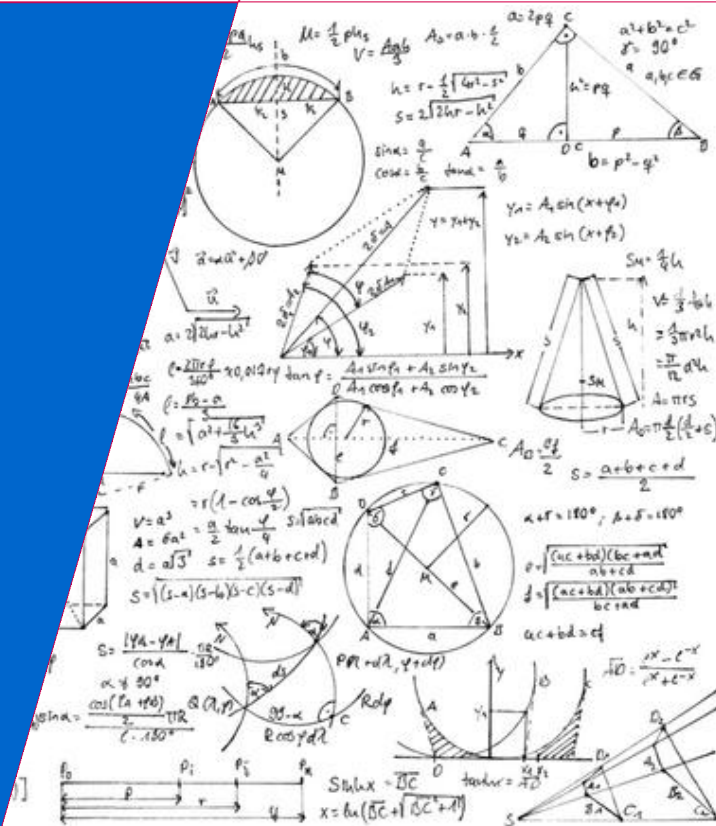


# Numerical methods for Chemical Engineers: Non-linear equations

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# Content

- **How to solve:**

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“Root finding”

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- **One dimensional case:**  $f(x) = 0$

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# Outline

- **One-dimensional case:**

- Direct iteration method
- Bisection method
- Secant and false position method
- Brent's method
- Newton-Raphson method

Do not use routines  
as black boxes without  
understanding them!!!

- **Multi-dimensional case:**

- Newton-Raphson method
- Broyden's method

- Introduction to underlying ideas and algorithms
- Exercises in how to program the methods in Excel and MATLAB.

# General idea

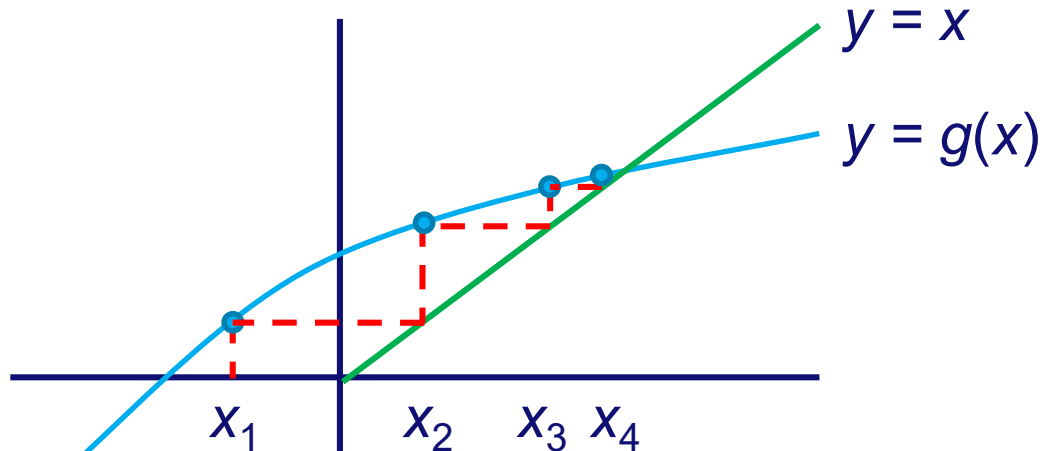
- **Root finding proceeds by iteration:**
  - Start with a good initial guess (crucially important!!)
  - Use an algorithm to improve the solution until some predetermined convergence criterion is satisfied
- **Pitfalls:**
  - Convergence to the wrong root...
  - Fails to converge because there is no root...
  - Fails to converge because your initial estimate was not close enough...
- It never hurts to inspect your function graphically
- Pay attention to carefully select initial guesses

Hamming's motto:  
the purpose of computing  
is insight, not numbers!!

# Direct iteration method/successive substitutions

- **Rewrite**  $f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = g(x)$ 
  - Start with an initial guess:  $x_1$
  - Calculate new estimate with:  $x_2 = g(x_1)$
  - Continue iteration with:  $x_{i+1} = g(x_i)$
  - Proceed until:  $|x_{i+1} - x_i| < \epsilon$

When the process converges, taking a smaller value for  $\epsilon$  results in a more accurate solution, however more iterations need to be performed.



# Direct iteration method

**Exercise 1: Find the root of  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$   
with the direct iteration method**

- **Rewrite as:**  $x = (3x^2 + 3x + 4)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ 
  - Solve in Excel
  - Solve in Matlab
  
- **Rewrite as:**  $x = (x^3 - 3x^2 - 4)/3$ 
  - Solve in Excel
  - Solve in Matlab

# Intermezzo: functions revisited

- In MATLAB you can define your own functions, allowing re-use of certain functionalities. We now define the mathematical function in a new file f.m:

$$f(x) = x^2 + \exp(x)$$

```
function y = f(x)
y = x.^2 + exp(x);
end
```

- The first line contains the function keyword
- y is defined as output, x is defined as input
- The computation can use x as a scalar as well as a vector
  - If x is a vector, y is also a vector.

# Anonymous functions

- If you do not want to create a file, you can create an anonymous function

```
>> g = @(x) (x.^2 + exp(x))
```

- g: the name of the function
- @: indicator of a function handle
- x: the input argument

```
>> g(0:0.1:1)
```

- A function handle points to a function, but it behaves as a variable. You can pass a function handle as an argument!



