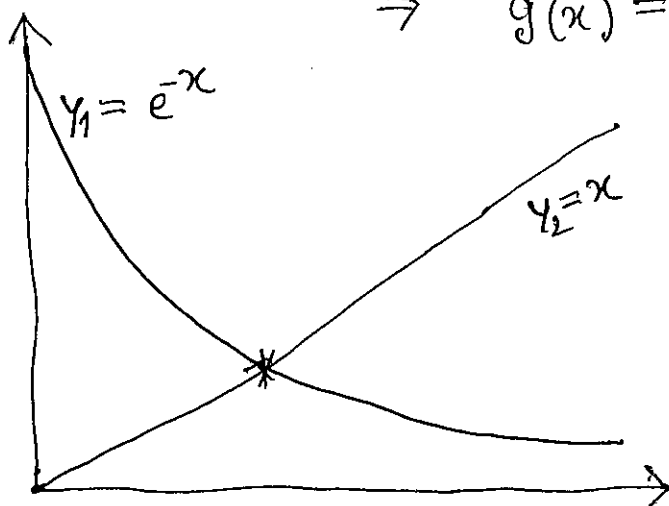
Hence,  $x=0$  is a fixed point of the fn<sup>c</sup>  $\sin x$ .

When analytical approach fails, we can use graphical approach — let's consider  $y_1 = g(x)$ ;  $y_2 = x$

↳ same set of coordinates

So, if the two graphs intersect, we obtain

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} y_1 &= y_2 \\ g(x) &= x \end{aligned}$$



Assume  $y_1 = g(x) = e^{-x}$   
 $y_2 = x$

So, intersecting point provides  $e^{-x} = x$  at that point.

↓  
Fixed point

☐ When analytical approach fails, we can use graphical approach<sup>to</sup> investigate the existence of fixed points.

Let's assume  $y_1 = g(x)$   $y_2 = x$ . Intersection provides  
 $y_1 = y_2 \Rightarrow g(x) = x$ .

Now, if  $g(x) = e^{-x}$ , then  $x = e^{-x}$ .

That's we obtain the fixed point.

☐ issues to consider ...

✗  $f_n^c$  can have two fixed points

✗  $f_n^c$  can have unique fixed point

✗  $f_n^c$  may not have any fixed point

↳  $x^x + 1$  has no fixed point.

☐ Conditions under which a  $f_n^c$  is guaranteed to have a unique fixed point.

Theorem :

existence { Let  $g$  be continuous on interval  $[a, b]$ ;  
 $g: [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$   
 Then  $g$  has a fixed point  $P \in [a, b]$ .

Furthermore,

Uniqueness { if  $g$  is differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$   
 and there exists a positive constant  $K < 1$ ,  
 such that  $|g'(x)| \leq K < 1$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$   
 then the fixed point in  $[a, b]$  is unique.

# Existence

$g$  is continuous on the interval  $[a, b]$  with  
 $g: [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$

Define.

$$h(x) = g(x) - x$$

$\downarrow$  continuous on interval  $[a, b]$   
 $\downarrow$  " " "  $[a, b]$

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this implies

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$h(x)$  is also continuous

By construction roots of  $h(x)$  are precisely the fixed point of  $g$

$$\underbrace{h(x) = 0}_{\text{roots}} \Rightarrow g(x) - x = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{x = g(x)}_{\text{fixed points}}$$

Now, since  $\min_{x \in [a, b]} g(x) \geq a$   
 $\max_{x \in [a, b]} g(x) \leq b$

we obtain,

$$h(a) = g(a) - a \geq 0, \text{ and}$$

$$h(b) = g(b) - b \leq 0$$

Now, if  $h(a) = 0$  or  $h(b) = 0$ , then we have a root.

If not, (neither  $h(a) = 0$ , nor  $h(b) = 0$ )

We can say

$$h(b) < 0 < h(a)$$

$$P \in [a, b]$$

such that

$$h(P) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P = g(P)$$

because of this  
 $\leq$  becomes  $<$   
 Since  $h$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , the intermediate value theorem may be invoked.

