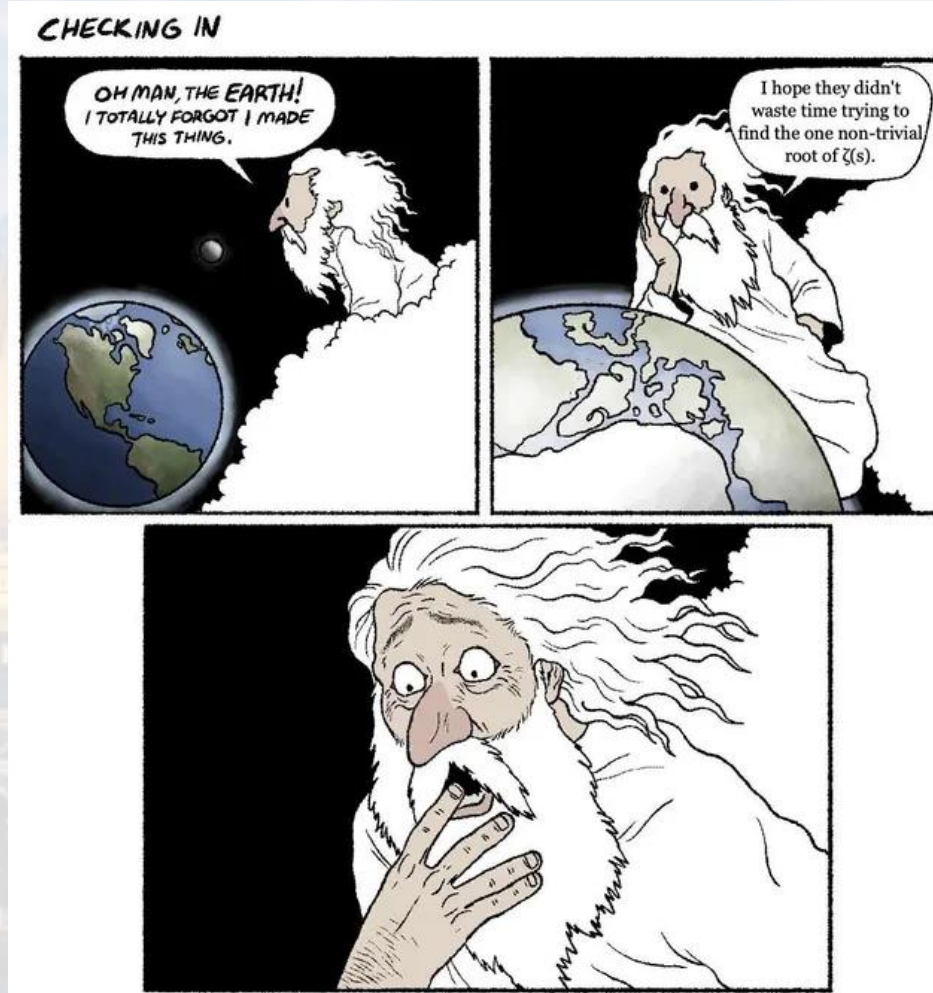


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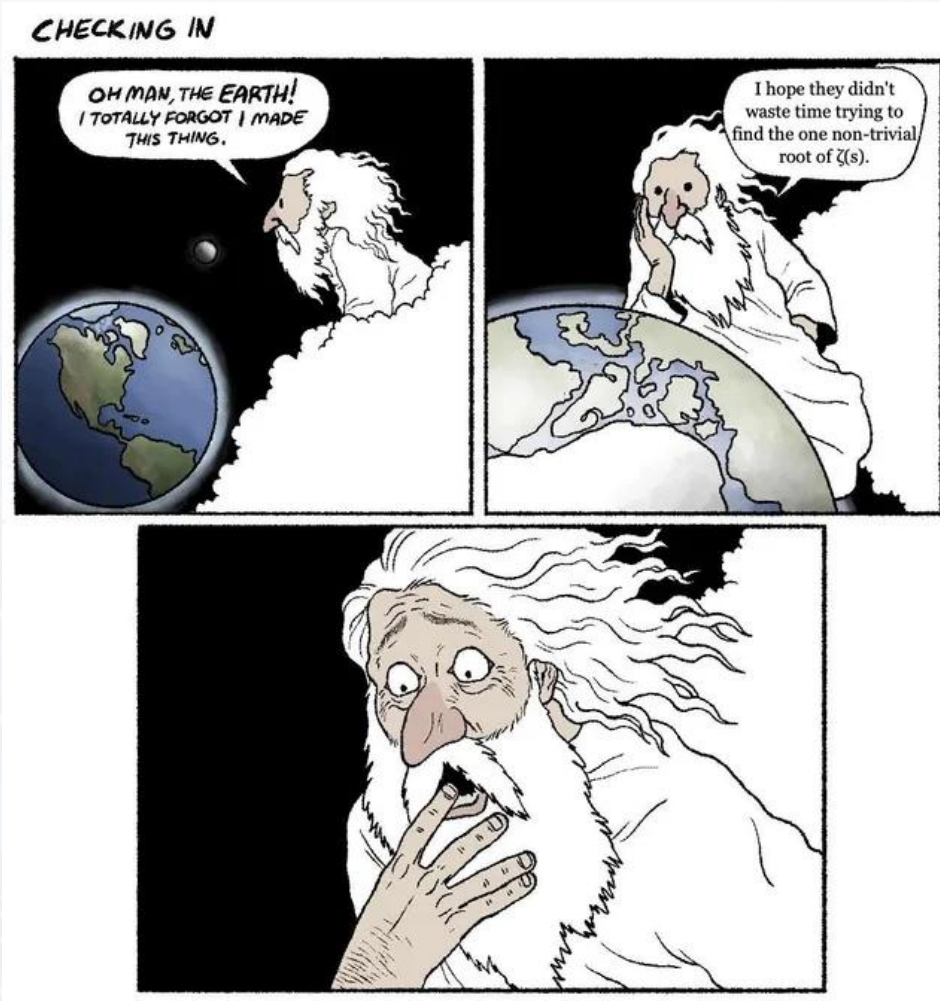
# Physics 77: Introduction to Computational Techniques in Physics





<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	June 12th	Programming Environment & UIs for Python, Programming Fundamentals
2	June 19th	Basic Types in Python
3	June 26th	Parsing, Data Processing and File I/O, Visualization
4	July 3rd	Functions, Map & Lambda
5	July 10th	Random Numbers & Probability Distributions, Interpreting Measurements
6	July 17th	Numerical Integration and Differentiation
<b>7</b>	<b>July 24th</b>	<b>Root finding, Interpolation</b>
8	July 31st	Systems of Linear Equations, Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)
9	Aug 7th	Stability of ODEs, Examples
10	Aug 14th	Final Project Presentations





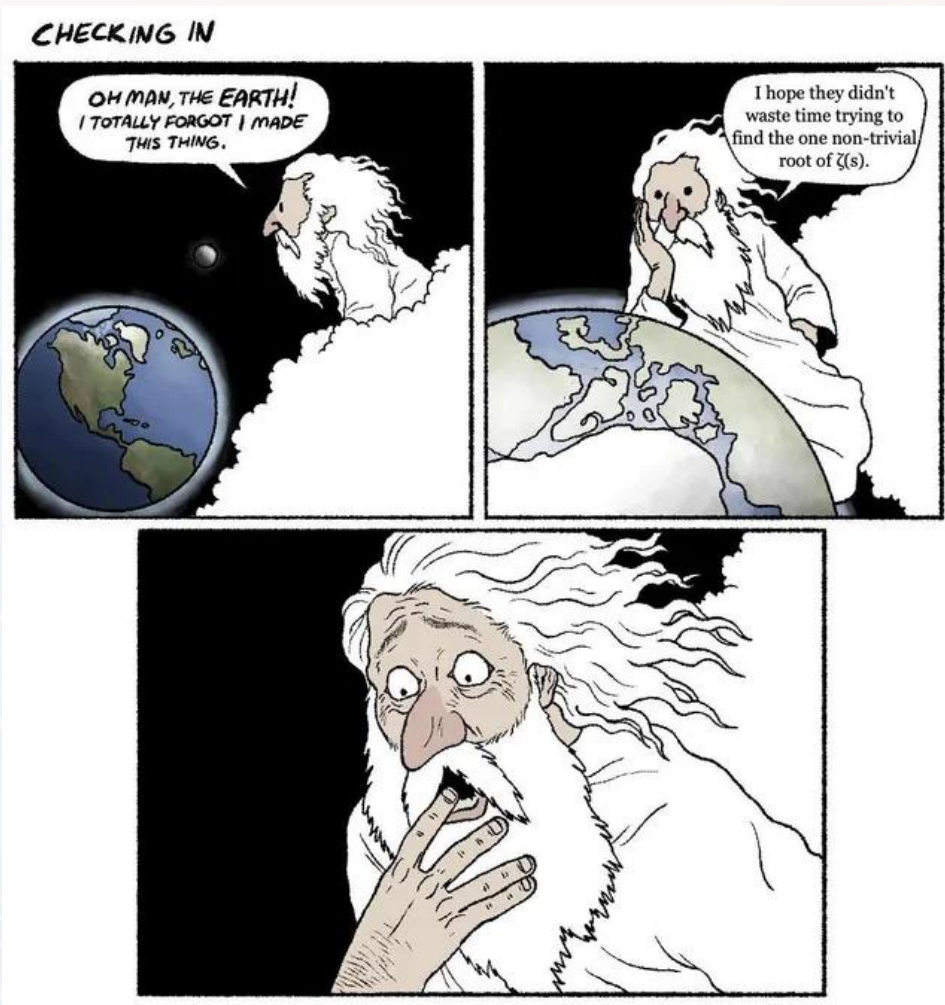
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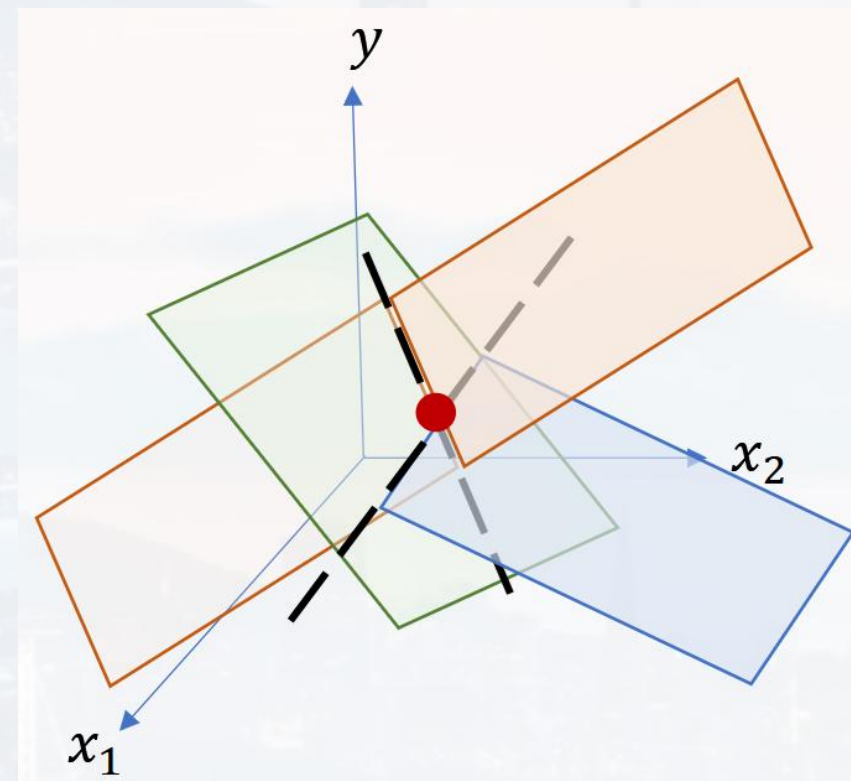
We know how to solve a set of linear equations (**see also next lecture!**):

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{x}$        $\vec{c}$

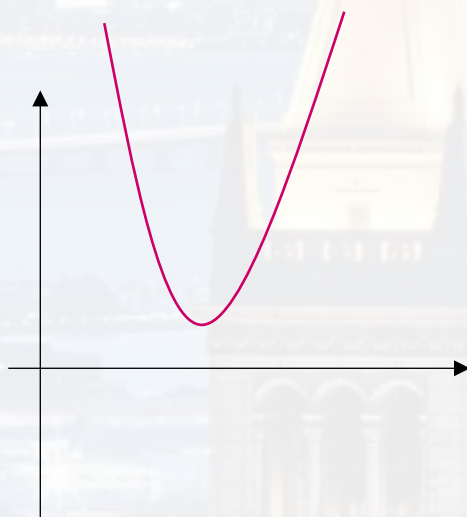
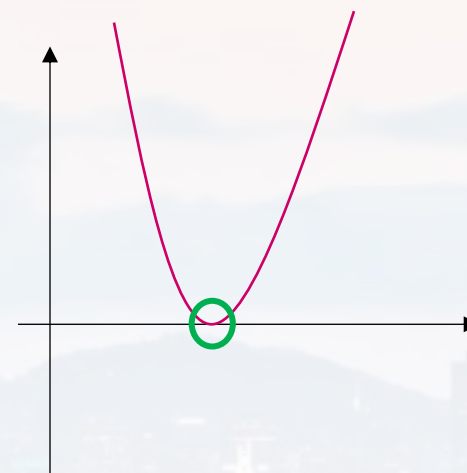
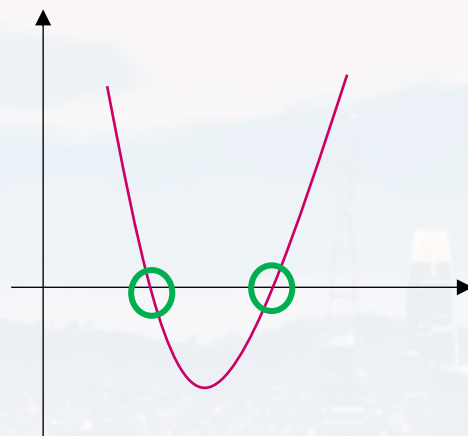
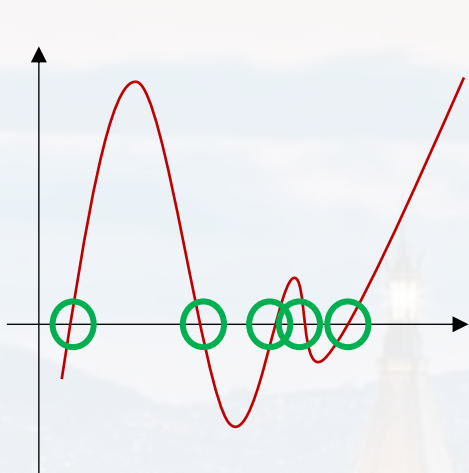
$$A\vec{x} = \vec{c}$$