# Passing functions in Matlab

- For example: to solve  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$  numerically, we can write a function that returns the value of  $f$ :

```
function f = MyFunc(x)                                (Note: case sensitive!!)
    f = x.^2 - 4*x + 2;
return
```

- The function handle can be used as an alias:  

```
>> f = @MyFunc; a = 4; b = f(a)
```
- We can then call a solving routine (e.g. `fzero`):  

```
>> ans = fzero(@MyFunc,5)
>> fzero(@(x) x.^2-4*x+2,5)
```

# Passing functions in Matlab

- We can also make **our own** function, that takes the function handle as an input (save as draw\_my\_function.m):

```
function [] = draw_my_function(func)
% Draws a function in the range [0 10] using 20 data
% points. 'func' is a function handle that can point to
% any actual function.
x = linspace(0, 10, 20);
y = func(x);
plot(x,y,"-o");
end
```

- Now we can call the function with a function handle, which points to an anonymous function or a common function:

```
>> f = @(x) (x.^2 - 4*x + 2);
>> draw_my_function(f)
>> ezplot(f, [0 10])
```

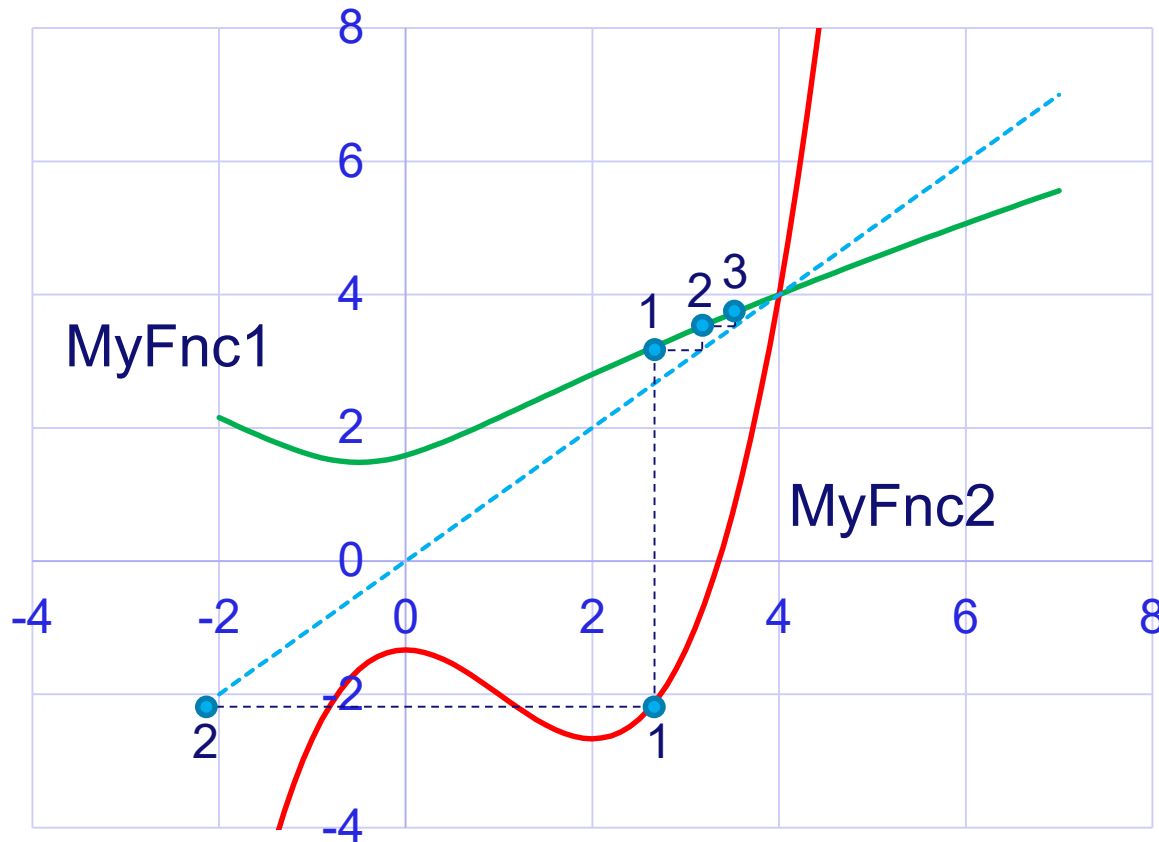
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**Method only works  
when  $|g'(x_i)| < 1$**

**And even then  
not very fast ...**

$$x = g(x) \square g(x_i) + g'(x_i)(x - x_i)$$

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

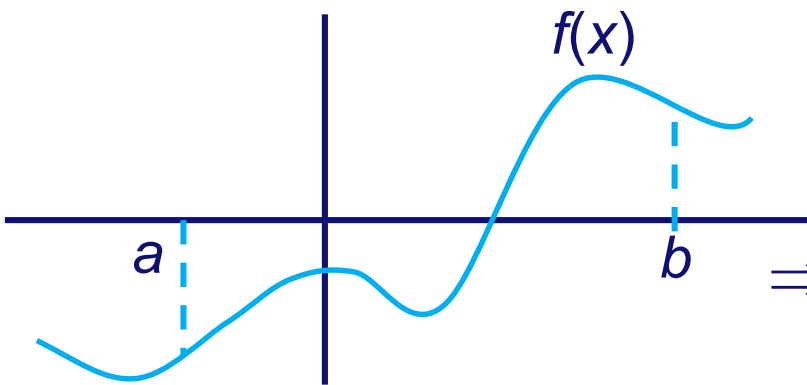
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$$|x_{i+2} - x_{i+1}| = |g'(x_i)||x_{i+1} - x_i|$$