## □ Uniqueness ...

Let's assume that  $p$  and  $q$  are both fixed points, of the fn<sup>e</sup>  $g$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ .

Here,  $p \neq q$ . So,  $g(p) = p$ ,  $g(q) = q$

Then,  $|p - q| = |g(p) - g(q)|$   
 $= |g'(\xi)(p - q)|$  using mean value theorem.

$$= |g'(\xi)| |p - q|$$

$$\leq K |p - q| < |p - q|$$

As  $|p - q| < |p - q|$  with  $p, q$  being the two different fixed points, with theorem mentioned earlier, this is a contradiction.

So, Fixed point is unique.

## □ Comments:

Hypothesis made in this theorem are sufficient conditions to guarantee the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point.

↳ these are not necessary conditions.

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 A fn<sup>e</sup> can violate one or more of the hypotheses, but still have a unique fixed point.

### Fixed point Iteration

If a fn<sup>c</sup> g has a fixed point, one way to approximate the value of fixed point is to use fixed point iteration scheme.

Given a starting approximation "P<sub>0</sub>"

A Fixed Point Iteration scheme to approximate the fixed point, p, of a function g, generates the sequence {P<sub>n</sub>} by the rule

$$P_n = g(P_{n-1}) \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

### How is it related to rootfinding problem?

In principle, every rootfinding problem can be transformed into different fixed point problems.

- Some will converge rapidly
- Some will converge slowly
- Some will not converge at all.

So, rootfinding equation

$$f(x) = 0$$

↓ Transformed algebraically

$$x = \dots \Rightarrow x = g(x)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + x^2 - 3x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}(x^3 + x^2 - 3)$$

Alternatively,

$$g_2(x) = -1 + \frac{3x+3}{x^2}$$

$$g_3(x) = \sqrt[3]{3+3x-x^2}$$

$$g_4(x) = \sqrt{(3+3x-x^2)}/x$$

$$g_5(x) = x - (x^3+x^2-3x-3)/(3x^2+2x-3)$$

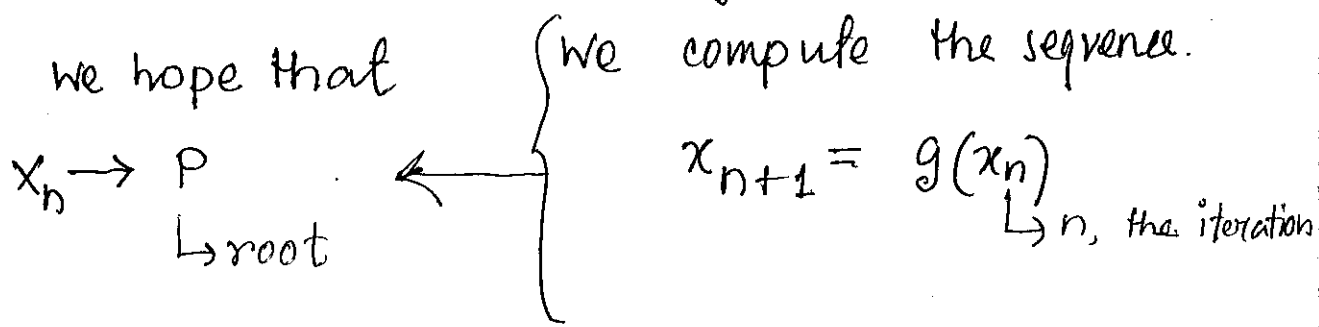
We consider a start point  $p_0 = 1$ , and use a stopping criteria  $|P_n - P_{n-1}| < 10^{-7}$ .

