

**Solution (d).** By the definition of  $p_{n+1}$  as the zero of the tangent line approximation at  $p_n$ , the fact  $f(p_*) = 0$ , and the Lagrange form of the Taylor remainder for the tangent line approximation of  $f$  at  $p_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f(p_n) + f'(p_n)(p_{n+1} - p_n), \\ 0 &= f(p_*) = f(p_n) + f'(p_n)(p_* - p_n) + \frac{1}{2}f''(q_n)(p_* - p_n)^2, \\ &\text{for some } q_n \text{ between } p_n \text{ and } p_*. \end{aligned}$$

Upon subtracting the second equation from the first we see that

$$0 = f'(p_n)(p_{n+1} - p_*) - \frac{1}{2}f''(q_n)(p_* - p_n)^2.$$

Upon solving for  $p_{n+1} - p_*$  we obtain the general relation

$$p_{n+1} - p_* = \frac{f''(q_n)}{2f'(p_n)} (p_n - p_*)^2.$$

For  $f(x) = x^3 - 6$  we have  $f'(x) = 3x^2$  and  $f''(x) = 6x$ , which are both increasing functions over  $[6^{\frac{1}{3}}, 2]$ . We thereby have the bounds

$$3 \cdot 6^{\frac{2}{3}} \leq f'(x), \quad 0 < f''(x) \leq 6 \cdot 2 \quad \text{for every } x \in [6^{\frac{1}{3}}, 2].$$

Therefore because  $p_n$  and  $q_n$  lie in  $[6^{\frac{1}{3}}, 2]$  while  $p_* = 6^{\frac{1}{3}}$ , we obtain the bound

$$|p_{n+1} - 6^{\frac{1}{3}}| = \frac{f''(q_n)}{2f'(p_n)} |p_n - 6^{\frac{1}{3}}|^2 \leq \frac{12}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 6^{\frac{2}{3}}} |p_n - 6^{\frac{1}{3}}|^2,$$

which reduces to the desired bound.

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