Convergence  $\Rightarrow |g'(x_i)| \leq 1$

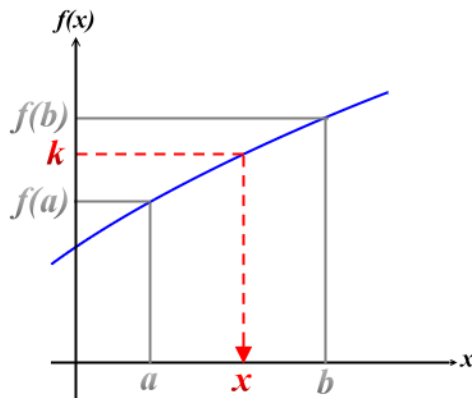
# Bracketing

**Bracketing a root = knowing that the function changes sign in an identified interval**



A root is bracketed in the interval  $(a,b)$ , if  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  have opposite signs

$\Rightarrow$  At least one root must lie in this interval, if the function is continuous

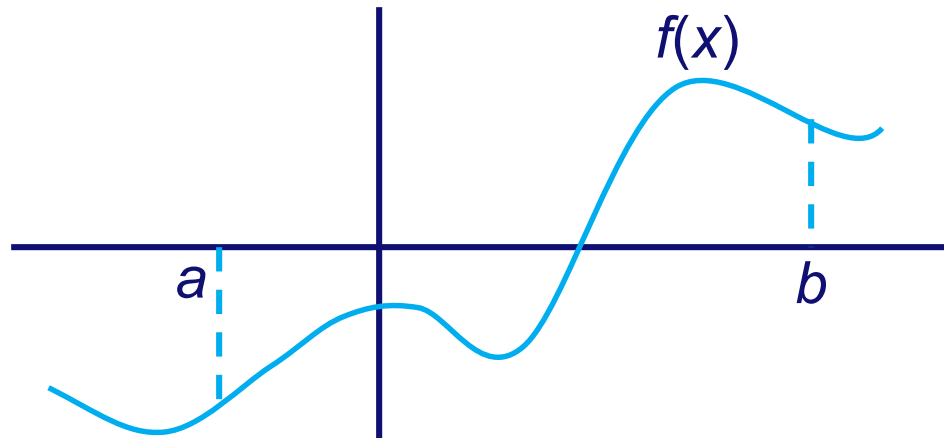


## *Intermediate Value Theorem*

If  $f(x)$  is *continuous* on  $[a,b]$  and  $k$  is a constant that lies between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there is a value  $x \in [a,b]$  such that  $f(x) = k$

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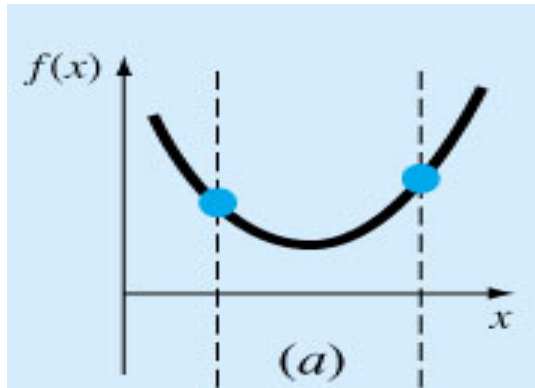
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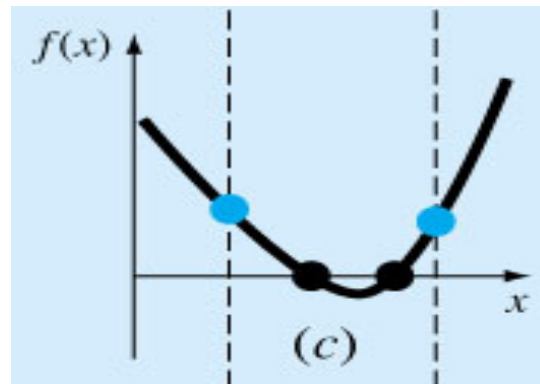
- **General best advise:**
  - Always bracket a root before trying to converge...
  - Never allow your iteration method to get outside the best bracketing bounds...

# General idea

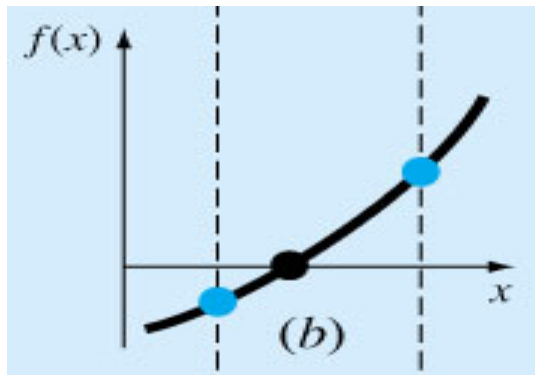
- Examples of pitfalls of bracketing...



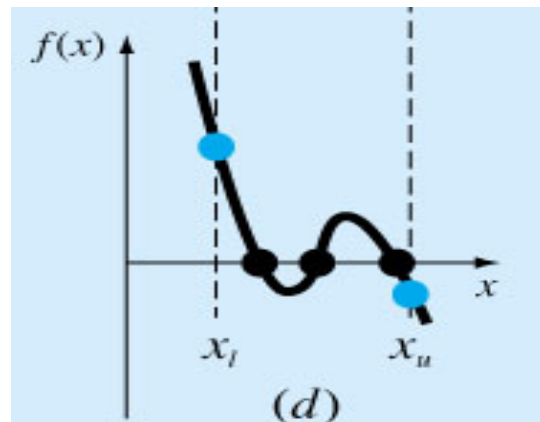
No answer (no root)



Oops!! (two roots!!)



Nice case (one root)



Three roots (might work for a while!)