**However: what about non-linear equations?!**





root finding: finding the **zeros** of a polynomial



**How many roots does a polynomial have?**



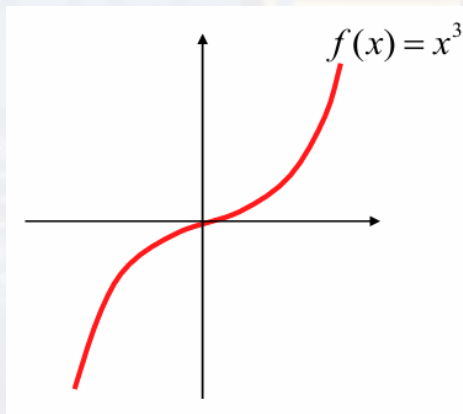
How many roots does a polynomial have?

$$f_N(x) = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i x^i = \alpha \prod_{i=1}^N (x - x_i) \quad \text{factored form}$$

$x_i$  : zeros

- a polynomial of **Nth order** has **N roots** (real & complex)
- for  $N \geq 5$ : no analytical solutions
- for  $N$  is odd: at least one real zero

$$f(x) = x^3 = (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$



zeros:  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$

one zero with multiplicity  $m = 3$



Calculate the **n-th** root of **1** and **i**. Use Euler's identity and revisit the set of solutions for  $\sin(x)$  and  $\cos(x)$ .





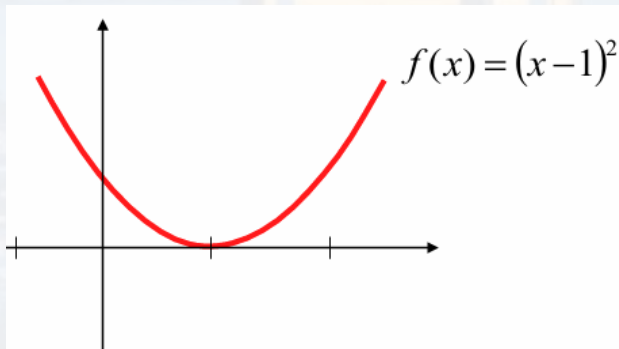
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one zero with multiplicity  $m = 2$





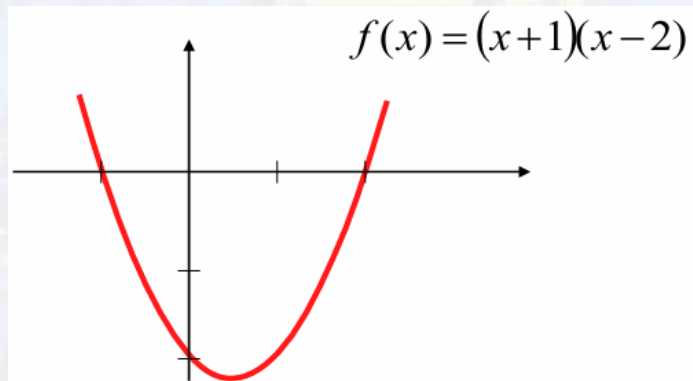
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$$f(x) = (x+1)(x-2)$$

zeros:  $x_1 = 2, x_2 = -1$

two zeros with multiplicity  $m = 1$  each



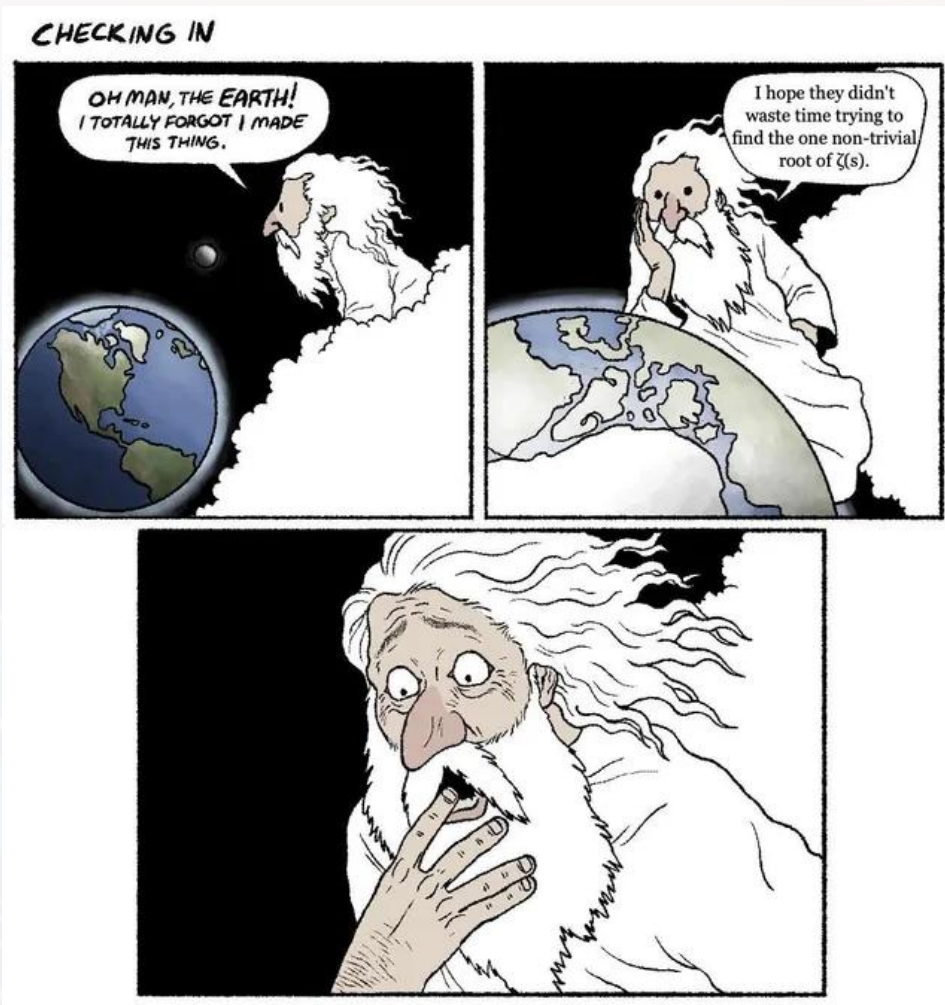
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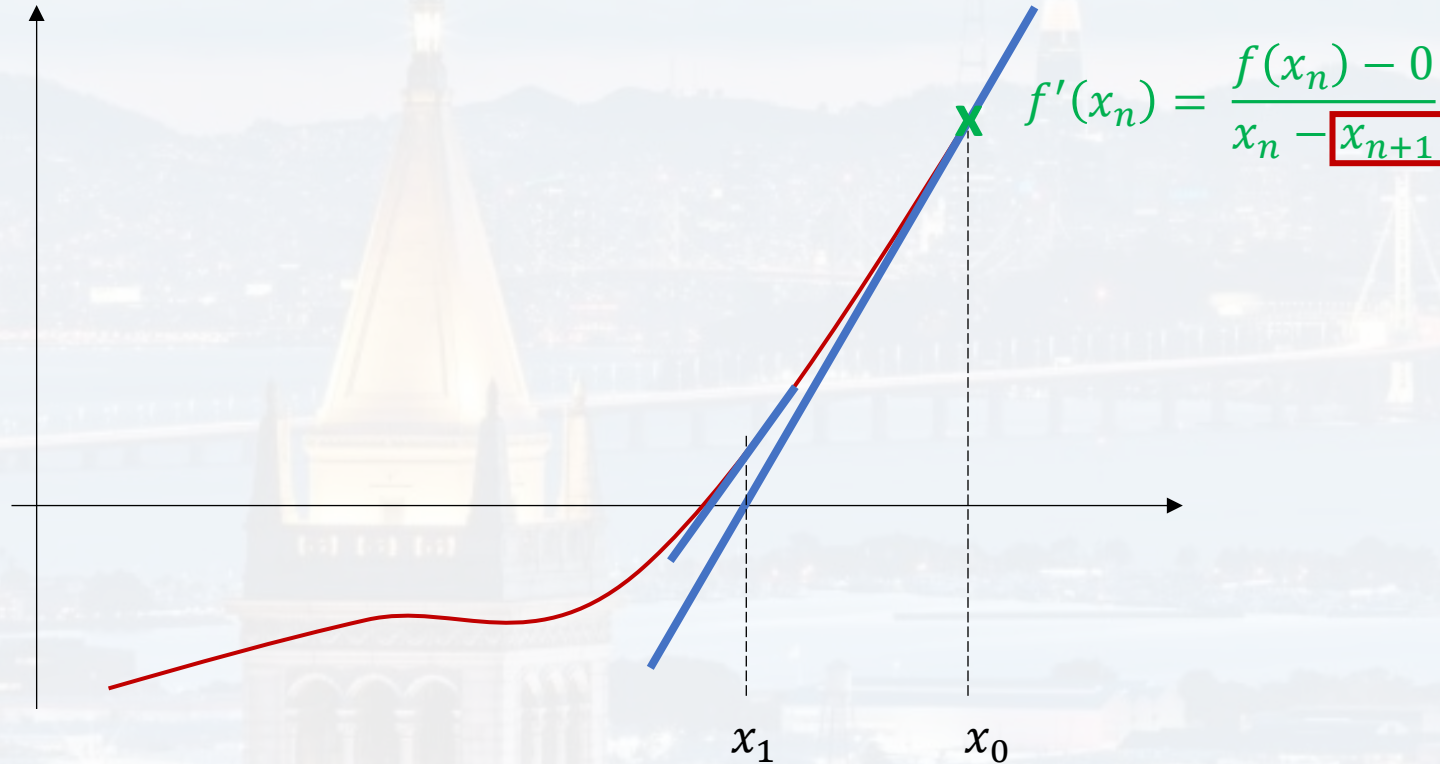
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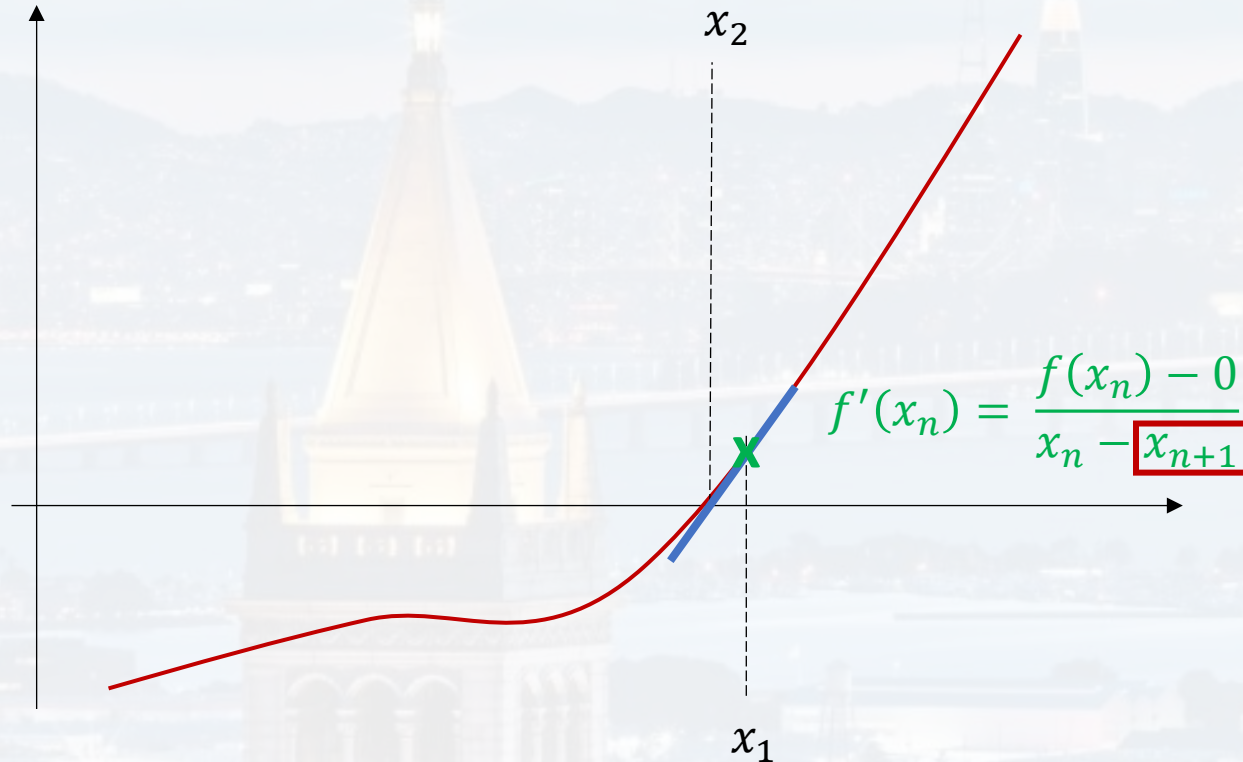
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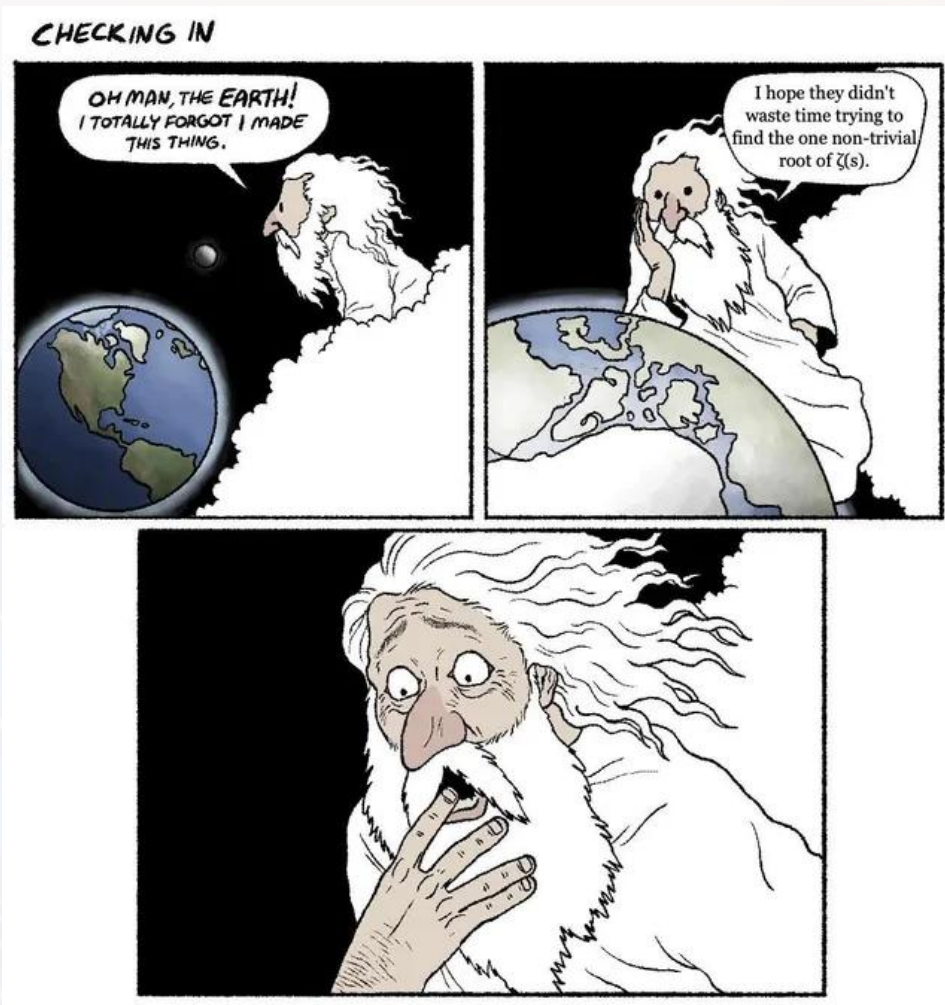


