

# LAS Calculus

## Newton's Method

### Homework

1. Use the Babylonian method to approximate the following square roots.
  - a) Use an initial guess of  $x = 2$  and improve it 3 times to approximate  $\sqrt{5}$ .
  - b) Approximate  $\sqrt{10}$ :
    - Start by finding an integer whose square is close to 10.
    - Use the Babylonian method three times to improve this guess.
2. Use Newton's method to approximate  $\sqrt[3]{10}$ . (This is a solution of  $f(x) = 0$  for  $f(x) = x^3 - 10$ . Start with an initial approximate of  $x = 2$  and use Newton's method three times to improve it.)
3. Use Newton's method to approximate  $\sqrt[3]{5}$ . (Start with a reasonable initial guess, and improve it three times.)
4. Use Newton's method to approximate a solution of  $f(x) = 0$  for  $f(x) = x^3 + 5x - 3$ . Start with an initial guess of  $x = 1$  and improve it twice.
5. Use Newton's method to approximate a solution of  $f(x) = 0$  for  $f(x) = x^3 - x - 2$ . Start with an initial guess of  $x = 1$  and improve it twice.