# Bracketing

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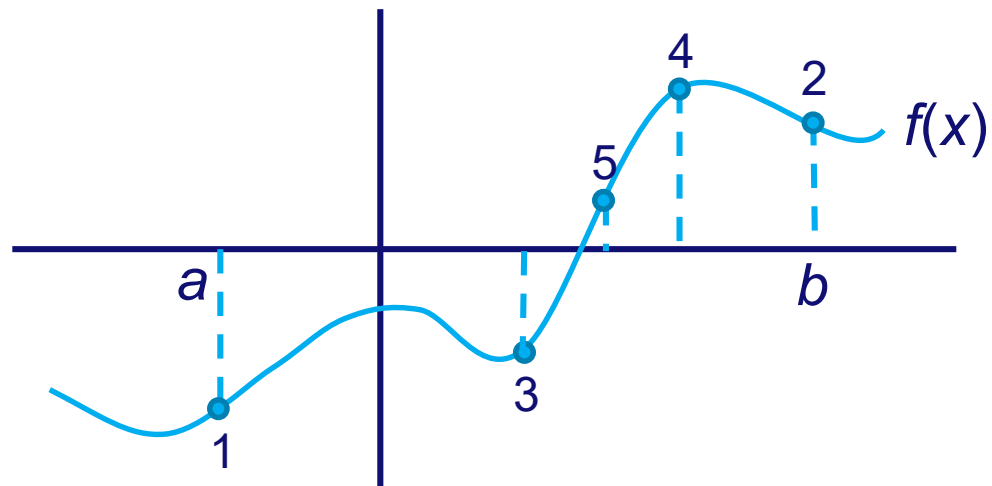
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# Bisection method

- **Bisection algorithm:**

- Over some interval it is known that the function will pass through zero, because the function changes sign
- Evaluate function value at the interval's midpoint and examine its sign
- Use the midpoint to replace whichever limit has the same sign



It cannot fail,  
but relatively  
slow convergence!

## Exercise 3:

- **Write a function in Excel to find a root of a function using the bisection method**
  - Assume that an initial bracketing interval ( $x_1, x_2$ ) is provided
  - Also the required tolerance is specified (which tolerance?)
  - Also output the required number of iterations
- **Do the same in MATLAB**

# Bisection method

- **Required number of iterations?**

- After each iteration the interval bounds containing the root decrease by a factor of 2:

$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_n \Rightarrow \boxed{n = \log_2 \frac{\epsilon_0}{tol}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \epsilon_0 = \text{initial bracketing interval} \\ tol = \text{desired tolerance} \end{array}$$

i.e. after 50 iterations the interval is decreased by factor  $2^{50} = 10^{15}$ !  
(Mind machine accuracy when setting tolerance!)

- Order of convergence = 1

$$\boxed{\epsilon_{n+1} = K(\epsilon_n)^m} \quad \begin{array}{l} m = 1: \text{linear convergence} \\ m = 2: \text{quadratic convergence} \end{array}$$

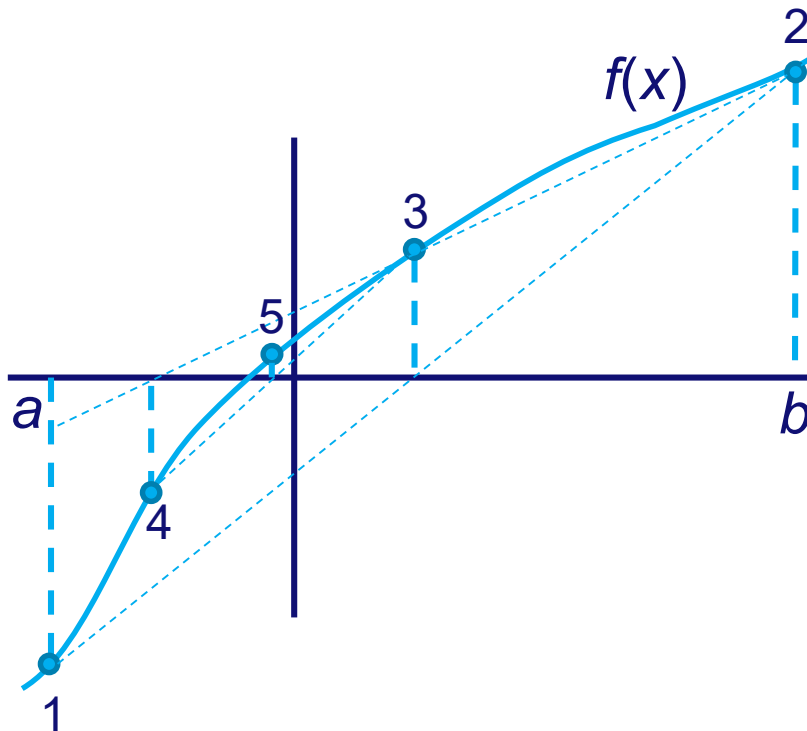
- Must succeed:
  - More than one root  $\Rightarrow$  bisection will find one of them
  - No root, but singularity  $\Rightarrow$  bisection will find singularity

# Secant and False position method

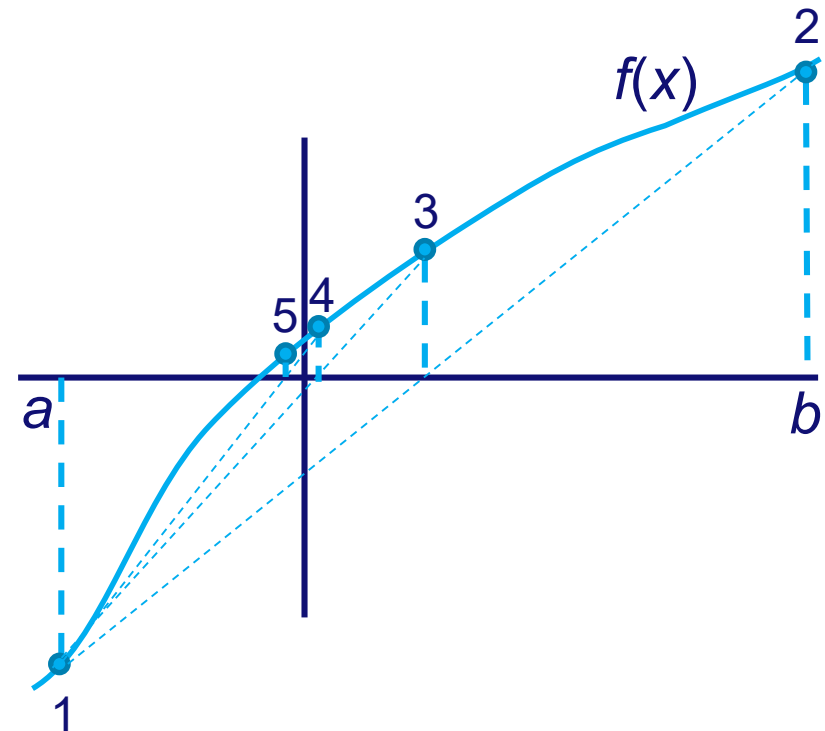
- **Secant/False position (= Regula Falsi) method**
  - Faster convergence (provided sufficiently smooth behaviour)
  - Difference with bisection method in choice of next point:
    - Bisection: mid-point of interval
    - Secant/False position: point where the approximating line crosses the axis
  - One of the boundary points is discarded in favor of the latest estimate of
    - Secant: retains the most recent of the prior estimates
    - False position: retains prior estimate with opposite sign, so that the points continue to bracket the root

