

# Solving nonlinear equations in one variable (II)

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# Last week

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- Horner's method: Evaluating a polynomial
- Bisection: Solving  $f(x) = 0$



# Bisection

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- Given a function  $f(\cdot)$
- Given a range  $[a, b]$
- Repeat computing the middle point until convergence, e.g.,  $(b-a)/2 < \text{TOL}$
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## Bisection: How accurate and how fast?

- The interval length after  $n$  bisection steps is:  $\frac{b-a}{2^n}$

$$\text{Solution error} = |x_n - x| < \frac{b-a}{2^{n+1}}$$

$x_n$ : the midpoint of the  $n$ -th interval



- If we want the error to satisfy  $|x_n - x| \leq \varepsilon$ , it suffices to have  $(b-a)/2^n \leq \varepsilon$ , so that

$$n > \log_2 \left( \frac{b-a}{\varepsilon} \right)$$



# Bisection: Properties

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- Simple 😊
- Safe, robust 😊
- Requires only that  $f$  be continuous 😊
- Slow 😞
- Hard to generalize to systems 😞

# Today

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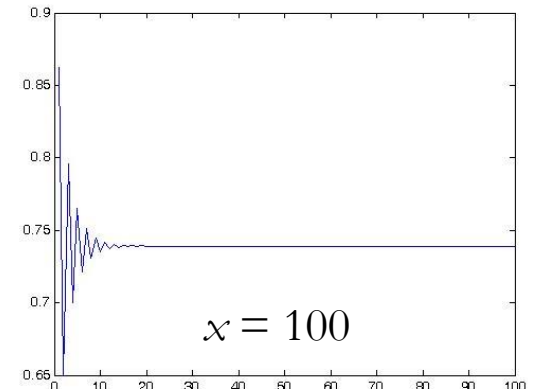
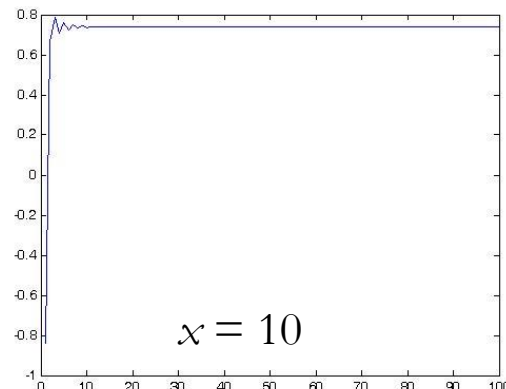
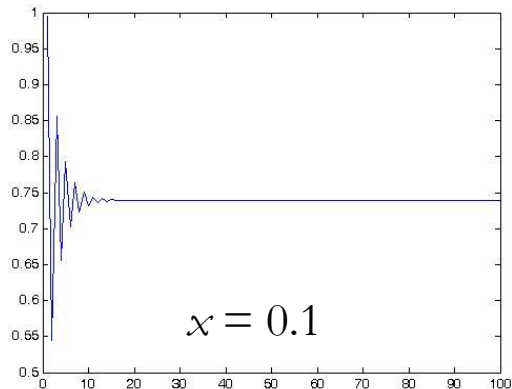
- Fixed-point iteration for solving  $f(x) = 0$

# Fixed point iteration

What happens in the following example?

- Let  $x$  be an arbitrary number.
- Repeat computing  $x = \cos(x)$

The number converges to 0.7390851332.





# Fixed point iteration

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- Problem  $f(x) = 0$  can be rewritten as

$$x = g(x).$$

(There are many ways to do this.)

We are looking for a **fixed point** of  $g(x)$ .



# Fixed point iteration

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- Definition: The real number  $x$  is a **fixed point** of a function  $g$  if  $g(x) = x$ .
- Example
  - The fixed point of  $\cos(x)$  is 0.7390851332.
- What is (or are) the fixed point(s) of  $g(x) = x^3$ ?

# Fixed point iteration: Approach

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- Given a function  $f(x)$ , select a function  $g(x)$  such that

$$f(x) = 0 \rightarrow g(x) = x.$$

- Then
  - $x_0$  = initial guess
  - $x_{i+1} = g(x_i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- Until  $x_{i+1}$  satisfies some termination criterion



# 注意!

- There are many ways to transform  $f(x) = 0$  into fixed point form! Not all of them are “good” in terms of convergence.