That is,

We reformulate the rootfinding equation  $f(x)=0$  to an equivalent fixed point problem.

$$f(x) = 0 \iff g(x) = x$$

With an initial guess  $x_0$



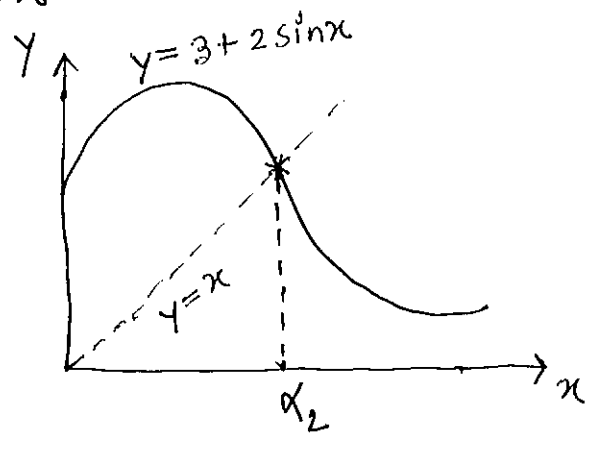
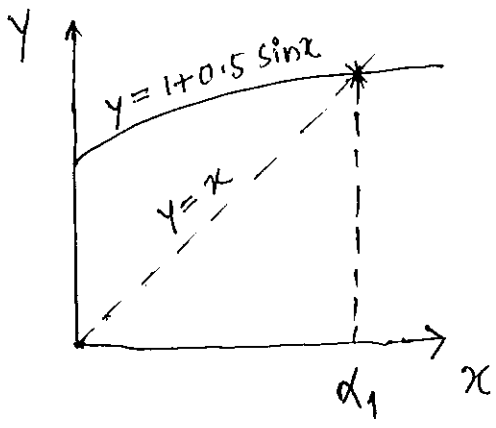
There are infinite many ways to introduce an equivalent fixed point problem, for a given equation.



☐ Consider examples of two equations:

$$x = 1 + 0.5 \sin x \quad \dots \dots \textcircled{1}$$

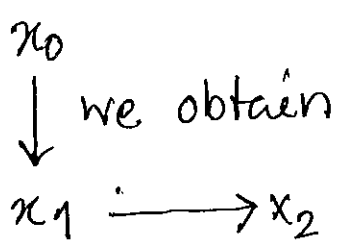
$$x = 3 + 2 \sin x \quad \dots \dots \textcircled{2}$$



Precisely,  $\alpha_1 = 1.49870113351785$

$\alpha_2 = 3.09438341304928$

With initial guess



\* this process is repeated until the convergence occurs.

Here, convergence does not occur for eq<sup>n</sup> ②

But why is it not converging ?



Based on the results that for some  $g(x)$ , iteration converge  
for some  $g(x)$  do not

AND

for some  $g(x)$  iteration converges, but  
to a fixed point outside the given interval.

So, we must know —

Given that a fn<sup>c</sup>  $f$ , can an iteration fn<sup>c</sup>  $g$ ,  
be constructed such that fixed points of  $g$   
are the roots of "f"

AND

for some starting point/approximation  $P_0$ ,  
the sequence  $P_n = g(P_{n-1})$  converges to  $P$ .  
 $P$  is the root of "f"

To answer this :

We need to know the conditions on "g"  
that will guarantee convergence of  
iteration.

Theorem:

Let's consider "g" as continuous on the closed interval  
 $[a, b]$

with  $g: [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$

Furthermore,

Let's assume "g" is differentiable on the  
open interval  $(a, b)$ .

and

there exists a positive constant  $k < 1$  such that  $|g'(x)| \leq k < 1$ ; for all  $x \in (a, b)$

Then,

- ① Sequence  $\{P_n\}$  generated by  $P_n = g(P_{n-1})$  converges to the fixed point  $p$  for any  $P_0 \in [a, b]$
- ②  $|P_n - p| \leq k^n \max(P_0 - a, b - P_0)$
- ③  $|P_n - p| \leq \frac{k^n}{1-k} |P_1 - P_0|$

□ We recall those two examples again

$$x = 1 + 0.5 \sin x \quad \dots \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$x = 3 + 2 \sin x \quad \dots \dots \textcircled{2}$$

Here,

$$g(x) = 1 + 0.5 \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x) = 0.5 \cos x$$

For,  $x = 1.4987$

$$\text{so, } |g'(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

↳ condition satisfied  
 ↓  
 convergence occurs

$$g(x) = 3 + 2 \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x) = 2 \cos x$$

For  $x = 3.094$

$$g'(x) = -1.998$$

$$\Rightarrow |g'(x)| = 1.998$$

↳ violating the condition.

