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and we need to bound the norm of the inverse hessian



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Thus, we have an important result: Newton's method for the function with Lipschitz positive-definite Hessian converges **quadratically** near ( $\|x_0 - x^*\| < \frac{2\mu}{3M}$ ) to the solution.

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## Sherman-Morrison Formula:

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Thus, for the SR1 update, the inverse is also easily updated:

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Woodbury then shows:

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This is the Davidon-Fletcher-Powell (DFP) update. Also cheap:  $O(n^2)$ , preserves positive definiteness. Not as popular as BFGS.

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This formulation ensures that the BFGS update, while comprehensive, remains computationally efficient, requiring  $O(n^2)$  operations. Importantly, BFGS update preserves positive definiteness. Recall this means  $B_k \succ 0 \Rightarrow B_{k+1} \succ 0$ . Equivalently,  $C_k \succ 0 \Rightarrow C_{k+1} \succ 0$

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