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- since slope of the function points to next  $x_{n+1}$  → converges quadratically
- needs derivative → evaluation numerically
- convergence depends on initial guess → might not converge!





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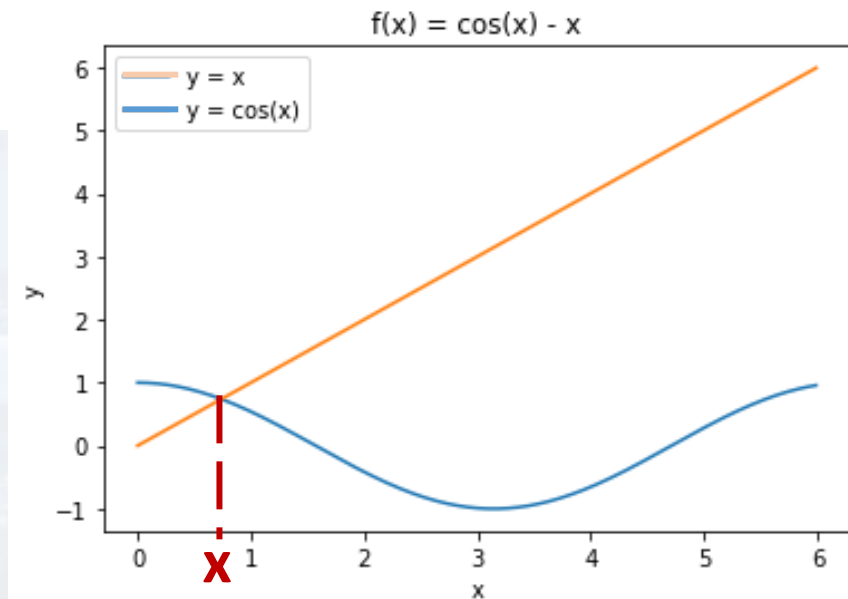


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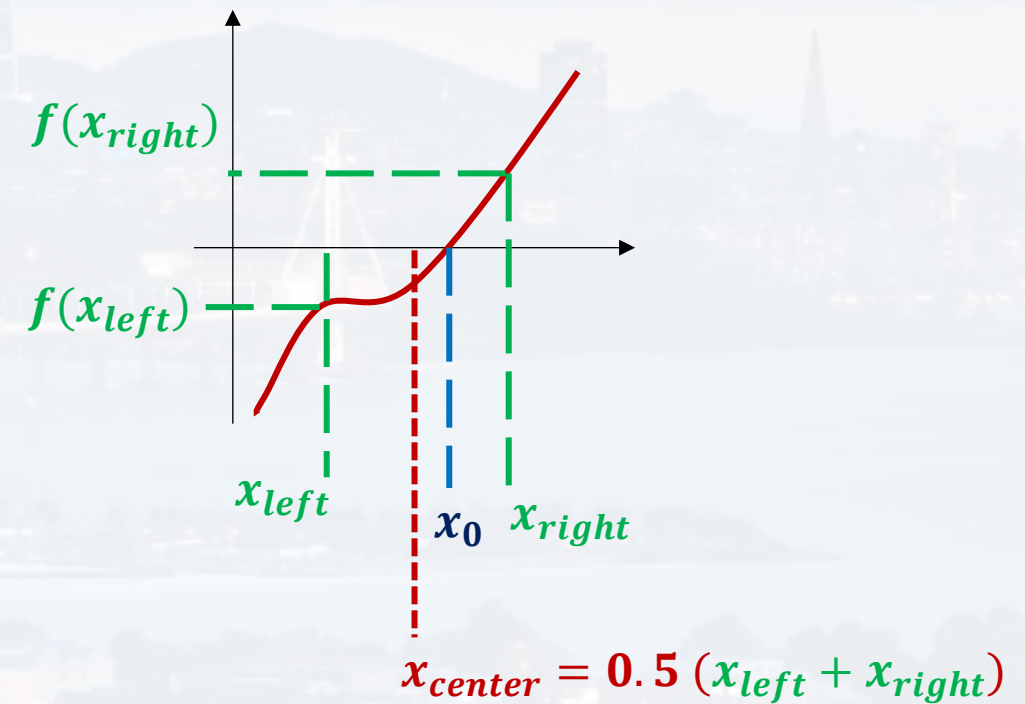
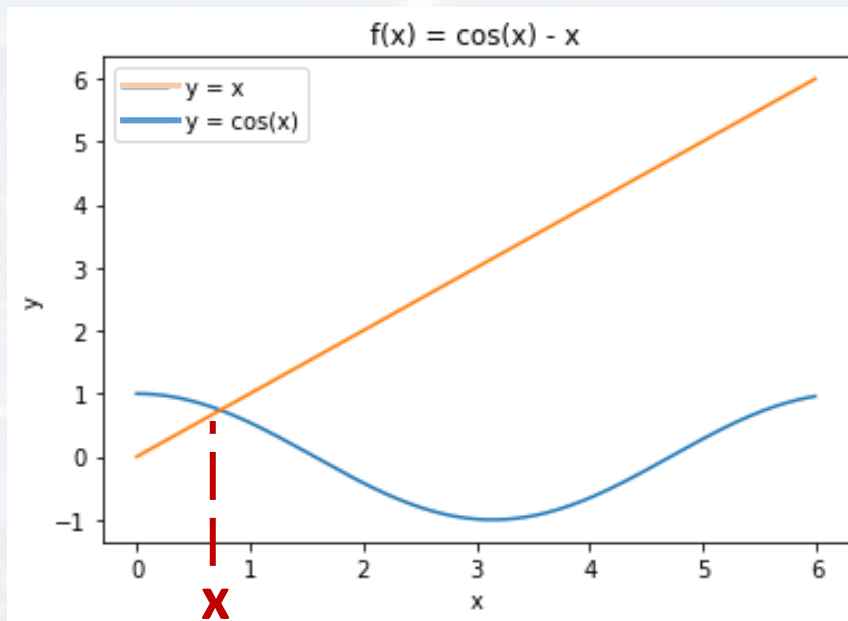
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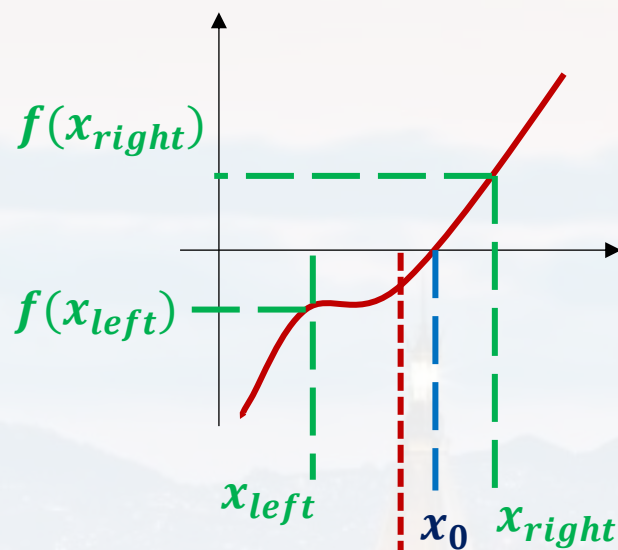


## Bisection:

assumption: root is within interval  $[x_{\text{left}}, x_{\text{right}}]$



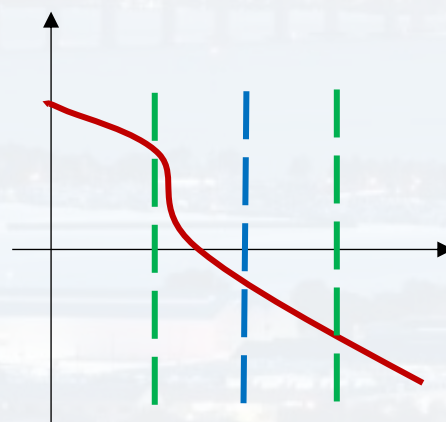
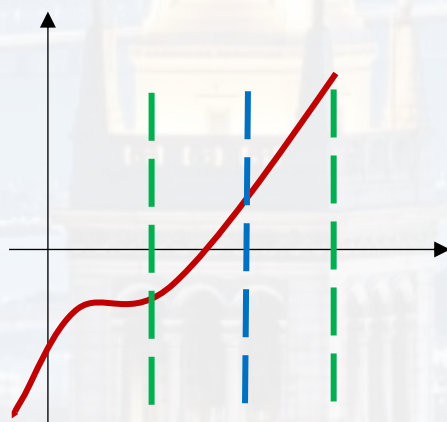


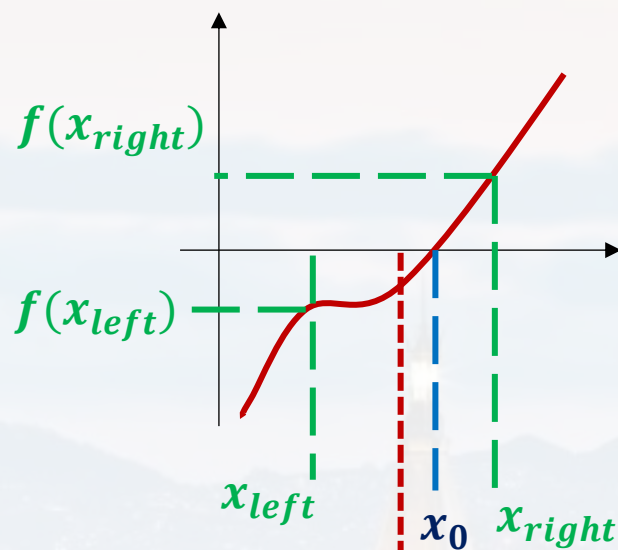


$$x_{center} = 0.5 (x_{left} + x_{right})$$

if  $f(x_{center}) \cdot f(x_{left}) < 0$

- $x_{left} \rightarrow x_{left}$
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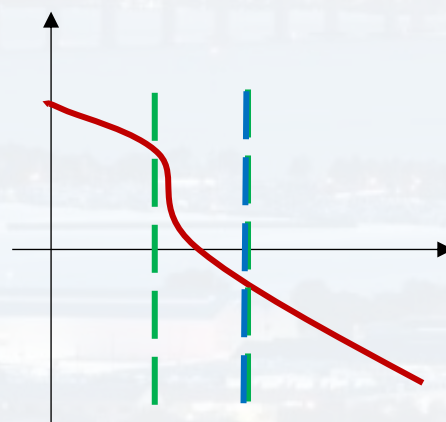
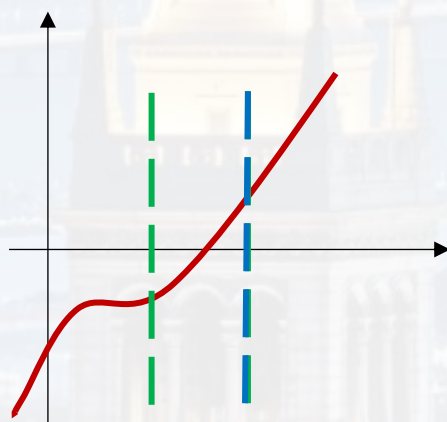