□ Hypotheses of this theorem are precisely those that were sufficient to guarantee that a function has unique fixed point.

Proof :

① To establish the first part of the theorem, we must show that

$$|P_n - P| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

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So,

$$\begin{aligned} |P_n - P| &= |g(P_{n-1}) - g(P)| \\ &= |g'(\xi)| |P_{n-1} - P| \text{ Mean value theorem} \\ &\leq K |P_{n-1} - P| \text{ Hypothesis on } g' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |P_{n-1} - P| &= |g(P_{n-2}) - g(P)| \\ &= |g'(\xi)| |P_{n-2} - P| \\ &\leq K |P_{n-2} - P| \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} |P_n - P| &\leq K |P_{n-1} - P| \\ &\leq K^2 |P_{n-2} - P| \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq K^n |P_0 - P| \end{aligned}$$

since  $K < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |P_n - P| &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K^n |P_0 - P| = |P_0 - P| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K^n \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

② We obtained

$$|P_n - P| \leq K^n |P_0 - P|$$

$$\leq K^n \max \{P_0 - a, b - P_0\}$$

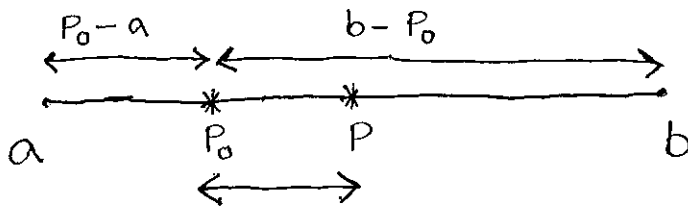
since  $P \in [a, b]$

To simplify the proof -

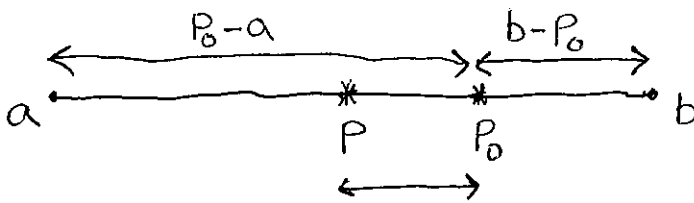
Error formula  $|P_n - P| \leq K^n |P_0 - P|$

Considering

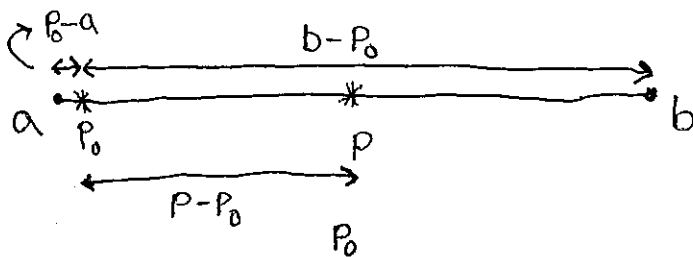
- $P$ : As the fixed point
- $P_0$ : Initial approximation
- $a$ : Left bound of interval
- $b$ : Right bound of interval



$$\max \{P_0 - a, b - P_0\} = b - P_0$$



$$\max \{P_0 - a, b - P_0\} = P_0 - a$$



$$\max \{P_0 - a, b - P_0\} = b - P_0$$

Whatever the example of  $P_0$  chosen,  $\max \{P_0 - a, b - P_0\}$  is always greater than  $|P_0 - P|$ .

