

Newton's Method Program

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```
#include...

int main( void )
{
    int i;
    float x1, ...

    x1 = ...

    for( i=0; i<20; i++ )
    {
        x2 = x1 - ...
        if( fabs(x2-x1) < 1e-6 ) break;
        x1 = x2;
    }

    printf( "Results are..." );

    return 0;
}
```

C functions

A function is a piece of a program that can be re-used

- Modular programming concept – break large task into smaller parts
- Program sections that can be re-used
- Typically, you pass them some data to work on and they return some result

Basic function structure:

```
float myfunction( float x )
{
    float y;
    y = x * x;
    return y;
}
```

Name of function

This function takes a number and just squares that number.

Type of variable to be returned

Type of variable being received

```

#include <stdio.h>
float square( float );
int main( void )
{
    float x, y;
    printf( "Enter a number to square : " );
    scanf( "%f", &x );
    y = square( x );
    printf( "The square of %f is %f\n", x, y );
    return 0;
}

float square( float a )
{
    float b;
    b = a * a;
    return b;
}

```

Must declare functions – called a function prototype

Call the function, passing it the variable to work on (square)

Set y to the returned value

Function receives a value, stored in the variable *a*

Square *a*, store as *b*

End function and return *b*

Using C functions with the Newton's program

New guess is calculated from the general Newton's formula:

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

Your program can either:

- 1) write in the actual function, here, or
- 2) use C functions and put the actual function in its own place in the program.

```

x2 = x1 - ( x1 * x1 - 5 ) / ( 2 * x1 )
x2 = x1 - f(x1) / fderiv(x1)

```

```

float f( float x )
{
    return x * x - 5;
}

float fderiv( float x )
{
    float h = 0.0001;
    return (f(x+h) - f(x-h)) / (2*h);
}

```

C functions and "visibility"

The variable *b* is "invisible" from the main function.

The variable *x* is "invisible" from the square function.

x had to be passed to the square function.

Any variables needed by a function must be passed to it.

```

#include <stdio.h>
float square( float );
int main( void )
{
    float x, y;
    printf( "Enter a number to square : " );
    scanf( "%f", &x );
    y = square( x );
    printf( "The square of %f is %f\n", x, y );
    return 0;
}

float square( float a )
{
    float b;
    b = a * a;
    return b;
}

```

This time, pass two variables to the function.

Return the sum of those two numbers.

Can only return one value from a function.

```
#include <stdio.h>

float add( float, float );

int main( void )
{
    float x1, x2, y;

    printf( "Enter two numbers to add : " );
    scanf( "%f %f", &x1, &x2 );

    y = add( x1, x2 );

    printf( "The sum is %f\n", y );

    return 0;
}

float add( float a1, float a2 )
{
    float b;

    b = a1 + a2;

    return b;
}
```

One (poor?) way around the visibility issue – make variables global

A variable declared within a function is local to that function. A variable declared outside of any function is global.

```
#include <stdio.h>

void square( void );
float x1, x2, ya1, ya2;

int main( void )
{
    printf( "Enter two numbers to square : " );
    scanf( "%f %f", &x1, &x2 );

    square();

    printf( "The square of %f is %f\n", x1, ya1 );
    printf( "The square of %f is %f\n", x2, ya2 );

    return 0;
}

void square( void )
{
    ya1 = x1 * x1;
    ya2 = x2 * x2;

    return;
}
```

Exit test – the other option

1. When the guesses get closer together than some small value
2. When the “zero” is close enough to zero

```
if( fabs( x2 - x1 ) < 1e-6 ) break;
```

```
if( f(x2) < 1e-6 ) break;
```

Use double instead of float?

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

Big number Small number

Instead of “float”, make every variable a “double”

Newton's solutions for the square root of 5		
Floating point variables are type float (~6 digit precision)		
Step	Estimate (start at 2.0)	Error (estimate - sqrt(5))
0	2.0000000000000000	-2.3606801033020000000e-001
1	2.2500014305114700000	1.3933420181274400000e-002
2	2.2361102104187000000	4.2200088500976600000e-005
3	2.2360680103302000000	0.00000000000000000e+000

Floating point variables are type double (~16 digit precision)		
Step	Estimate (start at 2.0)	Error (estimate - sqrt(5))
0	2.0000000000000000	-2.3606797749979000000e-001
1	2.250000000000200000	1.3932022500234200000e-002
2	2.23611111111100000	4.3133611320023100000e-005
3	2.2360679779158000000	4.1601433409255200000e-010
4	2.2360679774997900000	0.00000000000000000e+000

Floating point variables are type qfloat (~104 digit precision)		
Step	Estimate (start at 2.0)	Error (estimate - sqrt(5))
0	2.0000000000000000	-2.3606797749978969641e-01
1	2.2500000000000000	1.39320225002103035908e-02
2	2.2361111111111111	4.31336113214147019374e-05
3	2.23606797791580400276	4.16014306351350830924e-10
4	2.23606797749978969645	3.86991595958341229309e-20
5	2.23606797749978969641	3.34879120065566327223e-40
6	2.23606797749978969641	2.50761663295405193342e-80
7	2.23606797749978969641	0.00000000000000000e+00

Solution using Linear Interpolation		
Floating point variables are type double (~16 digit precision)		
Step	Estimate (start at 2.0, 3.0)	Error (estimate - sqrt(5))
1	2.20000000	-3.60679775e-2
2	2.23076923	-5.29874673e-3
3	2.23529412	-7.73859853e-4
4	2.23595506	-1.12921320e-4
5	2.23605150	-1.64753539e-5
6	2.23606557	-2.40372930e-6
7	2.23606763	-3.50699539e-7
8	2.23606793	-5.11663769e-8

Debugger Tutorial