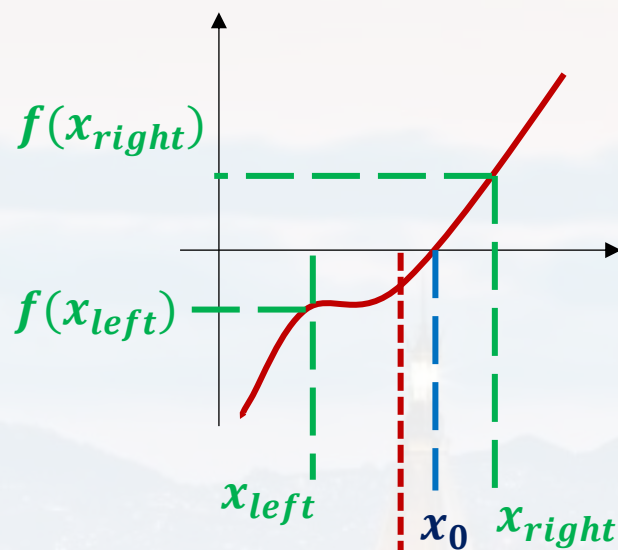


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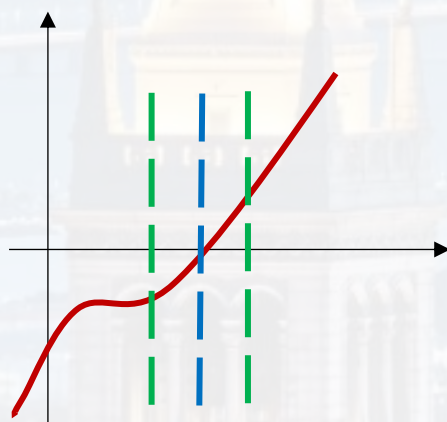




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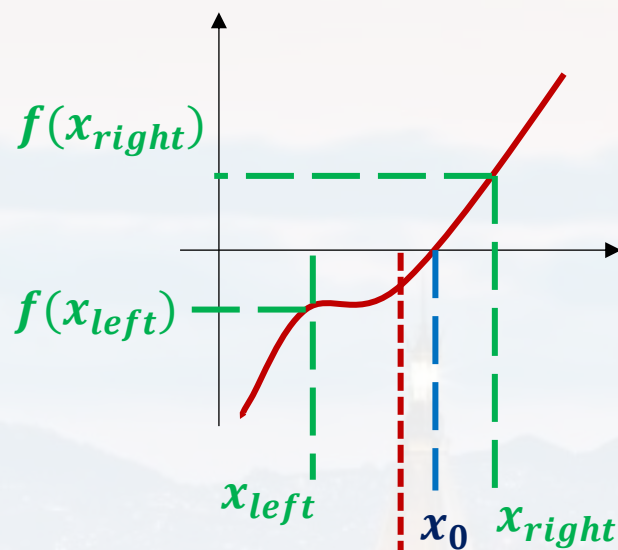
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either we end up with  
the same situation, or...

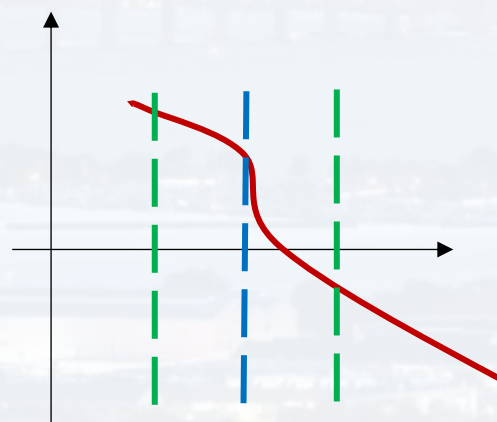
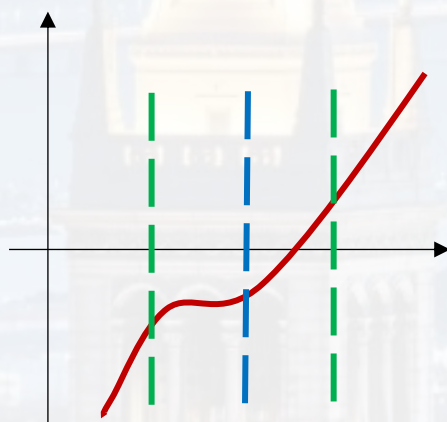


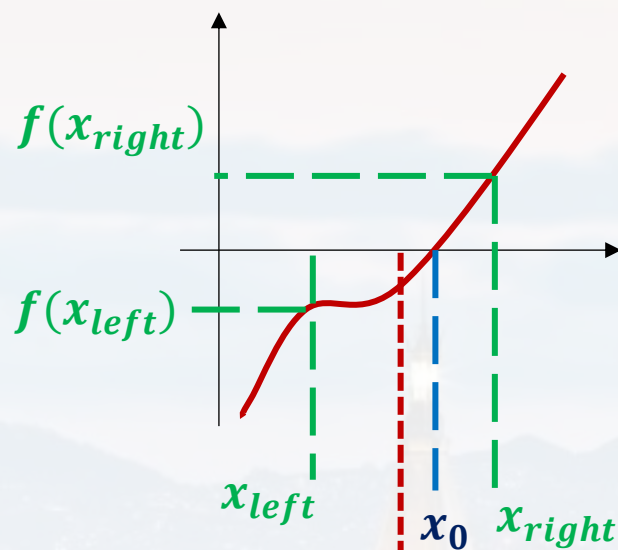


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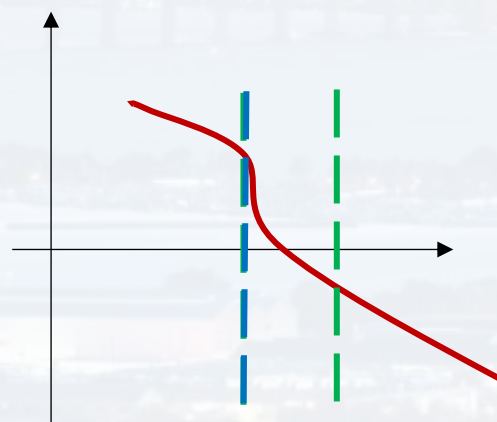
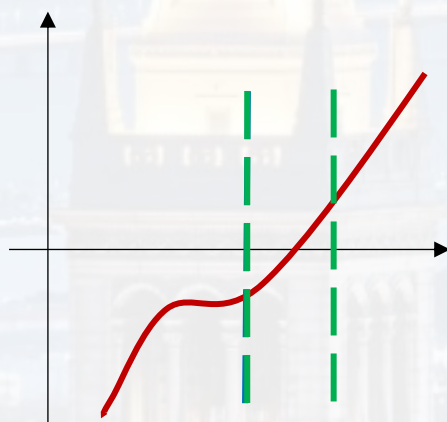


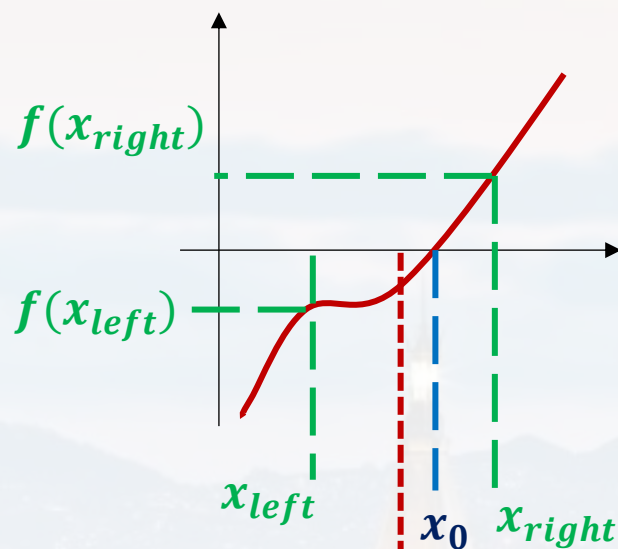


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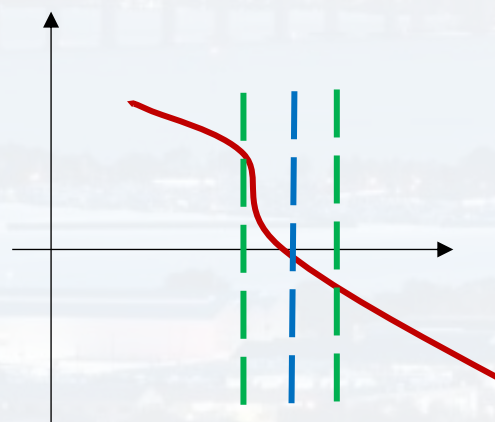
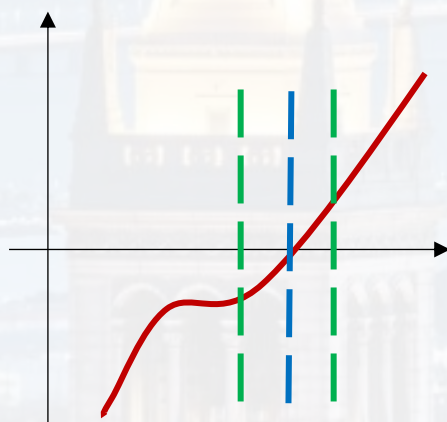




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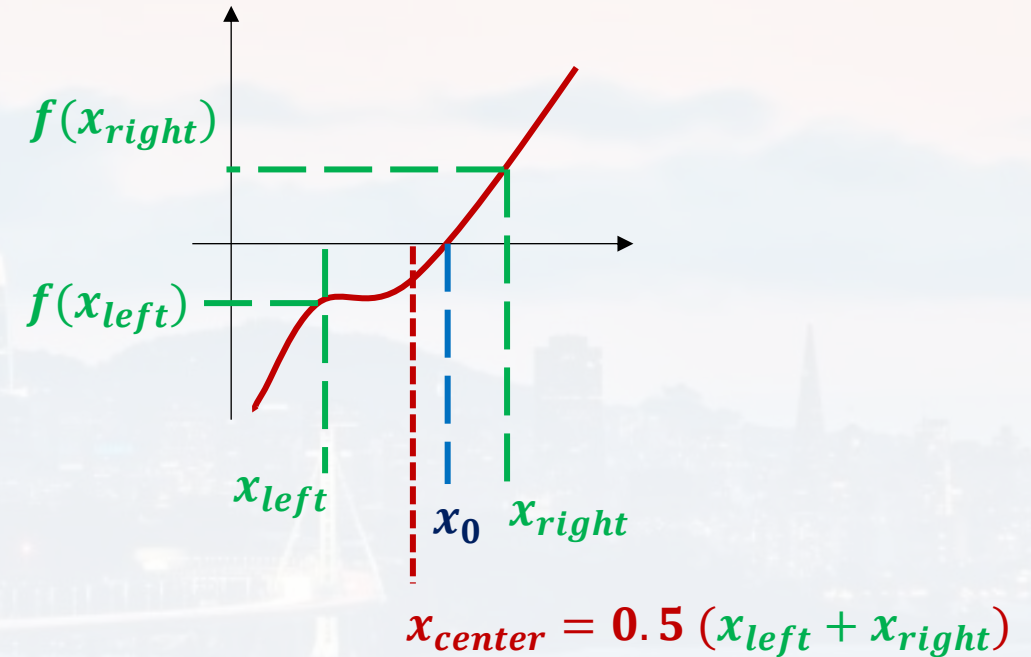
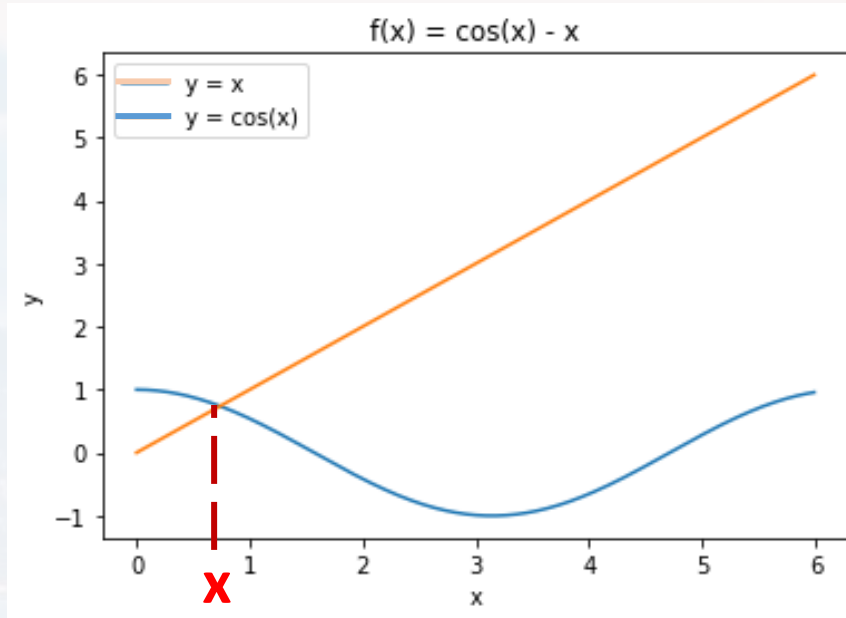