- Example:  $x^3 + x - 1 = 0$

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

1

$$x = 1 - x^3$$

2

$$x = \sqrt[3]{1 - x}$$

3

$$x = \frac{1 + 2x^3}{1 + 3x^2}$$

(+2x<sup>3</sup> on both sides)

$$3x^3 + x - 1 = 2x^3$$

$$(3x^2 + 1)x = 2x^3 + 1$$

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





## *Which one will work?*



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$$x_0 = 0.5$$

$$g(x) = 1 - x^3$$

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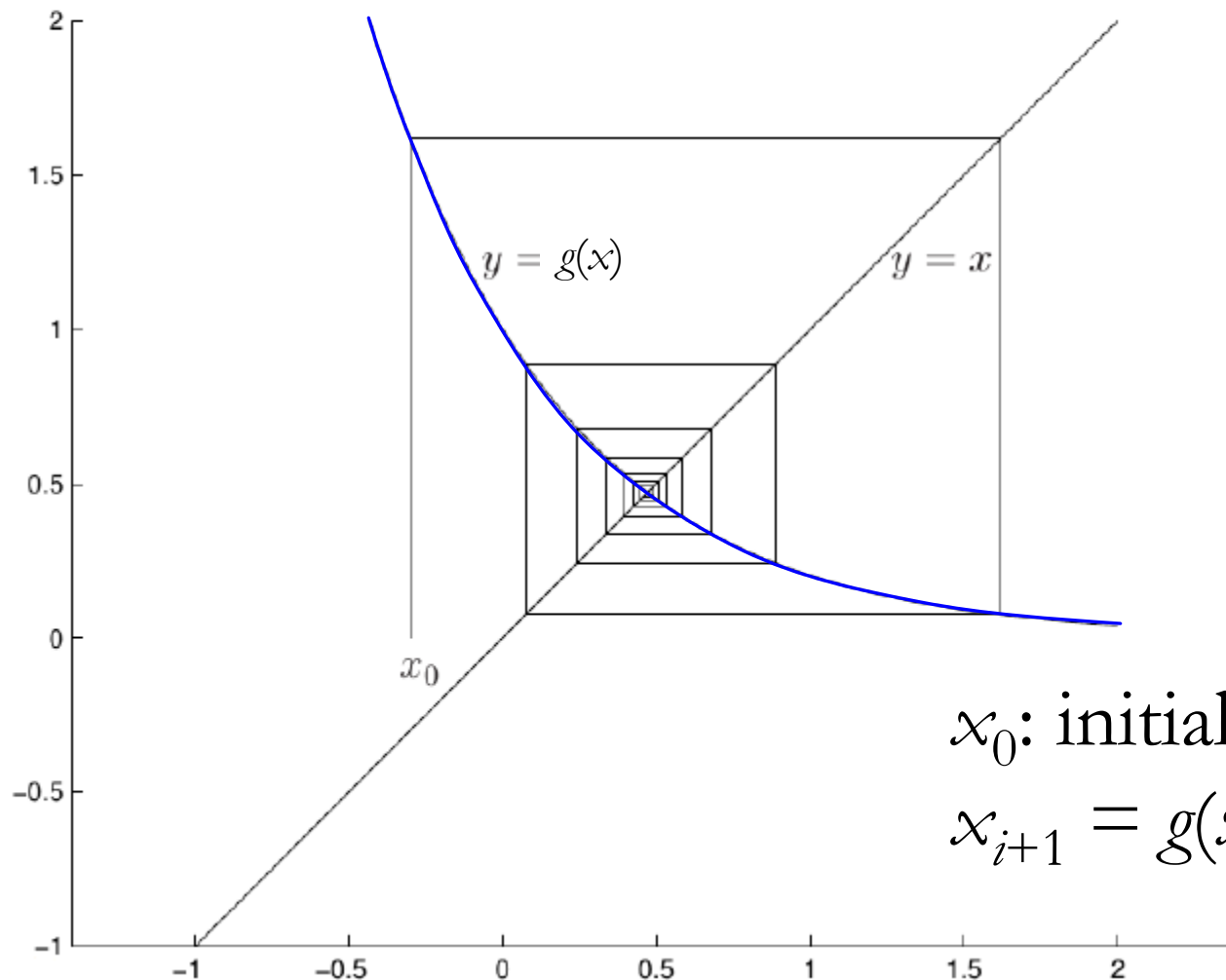