Using the information as obtained graphically, we can write

$$|P_0 - P| < \max \{ P_0 - a, b - P_0 \}$$

By using  $|P_0 - P|$  inequality in the error formula

~~$$|P_n - P| < \max \{ P_0 - a, b - P_0 \}$$~~

$$\Rightarrow |P_n - P| \leq K^n |P_0 - P|$$

$$\qquad \qquad \qquad \searrow \leq \max \{ P_0 - a, b - P_0 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow |P_n - P| \leq \max \{ P_0 - a, b - P_0 \}$$

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Proof for:  $|P_n - P| \leq \frac{K^n}{1-K} |P_1 - P_0|$

$$|P_{n+1} - P_n| = |g(P_n) - g(P_{n-1})| \quad \text{Definition of } P_{n+1} \text{ \& } P_n$$

$$= |g'(\xi)| |P_n - P_{n-1}| \quad \text{Using Mean Value Thm}^m$$

$$\leq K |P_n - P_{n-1}| \quad \text{Hypothesis on } g'$$

$$\leq K^2 |P_{n-1} - P_{n-2}| \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{w} \\ |P_n - P_{n-1}| = |g(P_{n-1}) - g(P_{n-2})| \\ = |g'(\xi)| |P_{n-1} - P_{n-2}| \\ \leq K |P_{n-1} - P_{n-2}| \end{array} \right.$$

$$\leq K^3 |P_{n-2} - P_{n-3}|$$

$\vdots$

$$\leq K^n |P_{n-(n-1)} - P_{n-n}|$$

$$= K^n |P_1 - P_0|$$

$$|P_{n-1} - P_{n-2}| = |g(P_{n-2}) - g(P_{n-3})|$$

$$= |g'(\xi)| |P_{n-2} - P_{n-3}|$$

$$\leq K |P_{n-2} - P_{n-3}|$$

So,  $|P_{n+1} - P_n| \leq K^n |P_1 - P_0|$

So, we obtained

$$|P_{n+1} - P_n| \leq k^n |P_1 - P_0| \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

Assuming  $m > n$ , we can write

$$P_m - P_n = |P_m - P_{m-1} + P_{m-1} - P_{m-2} + P_{m-2} - P_{m-3} + \dots + P_{n+1} - P_n|$$

$$\leq |P_m - P_{m-1}| + |P_{m-1} - P_{m-2}| + \dots + |P_{n+1} - P_n|$$

we are generalizing for any  $m > n$   
In  $\textcircled{1}$  we got for  $n+1 > n$ . we generalize by assuming  $m > n$

$$\leq k^{m-1} |P_1 - P_0| + k^{m-2} |P_1 - P_0| + \dots + k^n |P_1 - P_0|$$

$$= k^n |P_1 - P_0| (1 + k + k^2 + \dots + k^{m-n-1})$$

Now, as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , approximated fixed point  $P_m$  converges towards true fixed point  $P$ .

Thus, we can write—

$$|P_m - P_n| = |P - P_n| \leq k^n |P_1 - P_0| (1 + k + k^2 + \dots + k^\infty)$$

$$\leq k^n |P_1 - P_0| (1 + k + k^2 + \dots)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-k}$$

Here, as  $k$  is smaller convergence occur faster. As  $k \rightarrow 1$ , rate of convergence significantly.

When  $k = \frac{1}{2}$ , rate of convergence of fixed point iteration scheme becomes almost equal to the rate of convergence of Bisection method.

# NEWTON'S METHOD

Often provides faster convergence than the other types of functional iteration.