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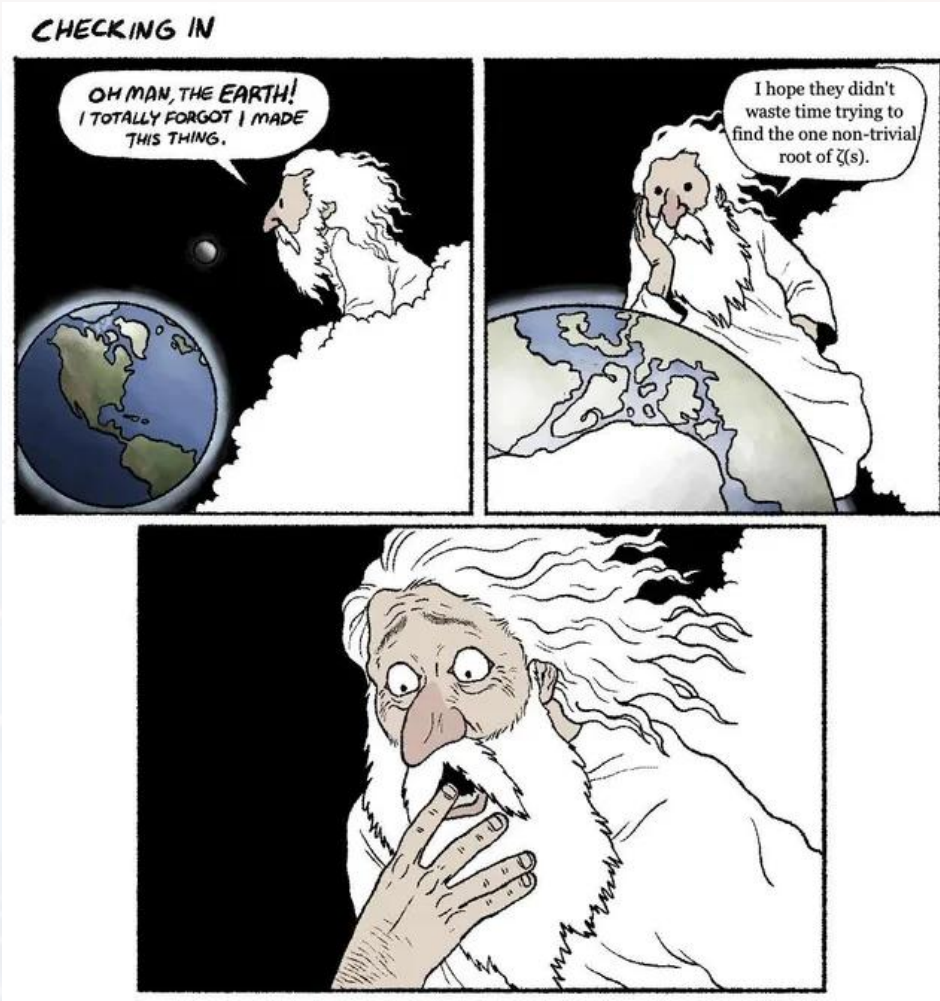




## Bisection:



- robust: always finds a root
- easy to implement (recursion), → Lecture Exercise
- slow: converges linearly (accuracy increases by factor of 2 for each step  $n$ ) with  $n$  required for a certain accuracy



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#### root finding

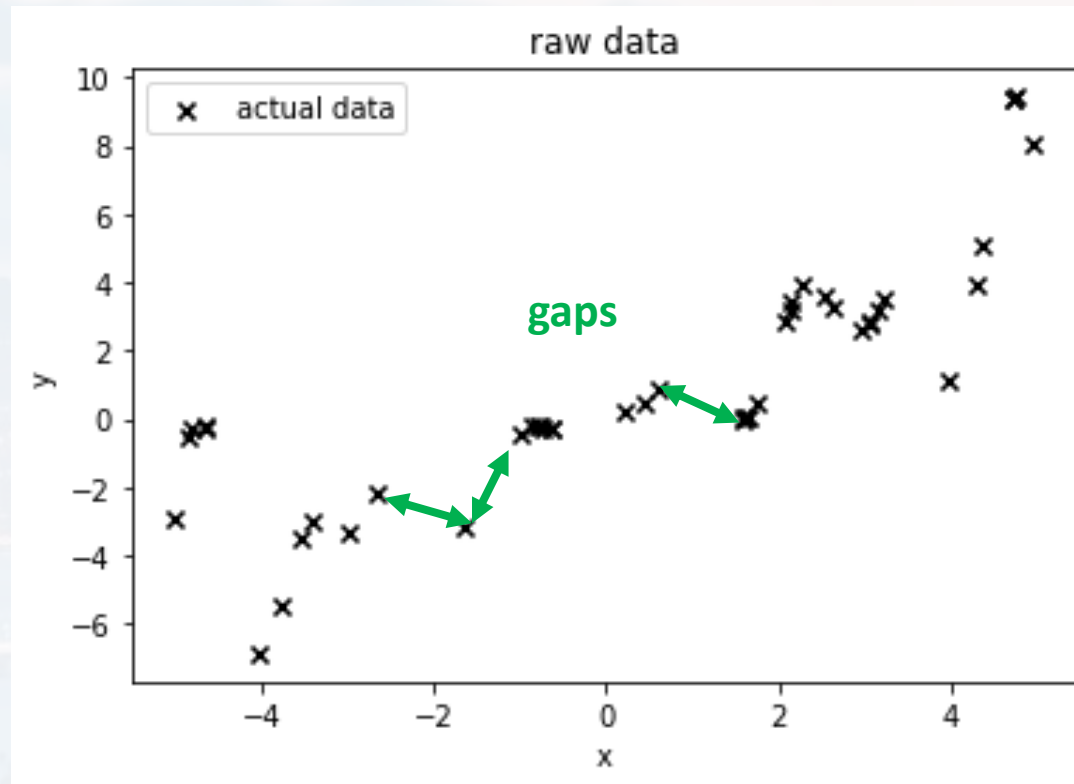
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the problem:



How to interpolate?

- polynomials (1<sup>st</sup> order = linear)
- piecewise polynomials
- trigonometric functions
- exponential functions
- rational functions

called “basis functions”

**note: interpolation is not fitting!**





the problem:

linear interpolation

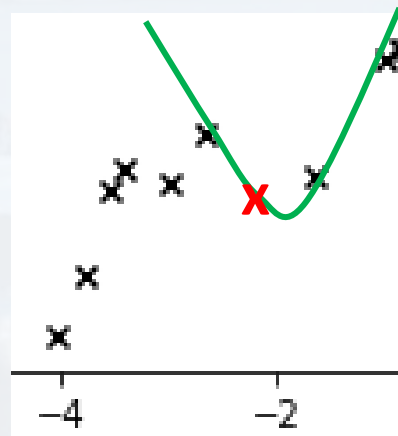
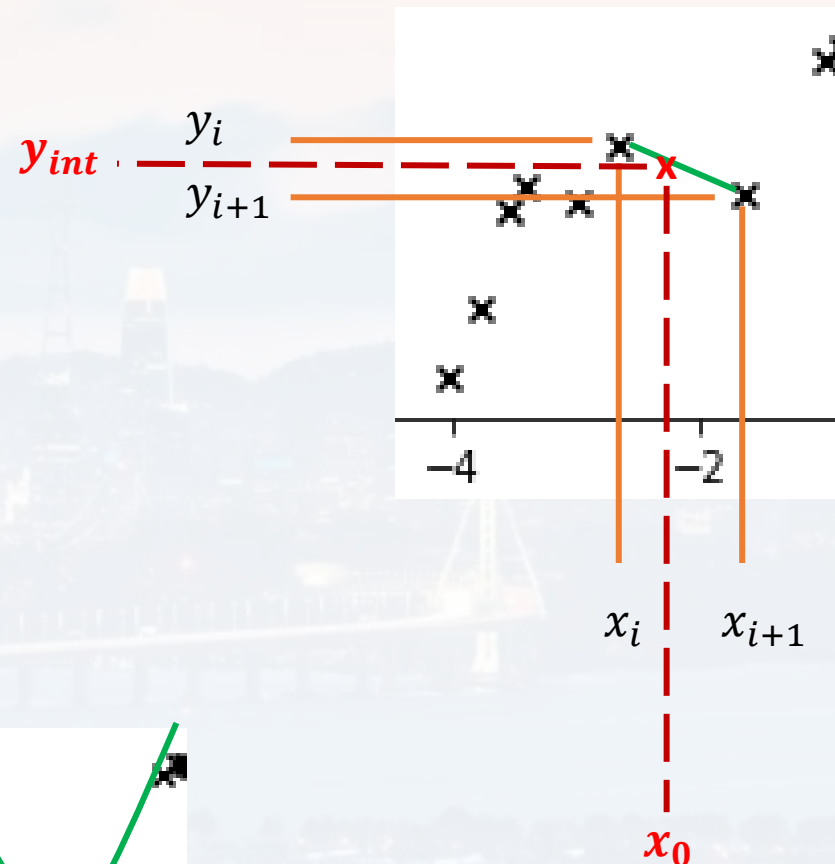
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quadratic interpolation

$$y_{int} = y_i + m (x_0 - x_i) + a (x_0 - x_i)^2$$

this time we need **one more**  
reference point for calculating ***a***



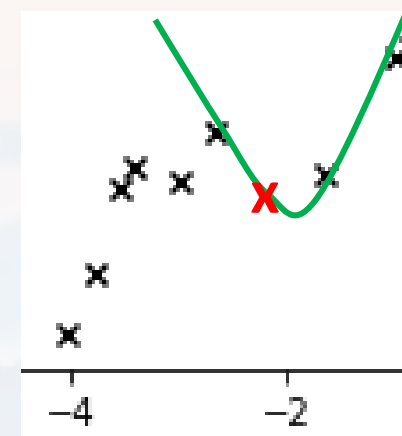


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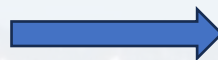


all three reference points need to fit the same parabola

$$y_i = c + mx_i + ax_i^2$$

$$y_{i+1} = c + mx_{i+1} + ax_{i+1}^2$$

$$y_{i+2} = c + mx_{i+2} + ax_{i+2}^2$$



solving for ***c***, ***m*** and ***a***



the problem:

linear interpolation:

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quadratic interpolation:

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Maybe there is a closed (= general) solution/method? → **Lagrange Polynomials**

$$y_i = y_{int} + y'_{int}(x_i - x_0) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$$

Taylor expansion

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for any polynomial of n-th order:

$$y_{int} = \frac{(x_0 - x_{i+1})(x_0 - x_{i+2}) \dots (x_0 - x_{i+n})}{(x_i - x_{i+1})(x_i - x_{i+2}) \dots (x_i - x_{i+n})} y_i + \frac{(x_0 - x_i)(x_0 - x_{i+2}) \dots (x_0 - x_{i+n})}{(x_{i+1} - x_i)(x_{i+1} - x_{i+2}) \dots (x_{i+1} - x_{i+n})} y_{i+1} + \\ \dots + \frac{(x_0 - x_i)(x_0 - x_{i+2}) \dots (x_0 - x_{i+n-1})}{(x_{i+n} - x_i)(x_{i+n} - x_{i+2}) \dots (x_{i+n} - x_{i+n-1})} y_{i+n}$$

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**Lagrange Polynomials**

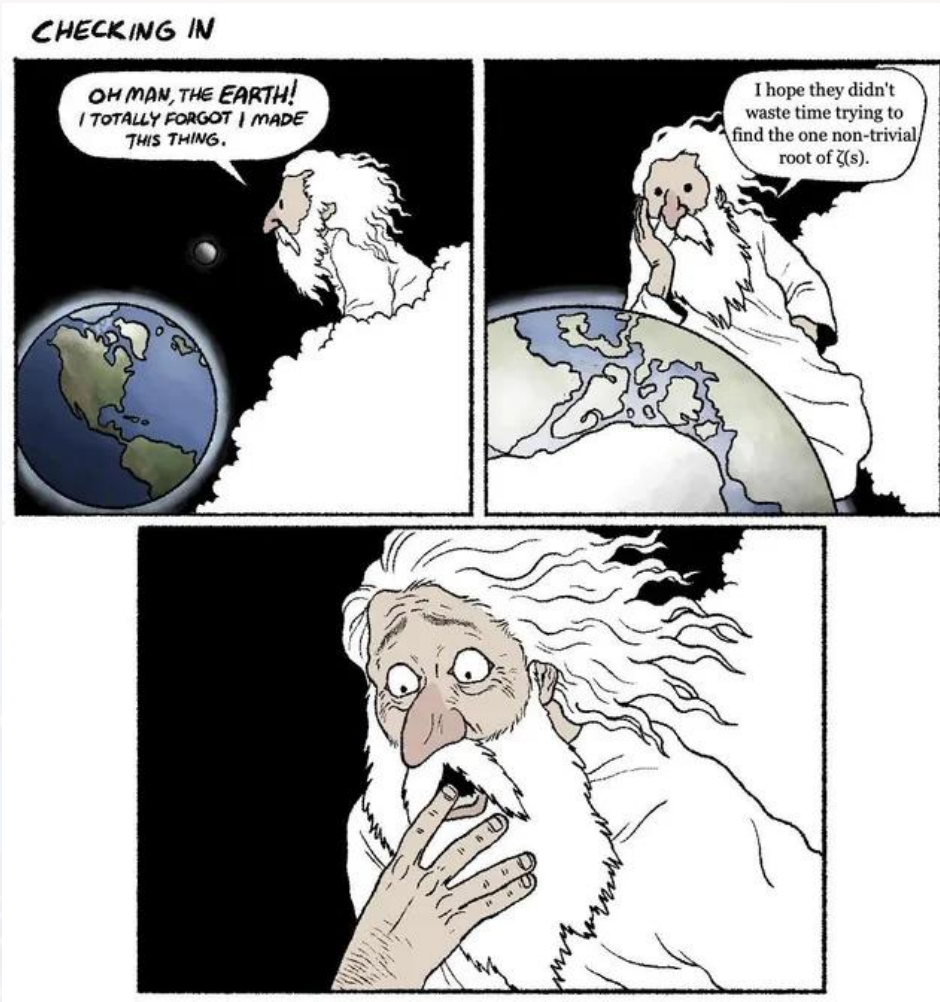


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### Lagrange Polynomials

- computation is simple
- but not efficient for large  $n$
- $\rightarrow$  only considering data points close to  $x_0$
- $\rightarrow$  reduces approximation accuracy