start with  $x_0$  on the  $x$ -axis

go parallel to the  $y$ -axis to the graph of  $F \equiv g$

move parallel to the  $x$ -axis to the graph  $y = x$

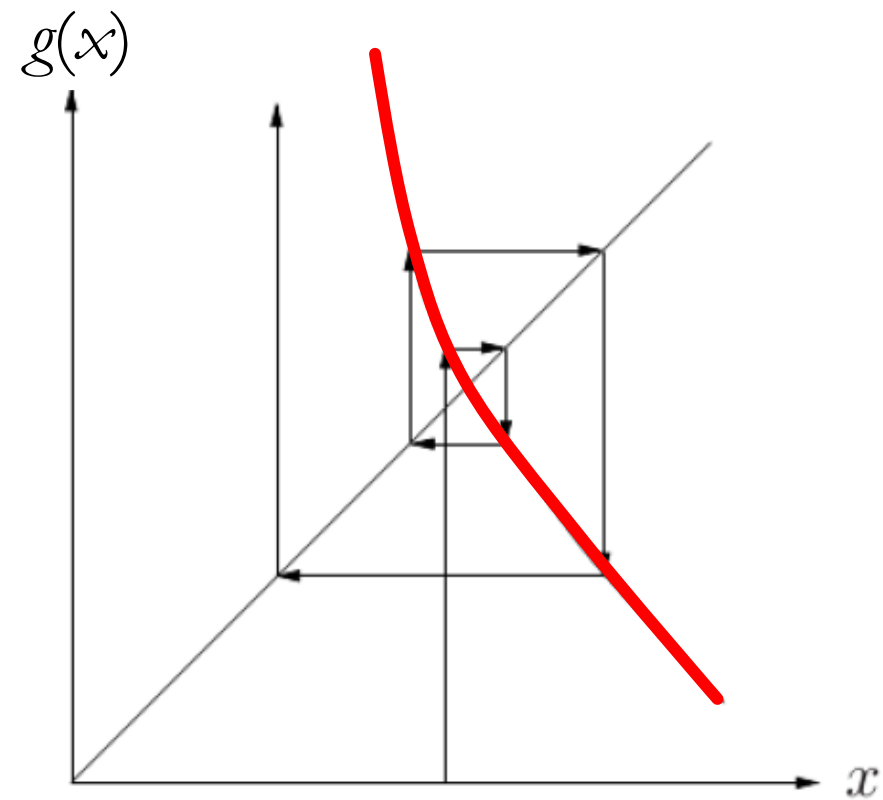
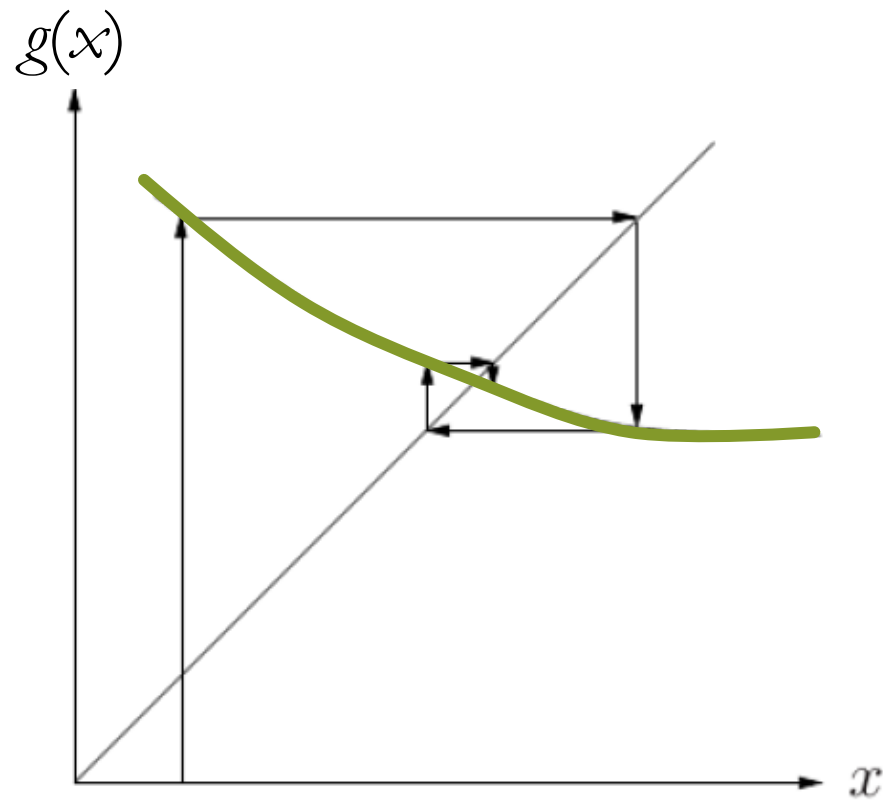
go parallel to the  $y$ -axis to the graph of  $F$