Let's assume that  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ , and  $p_0 \in [a, b]$  is an approximation to  $p$  such that

$$f'(p_0) \neq 0, \text{ and } |p - p_0| \text{ is small}$$

We consider a Taylor expansion of  $f$  about  $p_0$  and evaluated at  $x=p$ .

$$f(p) = f(p_0) + \frac{f'(p_0)}{1!} (p-p_0) + \frac{f''(p_0)}{2!} (p-p_0)^2 + \text{Higher orders}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(p) = f(p_0) + f'(p_0) (p-p_0) \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{as } (p-p_0) \text{ is small} \\ (p-p_0)^2 \text{ is negligible} \end{array} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow f(p) = 0$  as  $p$  is the root.

$$\frac{f''(p_0) (p-p_0)^2}{2!}$$

Now,

$$f(p_0) + f'(p_0) (p-p_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p-p_0) = - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = p_0 - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 = p_0 - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)}$$

$$= \frac{(p-p_0)^2}{2!} f''(\xi(p))$$

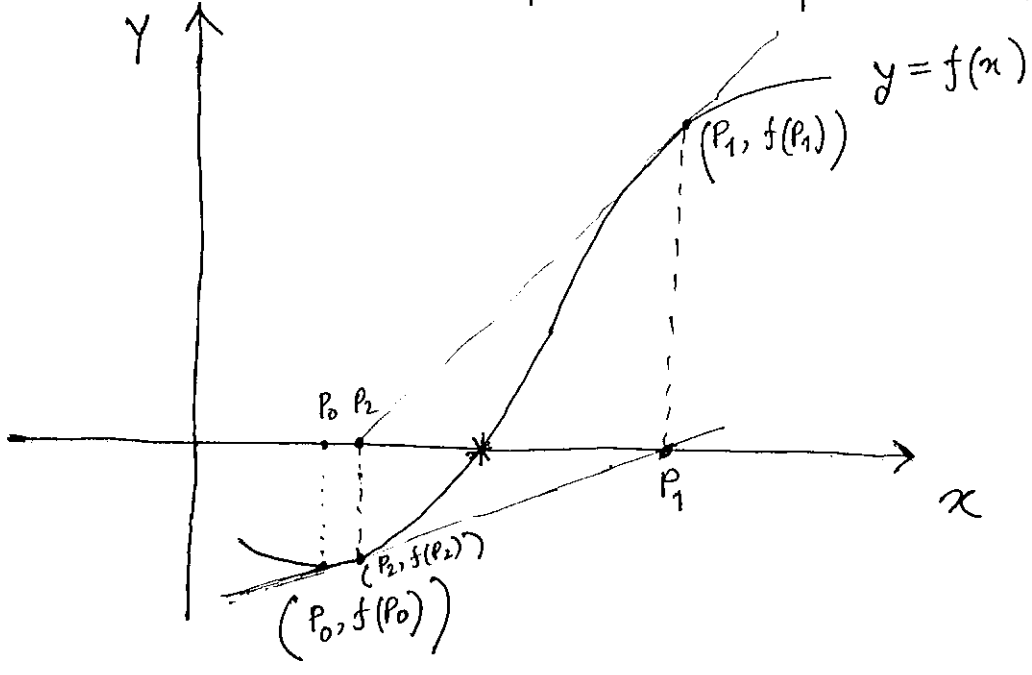
Lagrange form of the remainder of Taylor series expansion

So, with initial approximation  $p_0$ , Newton's method generates the sequence

$$p_n = p_{n-1} - \frac{f(p_{n-1})}{f'(p_{n-1})}, \quad n \geq 1$$



# Newton's Method: Graphical representation



Starting from  $P_0$ , approximation  $P_1$  is the  $x$ -intercept of the tangent line to  $f(x)$  at  $(P_0, f(P_0))$ .

Approximation  $P_2$  is the  $x$ -intercept of the tangent line of  $f(x)$  is drawn at  $(P_1, f(P_1))$ .  
and so on

We can use " $x$ " instead of " $P$ " to represent in the form

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

Let's say,  $P_0$  is the initial approximation.

So, we generate the sequence  $\{P_n\}$

using  $P_n = g(P_{n-1})$   
 $\Rightarrow P_{n+1} = g(P_n)$

in each iteration

Newton's method requires two  $f'$  evaluation:  $f'(x)$  &  $f(x)$  whereas, in Bisection method & False position method, we need one  $f'$  evaluation.