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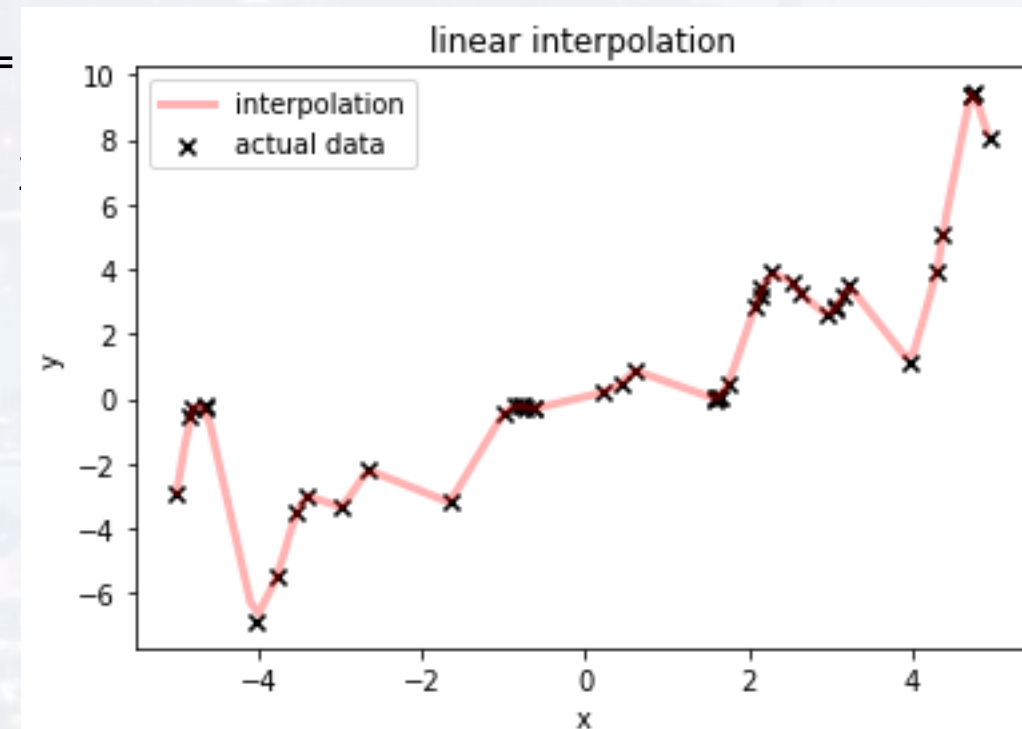
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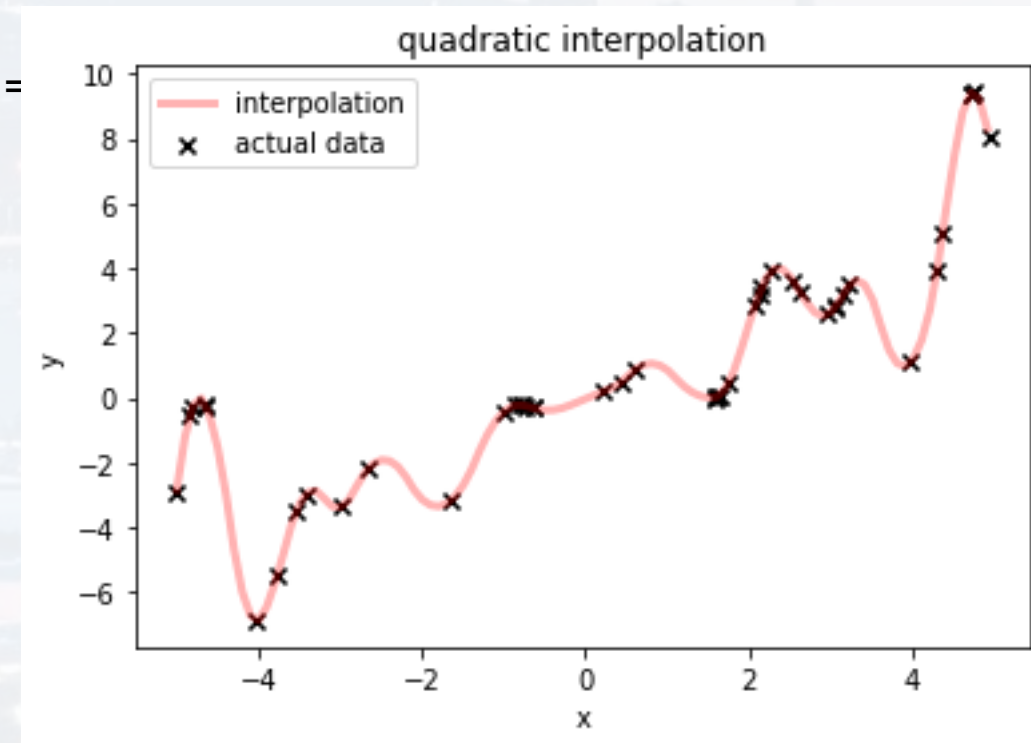
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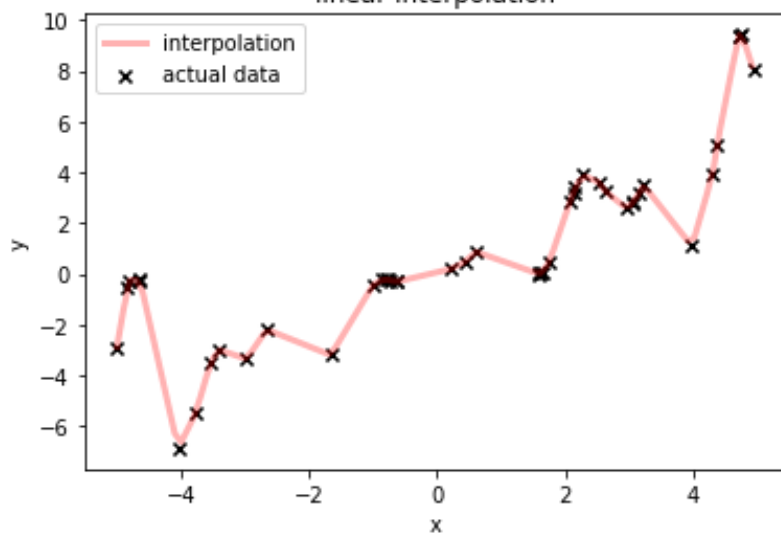
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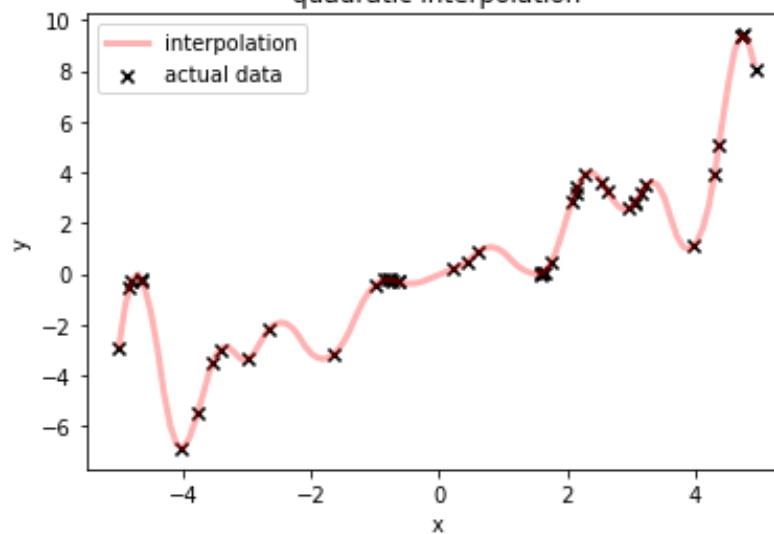




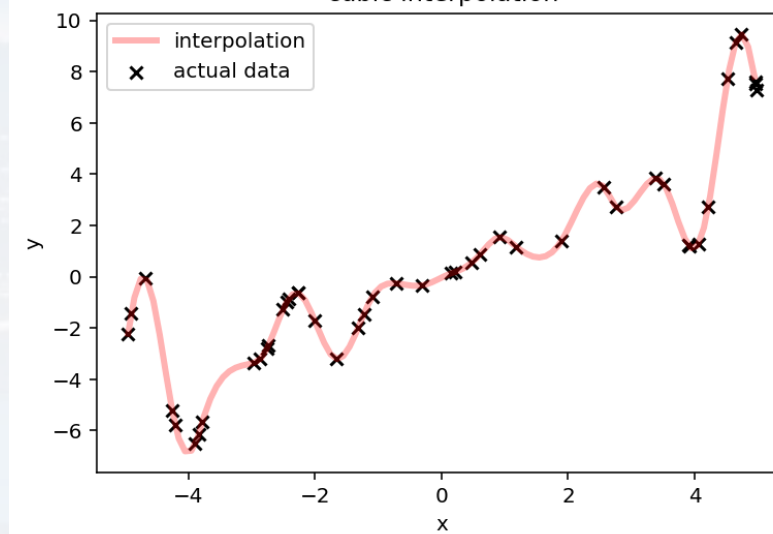
linear interpolation



quadratic interpolation



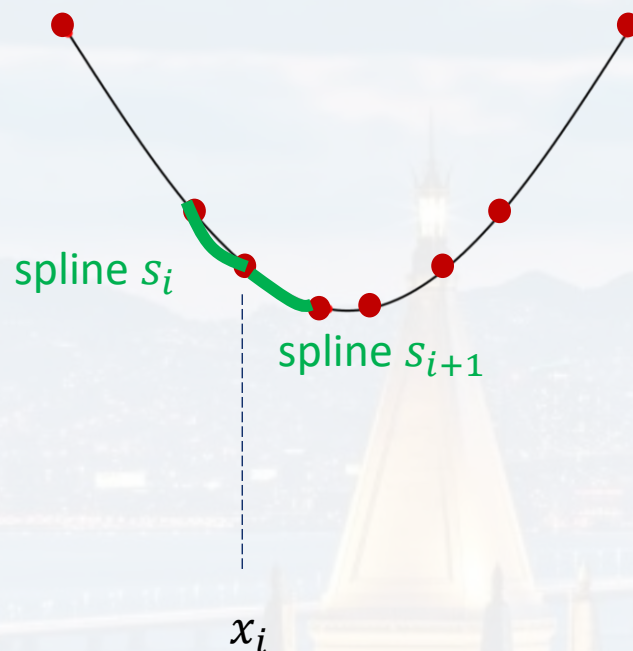
cubic interpolation







### spline interpolation



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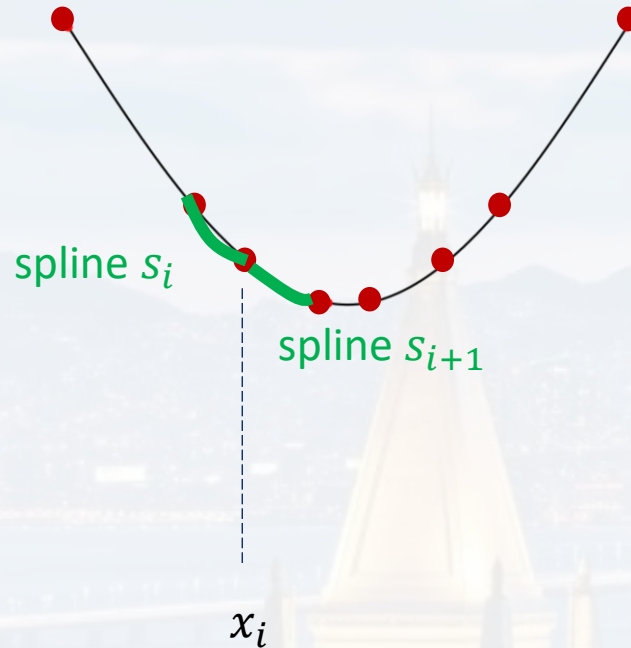
$$s_i(x_i) = s_{i+1}(x_i) = y_i$$