$x_0$ : initial guess

$$x_{i+1} = g(x_i)$$

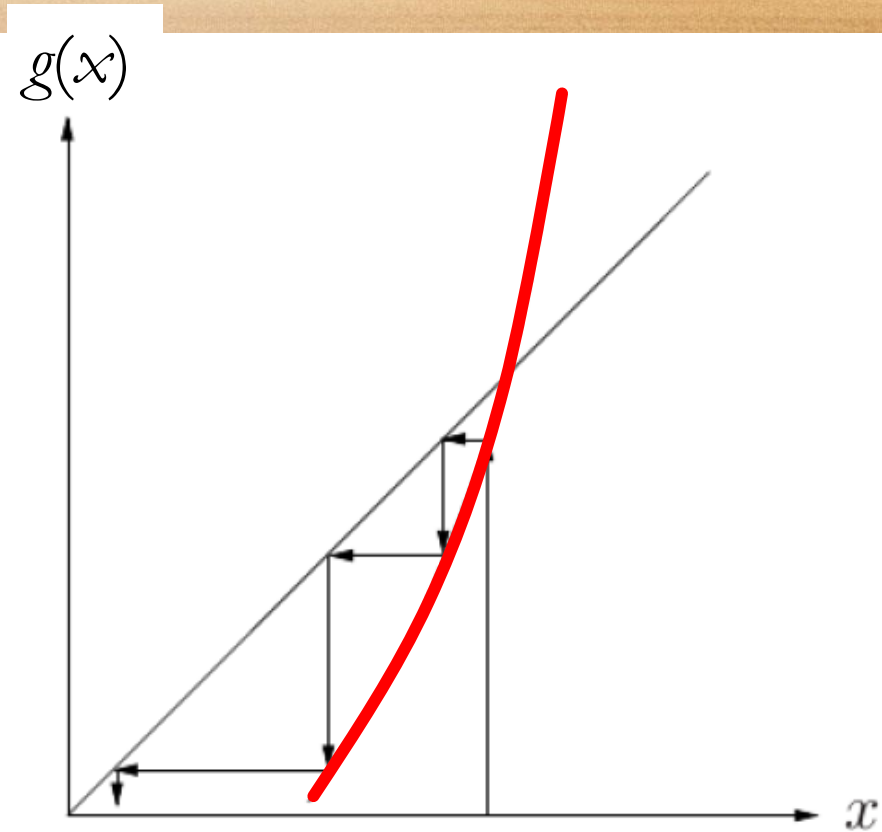
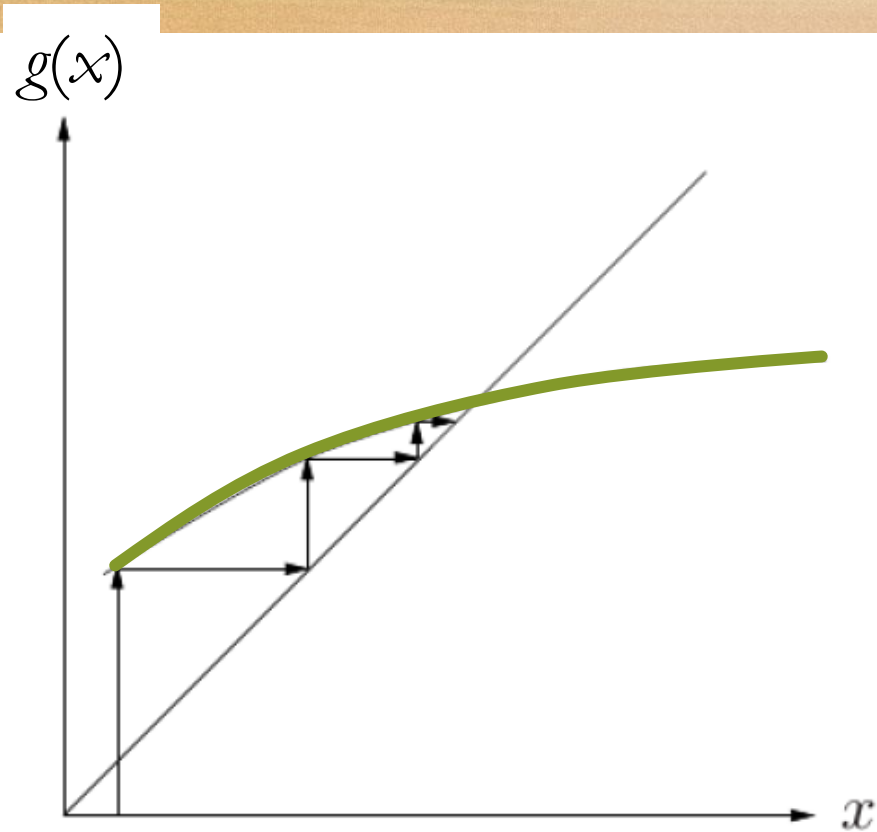
# Geometric interpretation