# Secant and False position method

## Secant method



## False position method



**Secant:** slightly faster convergence:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\epsilon_{n+1}| = K |\epsilon_n|^{1.618}$

**False position:** guaranteed convergence

# Secant and False position method

## Exercise 4:

- **Write a function in Excel and MATLAB to find a root of a function using the Secant and the False position methods**
  - Assume that an initial bracketing interval ( $x_1, x_2$ ) is provided
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  - Compare the bisection, false position and secant methods

# Secant and False position method

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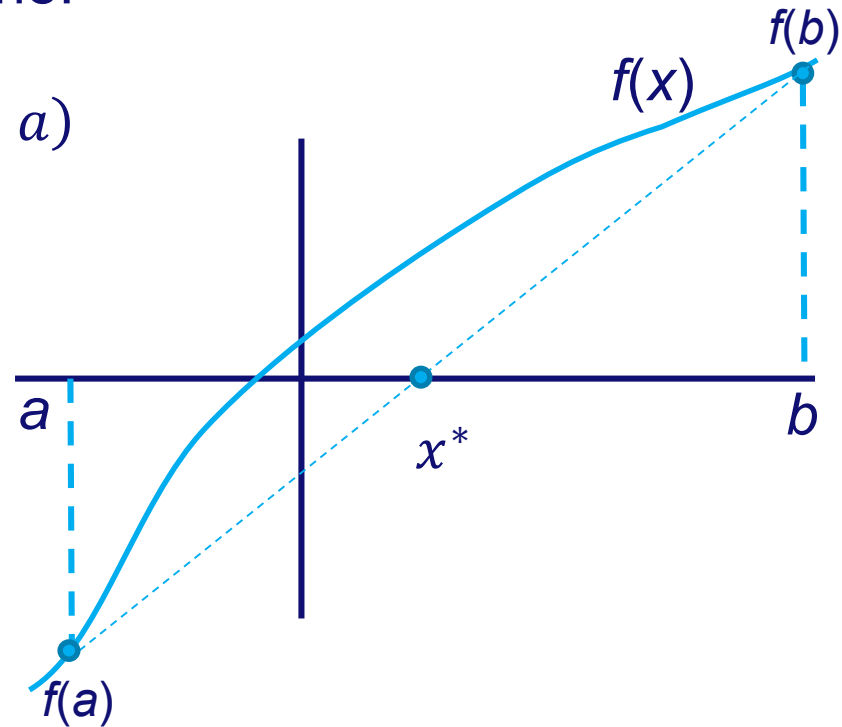
- **Determination of the abscissa of the approximating line:**
  - Determine the approximating line:

$$f(x) \approx f(a) + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} (x - a)$$

- Determine abscissa:

$$f(x^*) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = a - \frac{f(a)(b - a)}{f(b) - f(a)} \\ = \frac{af(b) - bf(a)}{f(b) - f(a)}$$





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# Secant and False position method

- Comparison of methods**

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$$

tol\_eps, tol\_func = 1e-15, and  $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 2)$

Method	Nr. iterations
Bisection	52
False position	22
Secant	9

Compare with:

```
>> fzero(@(x) x^2-4*x+2,2,optimset('TolX',1e-15,'Display','iter'))
```

Note the initial bracketing steps in fzero!

# Brent's method

- **Superlinear convergence + sureness of bisection**

- Keep track of superlinear convergence, and if not, intersperse with bisection steps (assures at least linear convergence)
- Brent's method (is implemented in MATLAB's fzero):  
root-bracketing + bisection/secant/inverse quadratic interpolation

- Inverse quadratic interpolation: uses 3 prior points to fit an inverse quadratic function (i.e.  $x(y)$ ) with contingency plans, if root falls outside brackets:

$$x = b + P/Q \qquad R = f(b)/f(c)$$

$$P = S[T(R - T)(c - b) - (1 - R)(b - a)] \qquad S = f(b)/f(a)$$

$$Q = (T - 1)(R - 1)(S - 1) \qquad T = f(a)/f(c)$$

$b$  = current best estimate

$P/Q$  = ought to be a 'small' correction

- When  $P/Q$  does not land within the bounds or when bounds are not collapsing fast enough  $\Rightarrow$  take bisection step

# Non-linear equation solving in Excel

- Excel comes with a goal-seek and solver function. Some prerequisites have to be installed. For Excel 2010:
  - Install via Excel → File → Options → Add-Ins → Go (at the bottom) → Select solver add-in. You can now call the solver screen on the 'data' menu ('Oplosser' in Dutch).
- The procedure to solve is then:
  - Select the goal-cell, and whether you want to minimize, maximize or set a certain value
  - Enter the variable cells; Excel is going to change the values in these cells to get to the desired solution
  - Specify the boundary conditions (e.g. to keep certain cells above zero)
  - Click 'solve' (possibly after setting the advanced options).

# Excel: goal-seek example

- Goal-Seek can be used to set the goal-cell to a specified value (e.g. zero) by changing another cell:
  - Open Excel and type the following:

	A	B
1	x	3
2	f(x)	$=-3*B1^2-5*B1+2$
3		

- Go to tab Data → What-if Analysis → Goal Seek
  - Set cell: B2
  - To Value: 0
  - By changing cell: B1
- OK: You'll find a solution of 0.3333...