$$s'_i(x_i) = s'_{i+1}(x_i)$$

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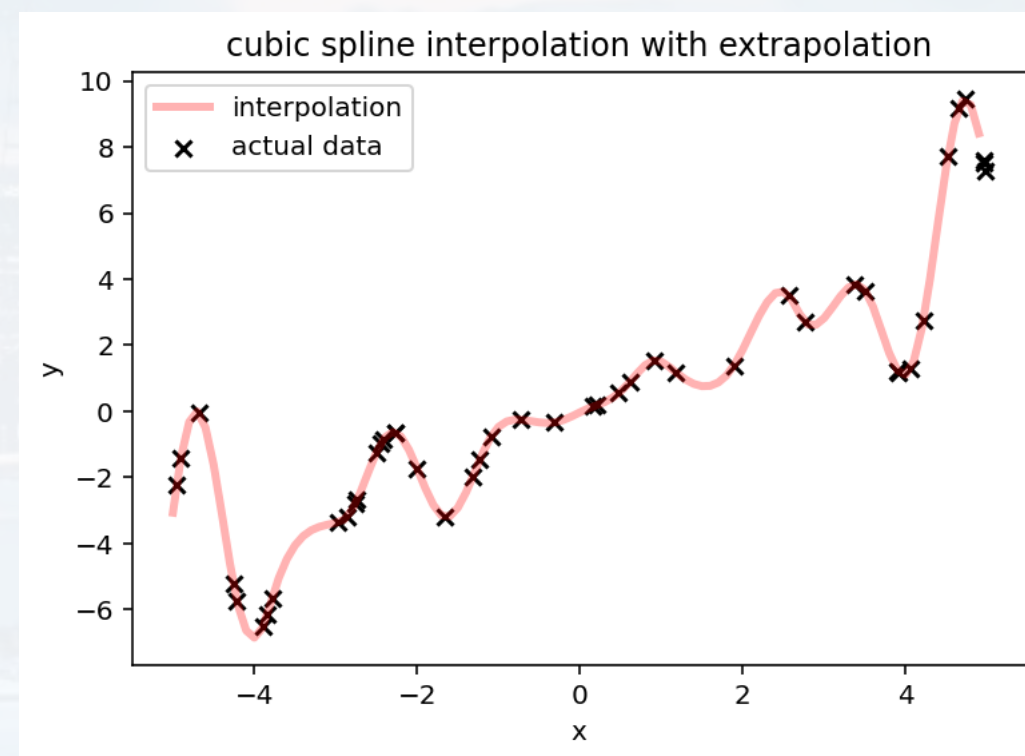
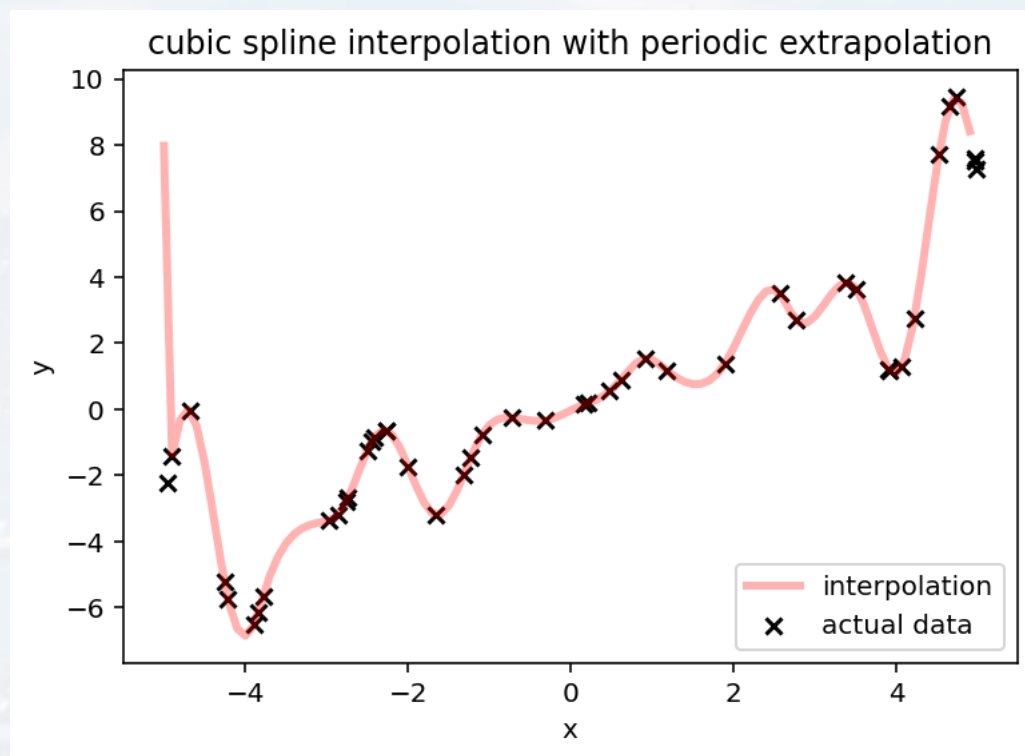
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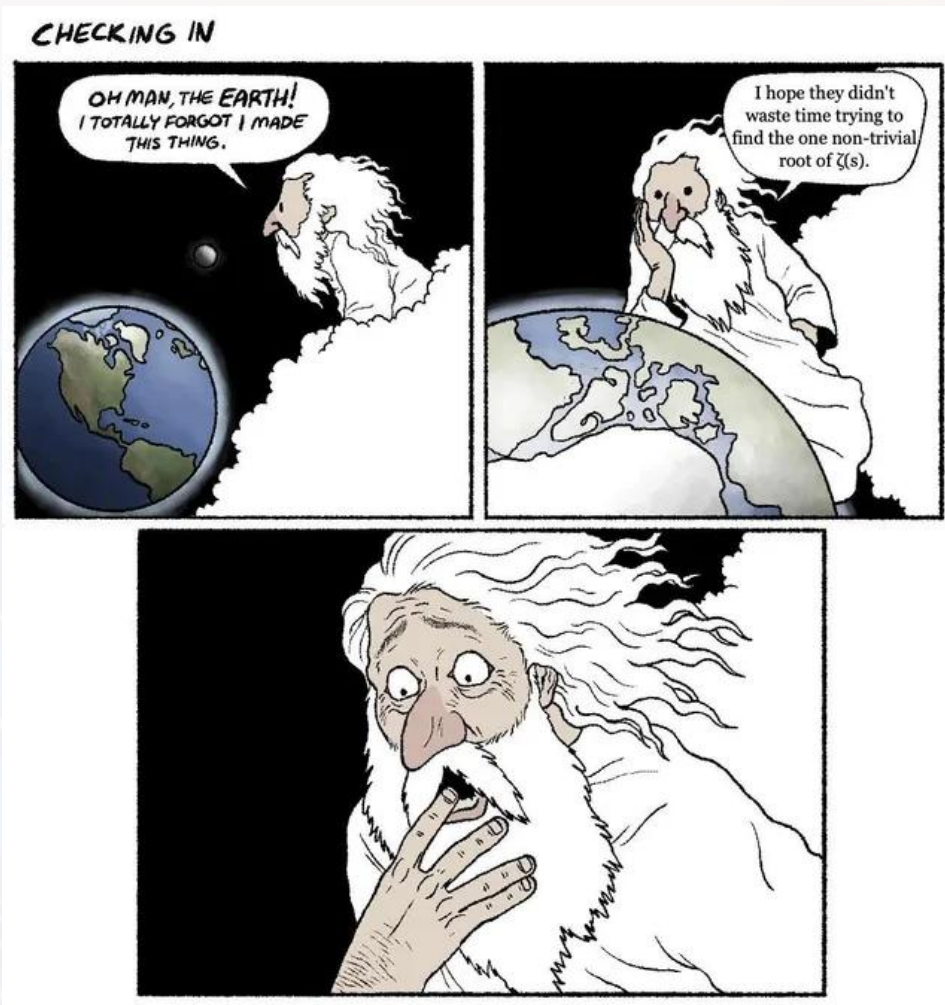
x needs to be sorted in ascending order  
\* stands for unpacking zipped objects

```
sorted_pairs = sorted(zip(x, y))  
x_sorted, y_sorted = zip(*sorted_pairs)
```

```
I = interpolate.CubicSpline(x_sorted, y_sorted,\n                             extrapolate = 'periodic')
```







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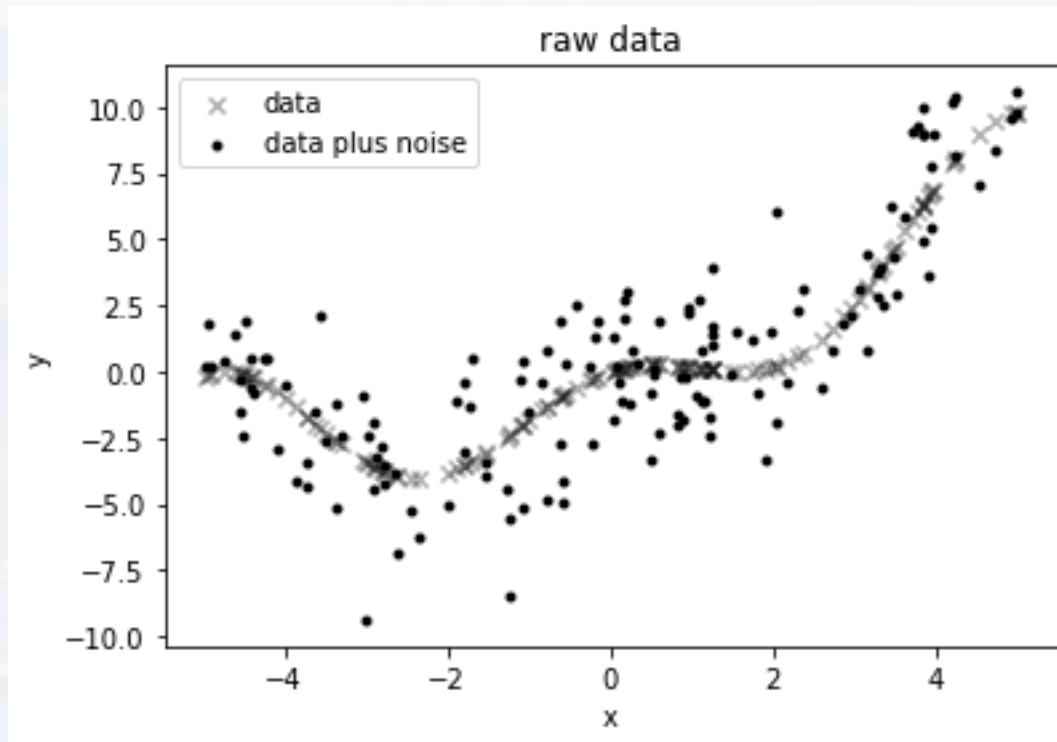
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the problem:



when interpolating

→ you don't want to interpolate noise

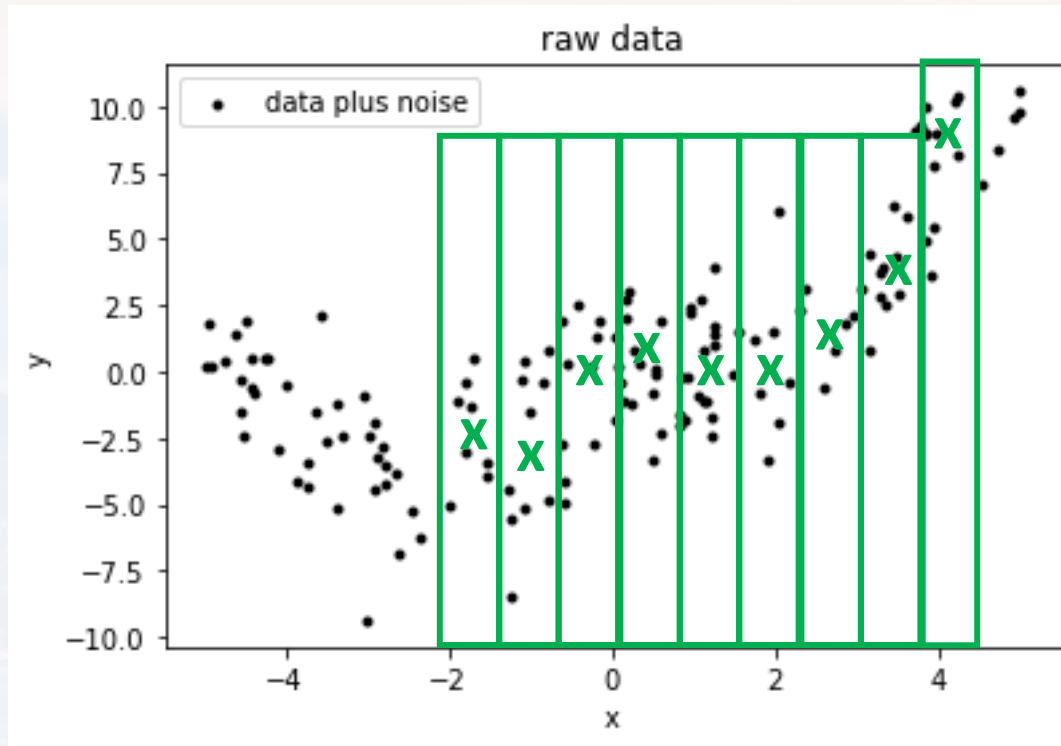
many noise filter are **low pass** filter



### smoothing filter:

Algorithm	Overview and uses	Pros	Cons
Additive smoothing	used to smooth <a href="#">categorical data</a> .		
Butterworth filter	Slower <a href="#">roll-off</a> than a <a href="#">Chebyshev Type I/Type II filter</a> or an <a href="#">elliptic filter</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More linear phase response in the <a href="#">passband</a> than Chebyshev Type I/ Type II and elliptic filters can achieve.</li><li>• Designed to have a <a href="#">frequency response</a> as flat as possible in the passband.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• requires a higher order to implement a particular <a href="#">stopband</a> specification</li></ul>
Chebyshev filter	Has a steeper <a href="#">roll-off</a> and more <a href="#">passband ripple</a> (type I) or <a href="#">stopband ripple</a> (type II) than <a href="#">Butterworth filters</a> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimizes the error between the idealized and the actual filter characteristic over the range of the filter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contains ripples in the <a href="#">passband</a>.</li></ul>
Digital filter	Used on a <a href="#">sampled, discrete-time signal</a> to reduce or enhance certain aspects of that signal		
Elliptic filter			
Exponential smoothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Used to reduce irregularities (random fluctuations) in time series data, thus providing a clearer view of the true underlying behaviour of the series.</li><li>• Also, provides an effective means of predicting future values of the time series (forecasting).<sup>[3]</sup></li></ul>		

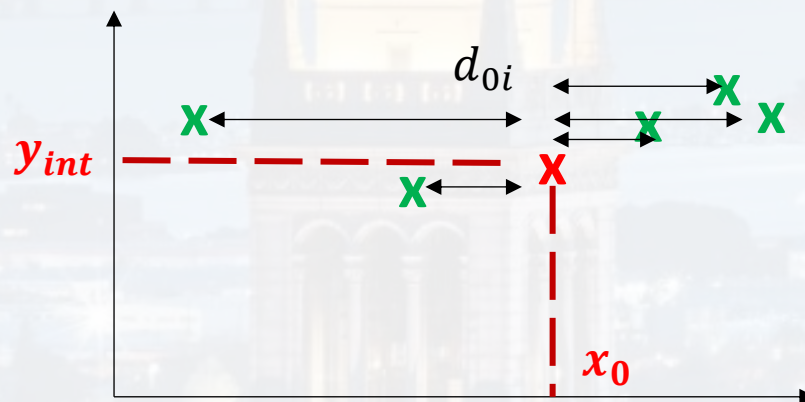




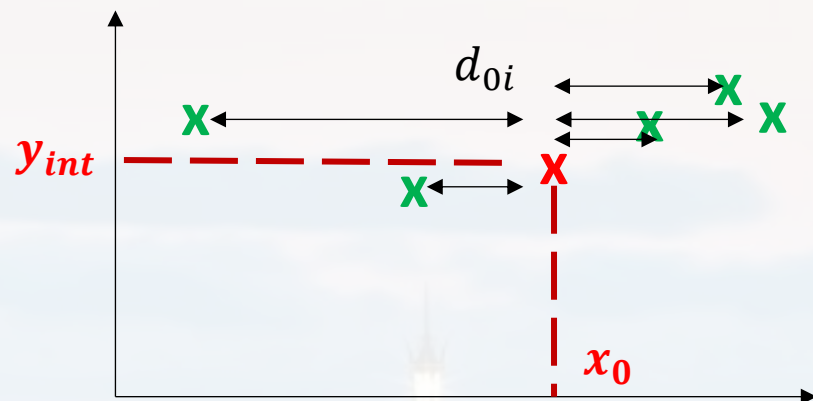
moving averages

better: → weighted average

→ data points **further away** from reference point have **lower weights  $w$**



$$y_{int} \sim \sum_{i=1}^I w_i y_i \quad w_i \sim \frac{1}{d_{0i}}$$



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```
L = np.random.uniform(0,1,(100,1))
```