$x_0$  is close to the root



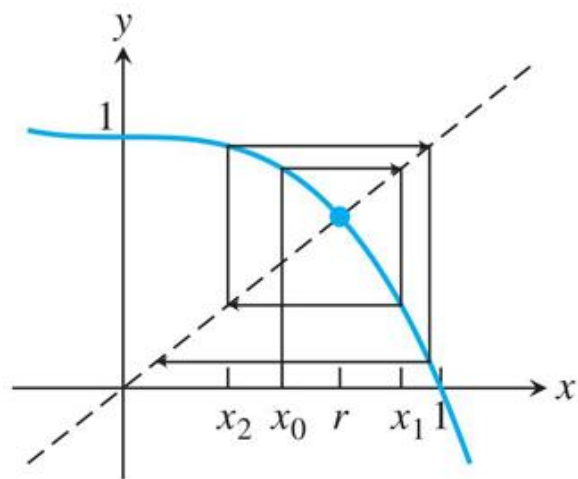
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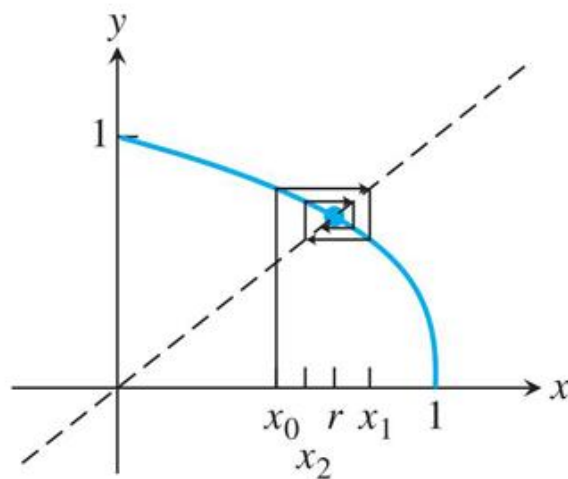
$$g(x) = 1 - x^3$$

$$g(x) = \sqrt[3]{1-x}$$

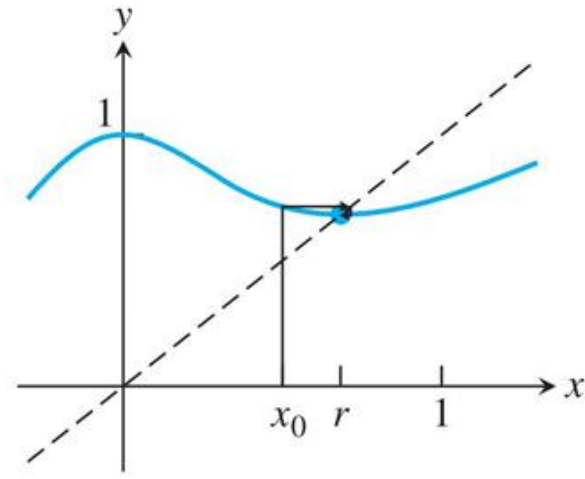
$$g(x) = \frac{1+2x^3}{1+3x^2}$$



(a)