# Excel: solver example

- The solver is used to change the value in a goal-cell, by changing the values in 1 or more other cells while keeping boundary conditions:
  - Use the following sheet:

	A	B	C
1		x	f(x)
2	x1	3	=2*B2*B3-B3+2
3	x2	4	=2*B3-4*B2-4

- Go to tab Data → Solver
  - Goalfunction: C2 (value of: 0)
  - Add boundary condition: C3 = 0
  - By changing cells: \$B\$2:\$B\$3 (you can just select the cells)
- Solve. You will find B2=0 and B3=2.

# Non-linear equation solver in Matlab (1 var)

- Use `fzero` for single variable non-linear zero finding

```
>> fzero(@ (x) -3*x^2-5*x+2, 3)
```

Or with

```
function [F] = TestFuncFZero(x)
    F = -3*x^2 - 5*x + 2;
end
>> fzero(@TestFuncFZero, 3)
```

```
>> fzero(@ (x) -3*x^2-5*x+2, 3, optimset('Display', 'iter'))
```

Search for an interval around 3 containing a sign change:

Func-count	a	f(a)	b	f(b)
1	3	-40	3	-40
3	2.91515	-38.07	3.08485	-41.9732
5	2.88	-37.2832	3.12	-42.8032
7	2.83029	-36.1832	3.16971	-43.9896
9	2.76	-34.6500	3.24	-45.6928
			3.33941	-48.1521

Note the initial bracketing steps in `fzero`!

# Non-linear equation solver in Matlab ( $\geq 2$ var)

- Use **fsolve** for systems of non-linear equations with multiple variables

```
function [F] = TestFuncFSolve(x)
    F = [ 2*x(1)*x(2) - x(2) + 2
          2*x(2) - 4*x(1) - 4];
end
```

```
>> fsolve(@TestFuncFSolve, [2,2])
```



# Newton-Raphson method

- Requires the evaluation of the function  $f(x)$  and the derivative  $f'(x)$  at arbitrary points

- Algorithm:

- Extend tangent line at current point  $x_i$  till it crosses zero
- Set next guess  $x_{i+1}$  to the abscissa of that zero crossing

$$f(x + \delta) \approx f(x) + f'(x)\delta + \frac{1}{2}f''\delta^2 + \dots \quad (\text{Taylor series at } x)$$

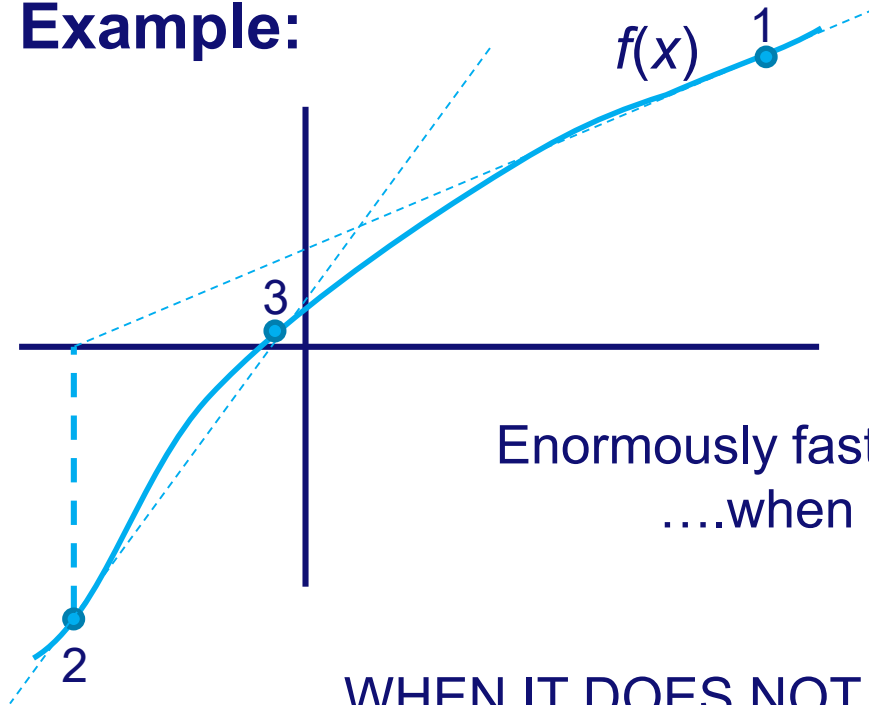
For small enough values of  $\delta$  and for well-behaved functions, the non-linear terms become unimportant

$$\Rightarrow \delta = -\frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$$

- Can be extended to higher dimensions
- Requires an initial guess sufficiently close to the root! (otherwise even failure!!)

# Newton-Raphson method

- Example:**

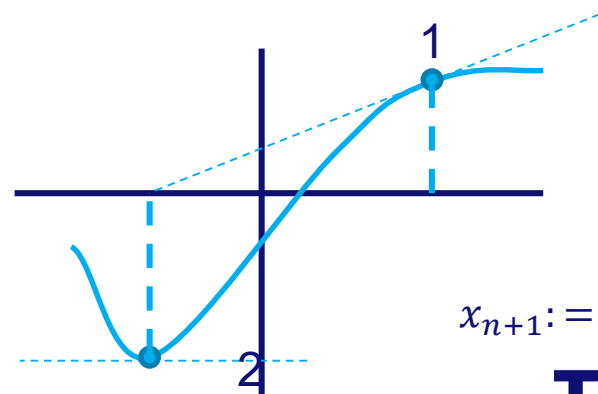
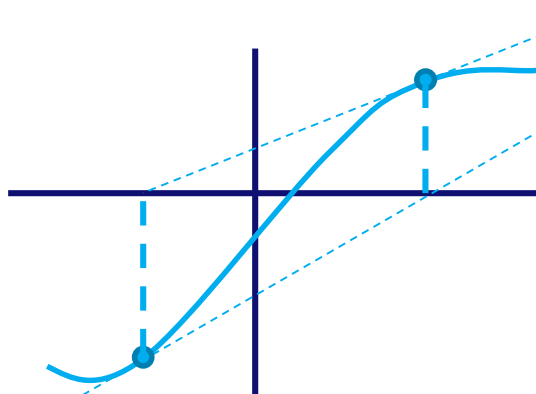


Newton-Raphson method:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Enormously fast convergence,  
....when it works

WHEN IT DOES NOT WORK...