```
D = np.tile(L, (1, len(L))) - np.tile(L.transpose(), (len(L), 1))
```

check out:

[SmoothGaussKernel.py](#)

[SmoothExamples.py](#)





```
import numpy as np
```

```
def SmoothGaussKernel(x, xint, y, sigma):
```

```
    diff = np.median(abs(x[:-1] - x[1:]))  
    sigma *= diff
```

scaling to dispersion of dataset

```
    Dx = np.tile(x.transpose(), (len(xint), 1))  
    Dxint = np.tile(xint.transpose(), (len(x), 1))  
    D = Dx.transpose() - Dxint
```

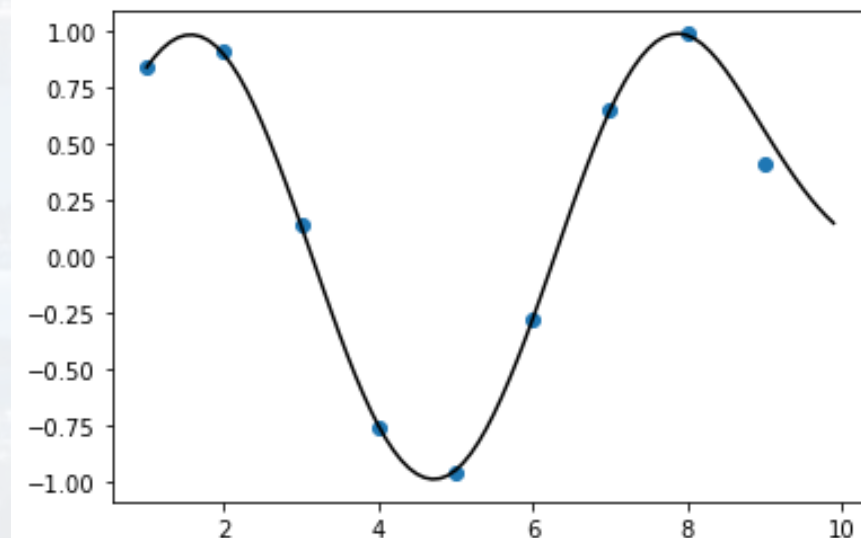
distance calculation

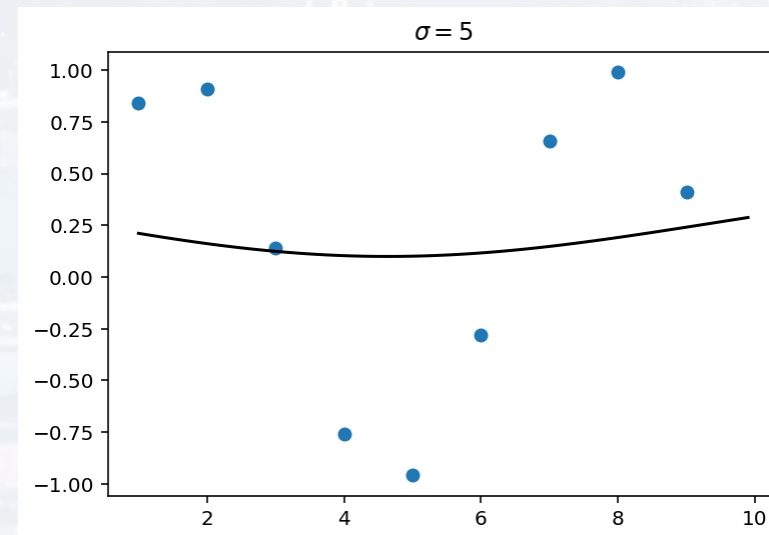
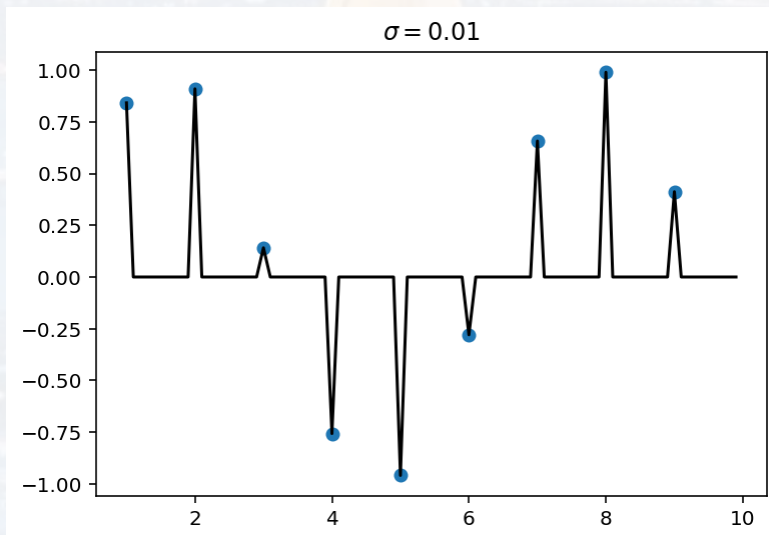
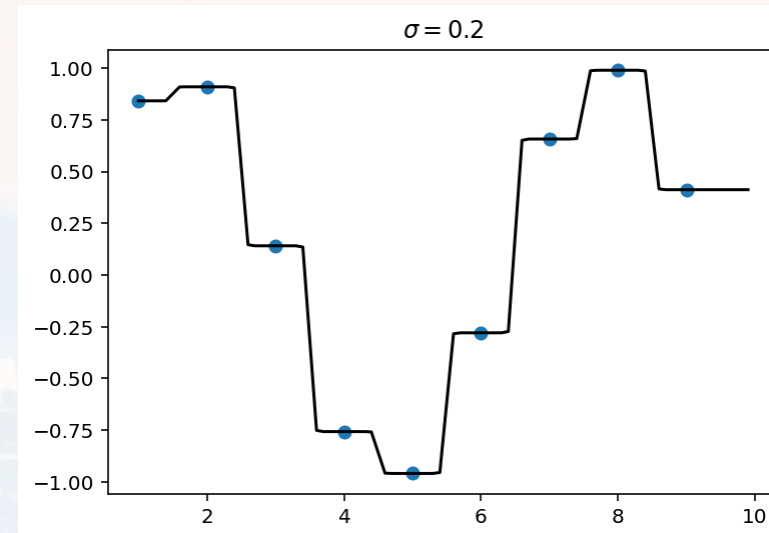
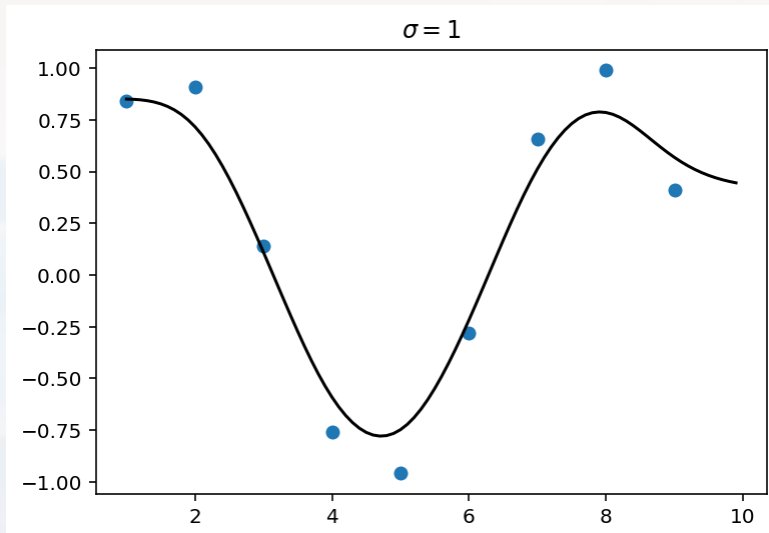
```
    W = np.exp(-(D**2)/(sigma**2))  
    W = W/np.sum(W + 1e-16, axis = 0)
```

```
    yint = np.dot(W.transpose(), y)
```

```
    return yint
```

determining how distances are been weighted. Here: normal distribution aka **kernel**

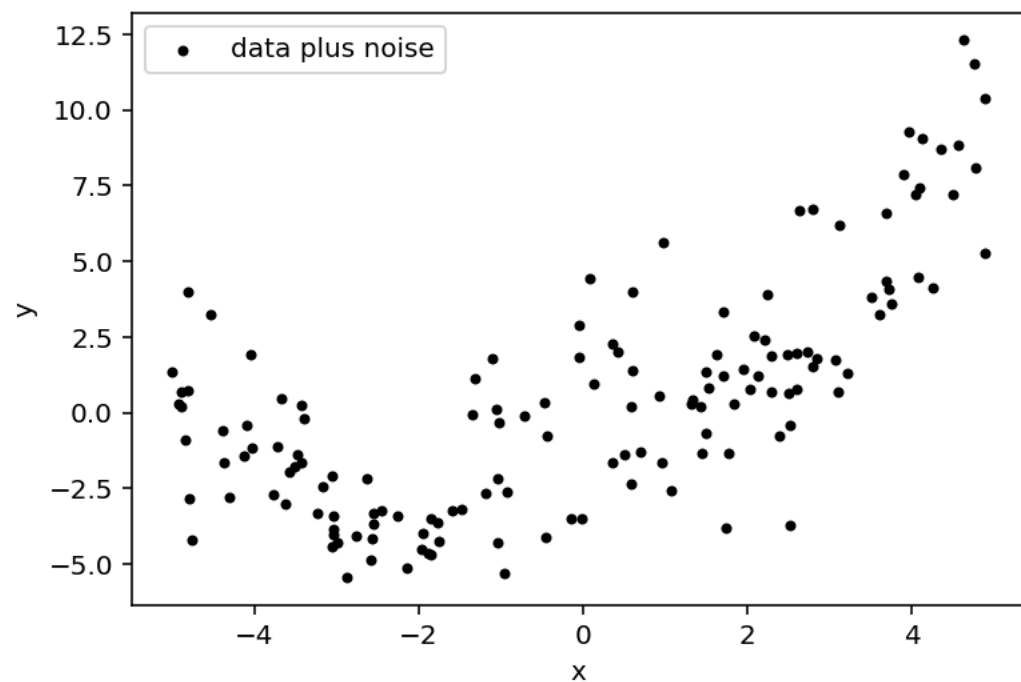




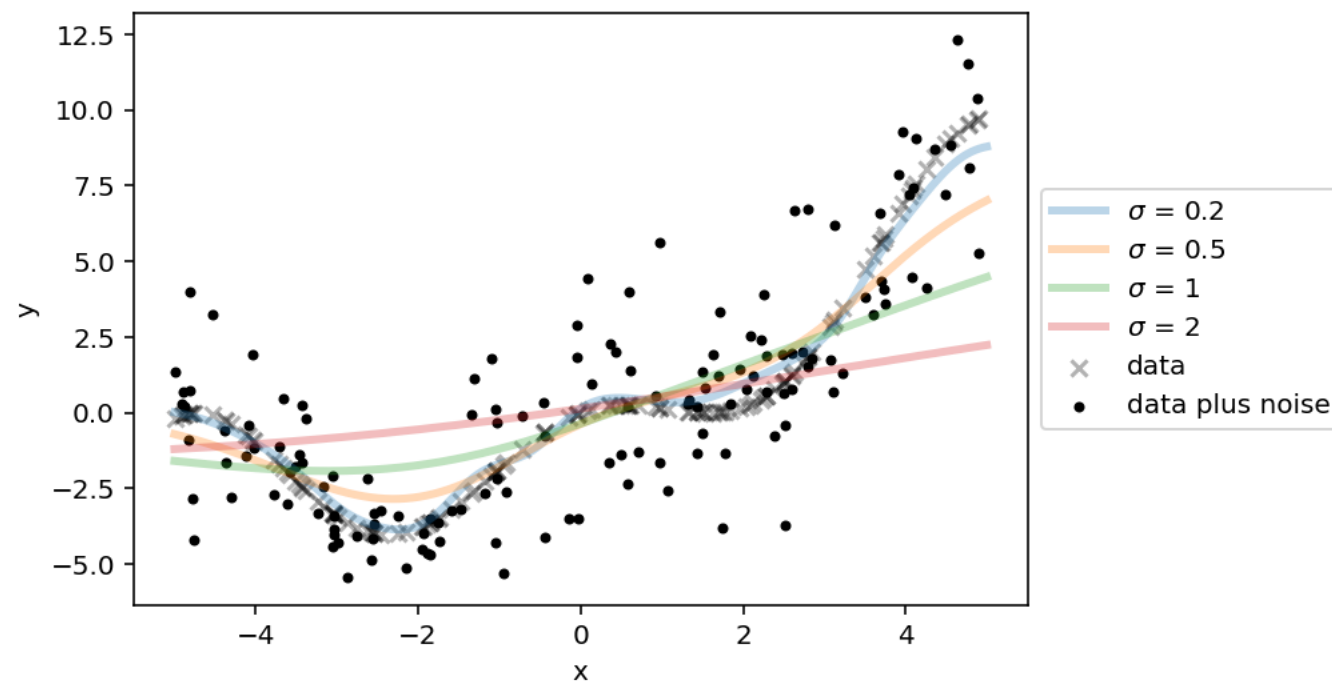


SmoothExamples.py

raw data



smoothed





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Thank you very much for your attention!