(b)



(c)

**Figure 1.3 Geometric view of FPI.** The fixed point is the intersection of  $g(x)$  and the diagonal line. Three examples of  $g(x)$  are shown together with the first few steps of FPI. (a)  $g(x) = 1 - x^3$  (b)  $g(x) = (1-x)^{1/3}$  (c)  $g(x) = (1+2x^3)/(1+3x^2)$



# Convergence

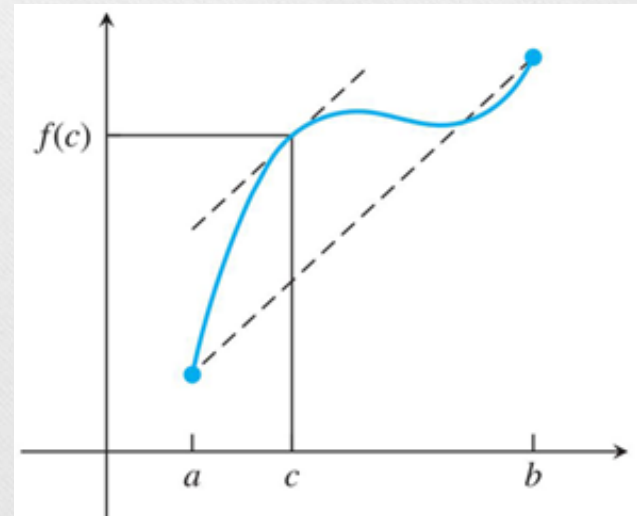
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- $\mathcal{S} = |g'(r)| < 1$

Will explain this now. Stay tuned. 😊

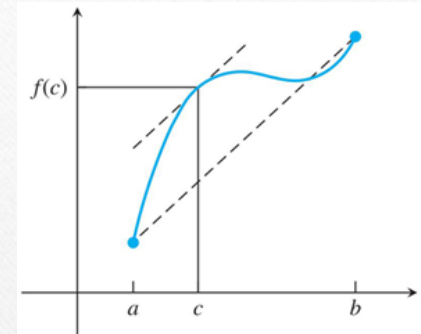
# Mean Value Theorem

- Let  $f$  be a continuous function on the interval  $[a, b]$ . Then there exists a number  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $f'(c) = (f(b) - f(a)) / (b - a)$





# Convergence



- Let  $x_i$  denote the iterate at step  $i$ . There exists a number  $c_i$  between  $x_i$  and  $r$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} g'(c) &= (g(x_i) - g(r)) / (x_i - r) \\ &= (x_{i+1} - r) / (x_i - r) \end{aligned}$$

$$(x_{i+1} - r) = g'(c)(x_i - r) \quad \text{Define } e_i = |x_i - r|$$

$$e_{i+1} = |g'(c)| e_i$$

# Linear convergence

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- Let  $e_i$  denote the error at step  $i$  of an iterative method.  
If

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e_{i+1}}{e_i} = S < 1,$$

the method is said to obey **linear convergence** with rate  $S$ .



$$x^3 + x - 1 = 0, r \approx 0.6823$$

$$g(x) = 1 - x^3$$

$$g'(x) = -3x^2$$

$$|g'(r)| = 1.3966$$

$$g(x) = \sqrt[3]{1-x}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{3}(1-x)^{-2/3}(-1)$$

$$|g'(r)| = 0.0716$$

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

$$g'(x) = \frac{6x^2(1+3x^2) - (1+2x^3)6x}{(1+3x^2)^2}$$

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# Practice

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- Explain why the fixed-point iteration  $g(x) = \cos(x)$  converges.

$$r \approx 0.74$$

$$g'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$g'(r) = -\sin 0.74 \approx -0.67$$

$$|g'(r)| < 1$$

# Bisection vs. Fixed-point iteration

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- Which one is faster?
- Depending on  $S = |g'(r)|$  is smaller or larger than  $1/2$ .



# 程式練習

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- 請寫一個程式(使用FPI)計算方程式的根
- 請用你的程式計算

$$x^3 = 2x + 2$$