Sometimes  
underrelaxation  
can help...

$$x_{n+1} := (1 - \omega)x_n + \omega x_{n+1}$$

# Newton-Raphson method

- **Basic algorithm:**

**Given** initial  $x$ , required tolerance  $\varepsilon > 0$

**Repeat**

1. Compute  $f(x)$  and  $f'(x)$ .
2. If  $|f(x)| \leq \varepsilon$ , return  $x$
3.  $x := x - f(x)/f'(x)$

**until** maximum number of iterations is exceeded

# Newton-Raphson method

- **Why is Newton-Raphson so powerful?**  
 **$\Rightarrow$  High rate of convergence**

Newton-Raphson method:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Subtracting the solution  $x^*$ :

$$x_{n+1} - x^* = x_n - x^* - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Defining the error  $\epsilon_n = x_n - x^*$ :

$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \epsilon_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \epsilon_n - \frac{f(x^*) + f'(x^*)\epsilon_n + \frac{1}{2}f''(x^*)\epsilon_n^2 + \dots}{f'(x^*) + \dots}$$

$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \epsilon_n - \epsilon_n - \frac{1}{2} \frac{f''(x^*)}{f'(x^*)} \epsilon_n^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\epsilon_{n+1} \sim K \epsilon_n^2$$

Quadratic convergence!!

# Newton-Raphson method

- Order of convergence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|^m} = K \quad \begin{array}{l} m = \text{order of convergence} \\ K = \text{asymptotic error constant} \end{array}$$

$$\epsilon_n = x_n - x^* \quad \text{with } x^* \text{ the solution}$$

When the solution is not known a priori:  $\epsilon_{n+1} \approx x_{n+1} - x_n$

$$\frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|} = \frac{K|\epsilon_n|^m}{K|\epsilon_{n-1}|^m} \Rightarrow \frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|} = \left( \frac{|\epsilon_n|}{|\epsilon_{n-1}|} \right)^m$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left( \frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|} \right) = m \ln \left( \frac{|\epsilon_n|}{|\epsilon_{n-1}|} \right)$$

$$m = \frac{\ln \left( \frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|} \right)}{\ln \left( \frac{|\epsilon_n|}{|\epsilon_{n-1}|} \right)}$$

for  $n \rightarrow \infty$

# Newton-Raphson method

## Exercise 6:

- **Write a function in MATLAB to find a root of a function using the Newton-Raphson method**
  - Assume that an initial guess  $x_0$  is provided
  - Also the required tolerance is given
  - Output the results for every iteration
  - Verify that at every iteration the number of significant digits doubles, and compute the order of convergence

# Newton-Raphson method

- **Modifications to the basic algorithm**

- If the first derivative  $f'(x)$  is not known or cumbersome to compute/program, we can use the local num. approximation:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x + dx) - f(x)}{dx} \quad (dx \sim 10^{-8})$$

$dx$  should be small (otherwise the method reduces to first order)

But not too small (otherwise you will be wiped out by roundoff!)

- Unless you know that the initial guess is close to the solution, the Newton-Raphson method should be combined with:
  - a bracketing method, to reject the solution if it wanders outside of the bounds;
  - Reduced Newton step method (= relaxation) for more robustness. Don't take the entire step if the error does not decrease (enough)
  - More sophisticated step size control: Local line searches and backtracking using cubic interpolation (for global convergence)

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# Newton-Raphson method

- Extensions to multi-dimensional case:**

Let's first consider the two-dimensional case:

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

$$g(x, y) = 0$$

Multi-variate Taylor series expansion:

$$f(x + \delta x, y + \delta y) \approx f(x, y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \delta y + O(\delta x^2, \delta y^2) = 0$$

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Neglecting higher order terms:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \delta y = -f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \delta y = -g(x, y)$$

$\Rightarrow$

Two linear equations in the two unknowns  $\delta x$  and  $\delta y$ .

# Newton-Raphson method

- Extensions to multi-dimensional case:**

Newton-Raphson method:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \delta y = -f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \delta y = -g(x, y)$$

Or in matrix notation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$



Jacobian matrix

Solution via Cramer's rule:

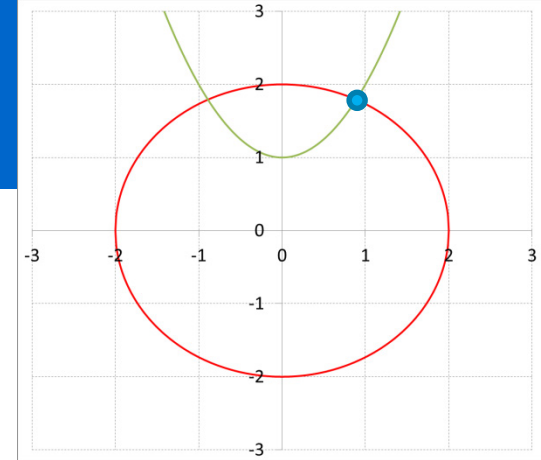
$$\delta x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -f & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ -g & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-f \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + g \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}}$$

$$\delta y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & -f \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & -g \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-g \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}}$$

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Example: intersection of circle with parabola:



$$x^2 + y^2 = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{In matrix form:}$$

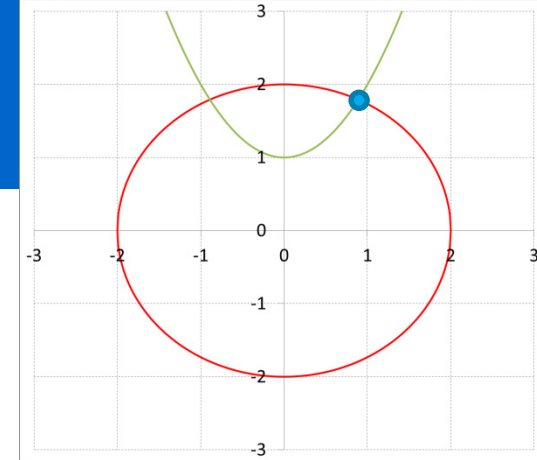
$$y = x^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4 \\ x_1^2 - x_2 + 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & 2x_2 \\ 2x_1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

	$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$	$\mathbf{f}^{(i)}$	$\mathbf{J}^{(i)}$	$\delta \mathbf{x}^{(i)}$
$i = 1:$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.1 \\ -0.2 \end{bmatrix}$
$i = 2:$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.05 \\ 0.01 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.8 & 3.6 \\ 1.8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.01039 \\ -0.0087 \end{bmatrix}$
$i = 3:$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.889614 \\ 1.791304 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.000183 \\ 0.0000108 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.7792 & 3.5826 \\ 1.7792 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -6.99 \cdot 10^{-5} \\ -1.65 \cdot 10^{-5} \end{bmatrix}$
$i = 4:$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.8895436 \\ 1.7912878 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 5.16 \cdot 10^{-9} \\ 4.89 \cdot 10^{-9} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.779087 & 3.582576 \\ 1.779087 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -2.78 \cdot 10^{-9} \\ -5.94 \cdot 10^{-11} \end{bmatrix}$

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Check order of convergence:

it	x1	x2	eps1	eps2	m1	m2
1	1.0000000000000000	2.0000000000000000				
2	0.9000000000000000	1.8000000000000000	0.1000000000000000	0.2000000000000000		
3	0.8896135265700480	1.7913043478260900	0.0103864734299518	0.0086956521739132	1.983532	2.948192
4	0.8895436203043770	1.7912878475373300	0.0000699062656710	0.0000165002887549	2.094992	2.32082
5	0.8895436175241320	1.7912878474779200	0.0000000027802448	0.000000000594120	2.058946	2.138235

**Quadratic convergence!**  
= doubling number of significant digits every iteration

$$\epsilon_{n+1} \approx x_{n+1} - x_n$$

$$m = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{|\epsilon_{n+1}|}{|\epsilon_n|}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{|\epsilon_n|}{|\epsilon_{n-1}|}\right)}$$

# Newton-Raphson method

- Extensions to multi-dimensional case:**

Generalization to the  $N$ -dimensional case:

$$f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Define:  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]$  and  $\mathbf{f} = [f_1, f_2, \dots, f_N] \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}}$

Multi-variate Taylor series expansion:

$$f_i(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}) = f_i(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \delta x_j + O(\delta\mathbf{x}^2)$$

Define  
Jacobian  
matrix:  $\boxed{J_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{J} \cdot \delta\mathbf{x} + O(\delta\mathbf{x}^2)$

Neglect higher order terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J} \cdot \delta\mathbf{x} &= -\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathbf{x}_{new} &= \mathbf{x}_{old} + \delta\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

# Broyden's method

- **Multi-dimensional secant method ('quasi-Newton'):**

Disadvantage of the Newton-Raphson method:

It requires the Jacobian matrix

- In many problems no analytical Jacobian available
- If the function evaluation is expensive, the numerical approximation using finite differences can be prohibitive!

⇒ use cheap approximation of the Jacobian!

(= secant, or 'quasi-Newton' method)

Newton-Raphson:

$$\mathbf{J}^n \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n = -\mathbf{f}^n(\mathbf{x}^n)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{n+1} = \mathbf{x}^n + \delta \mathbf{x}^n$$

Secant method:

$$\mathbf{B}^n \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n = -\mathbf{f}^n(\mathbf{x}^n)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{n+1} = \mathbf{x}^n + \delta \mathbf{x}^n$$

$\mathbf{B}^n$  = approximation  
of the Jacobian

# Broyden's method

- **Multi-dimensional secant method ('quasi-Newton'):**

Secant equation (generalization of 1D case):

$$\mathbf{B}^{n+1} \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n = \delta f^n \quad \delta \mathbf{x}^n = \mathbf{x}^{n+1} - \mathbf{x}^n \quad \delta f^n = f^{n+1} - f^n$$

Underdetermined (i.e. not unique:  $n$  equations with  $n^2$  unknowns )  
 $\Rightarrow$  we need another condition to pin down  $\mathbf{B}^{n+1}$

**Broyden's method:** determine  $\mathbf{B}^{n+1}$  by making the least change to  $\mathbf{B}^n$  that is consistent with the secant condition

Updating formula:

$$\mathbf{B}^{n+1} = \mathbf{B}^n + \frac{(\delta f^n - \mathbf{B}^n \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n)}{\delta \mathbf{x}^n \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n} \otimes \delta \mathbf{x}^n$$

(Note: sometimes  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  is updated directly)

$$(a \otimes b = ab^T)$$

# Broyden's method

- Multi-dimensional secant method ('quasi-Newton'):

## Background of Broyden's method:

Secant equation:  $\mathbf{B}^{n+1} \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n = \delta f^n$

Broyden's method: Since there is no update on derivative info, why would  $\mathbf{B}^n$  change in a direction  $\mathbf{w}$  orthogonal to  $\delta \mathbf{x}^n$

$$\Rightarrow (\delta \mathbf{x}^n)^T \mathbf{w} = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{B}^{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{B}^n \cdot \mathbf{w} \\ \mathbf{B}^{n+1} \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n = \delta f^n \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{B}^{n+1} = \mathbf{B}^n + \frac{(\delta f^n - \mathbf{B}^n \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n)}{\delta \mathbf{x}^n \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}^n} \otimes \delta \mathbf{x}^n}$$

Initialize  $\mathbf{B}^0$  with identity matrix (or with finite difference approx.)



# Conclusions

- **Recommendations for root finding:**
  - **One-dimensional cases:**
    - If it is not easy/cheap to compute the function's derivative  
⇒ use Brent's algorithm
    - If derivative information is available  
⇒ use Newton-Raphson's method + bookkeeping on bounds provided you can supply a good enough initial guess!!
    - There are specialized routines for (multiple) root finding of polynomials (but not covered in this course)
  - **Multi-dimensional cases:**
    - Use Newton-Raphson method, but make sure that you provide an initial guess close enough to achieve convergence
    - In case derivative information is expensive  
⇒ use Broyden's method (but slower convergence!)