

## Lecture 21

Last time we discussed some methods to find root of non-linear equation  $f(x)=0$

We discussed primarily the following methods:-

### 1) Bisection method

If  $f(a_n) f(b_n) < 0$  (so  $f$  has a root in  $[a_n, b_n]$ )

$$m = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$$

If  $f(a_n) f(m) < 0$  set  $a_{n+1} = a_n$  and  $b_{n+1} = m$

Otherwise set  $a_{n+1} = m$ ,  $b_{n+1} = b$

So root is in  $[a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$

Convergence is slow in bisection method

## Regula-falsi method

$$f(a_n)f(b_n) < 0$$

$$w = \frac{f(b_n)a_n - f(a_n)b_n}{f(b_n) - f(a_n)}$$

If  $f(a)f(w) < 0$  then set  $a_{n+1} = a_n$ ,  $b_{n+1} = w$

otherwise set  $a_{n+1} = w$ ,  $b_{n+1} = b_n$

Regula-falsi method produces a pt  $x^*$  for which  $|f(x^*)|$  is small but many times it fails completely to give a "small interval" in which a zero is known to lie

## Two improvements of Regula-falsi method

- 1) modified regula-falsi method
- 2) secant method.

## Secant-method

Given a function  $f(x)$  and two pts  $x_{-1}, x_0$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  until satisfied do

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

- $f(x_n)$  and  $f(x_{n-1})$  need not be of opp sign  
So above expression is prone to round-off error.

Better to compute

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

i.e

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{[f(x_n), f(x_{n-1})]}$$

## Newton's method

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  until satisfied do

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

Newton's method gives fast convergence to the root.

However  $x_0$  has to be "close" to the root for convergence

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## fixed pt iteration

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

In Newton's method we are essentially trying to find fixed pt of  $g(x)$   
i.e. a pt  $\xi$  s.t.

$$g(\xi) = \xi.$$

## Fixed-pt iteration

Our goal is to find root of

$$f(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

One derives from (1) an equation of the form

$$x = g(x) \quad (2)$$

So any solution of (2) (i.e. a fixed pt of  $g(x)$ ) is a solution for (1)

Usually there are many choices of  $g(x)$

Example

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

Choices of  $g(x)$  are

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

$$(2) \quad g(x) = \sqrt[3]{1+x}$$

## Algorithm for fixed pt iteration

Given an iteration function  $g(x)$  and  
a starting pt  $x_0$

For  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  until satisfied &

$$\text{Calculate } x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$$

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We have not yet discussed  
conditions for convergence

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

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = -1$$

$$x_3 = -2$$

$$x_4 = -9$$

$$x_5 = -730$$

$$x_6 = -3.89 \times 10^8$$

this seq diverges

On the other hand

$$g(x) = (1+x)^{1/3}$$

$$x_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 1.25992$$

$$x_3 = 1.31229$$

$$x_4 = 1.32235$$

$$x_5 = 1.32427$$

$$x_6 = 1.32463$$

$$x_7 = 1.32470$$

$$x_8 = 1.32471$$

$$x_9 = 1.32472$$

$$x_{10} = 1.32472$$

$$x_j = x_{10} \text{ for } j \geq 10$$

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

$$f(x_{10}) = -9.001 \text{ E-8}$$

## Conditions for convergence of fixed pt iteration

Condition 1 There is an interval  $I = [a, b]$  such that for all  $x \in I$ ,  $g(x)$  is defined and  $\underline{g(x) \in I}$ , i.e. the function  $g(x)$  maps  $I$  into itself.

Condition 2 The iteration function  $g(x)$  is continuous on  $I = [a, b]$

Theorem Let  $g: I \rightarrow I$  be cts,  $I = [a, b]$   
Then  $g$  has a fixed pt

Proof If  $g(a) = a$  or  $g(b) = b$  then  $g$  obviously has a fixed pt.



Otherwise

$$g(a) \neq a, \quad g(b) \neq b$$

$$g(a), g(b) \in I. \quad \text{So}$$

$$g(a) > a \quad \text{and} \quad g(b) < b$$

$$h(x) = g(x) - x \quad \text{is cts}$$

$$h(a) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad h(b) < 0$$

So by intermediate value theorem

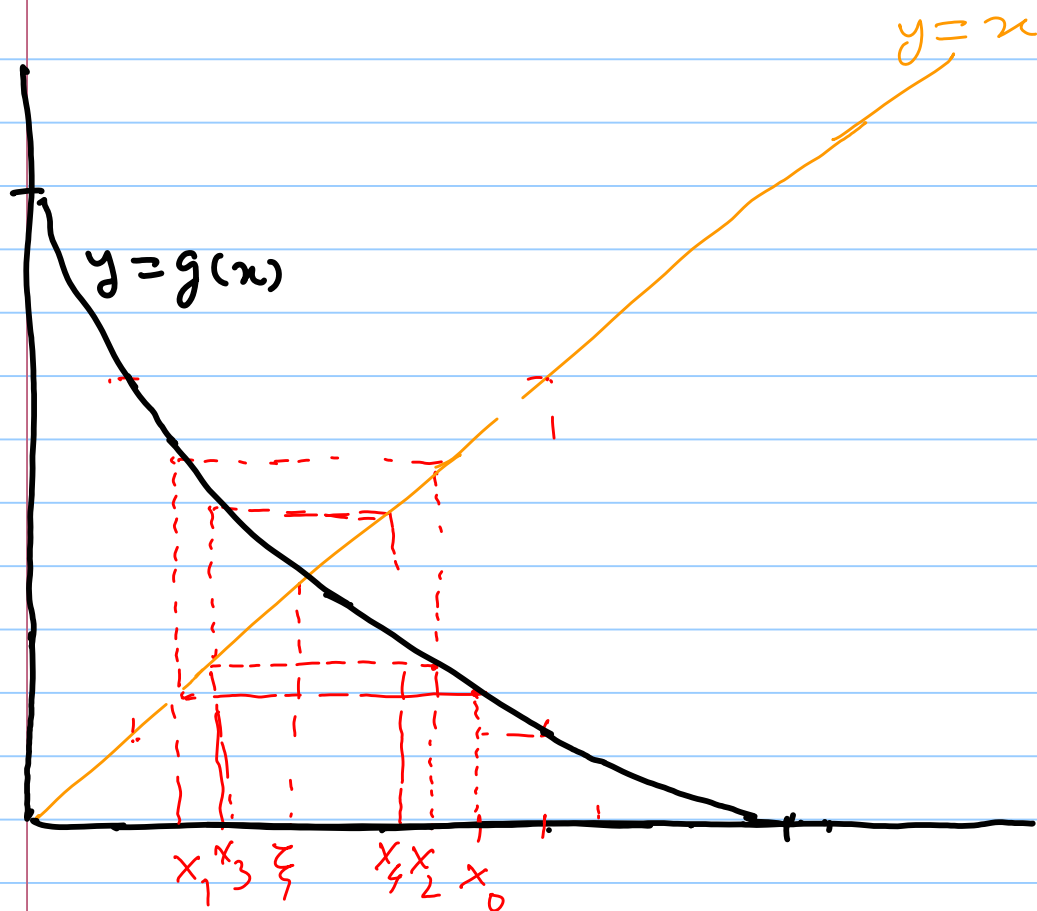
$$h(x_0) = 0 \quad \text{for some } x_0.$$

$$\text{So } g(x_0) = x_0.$$

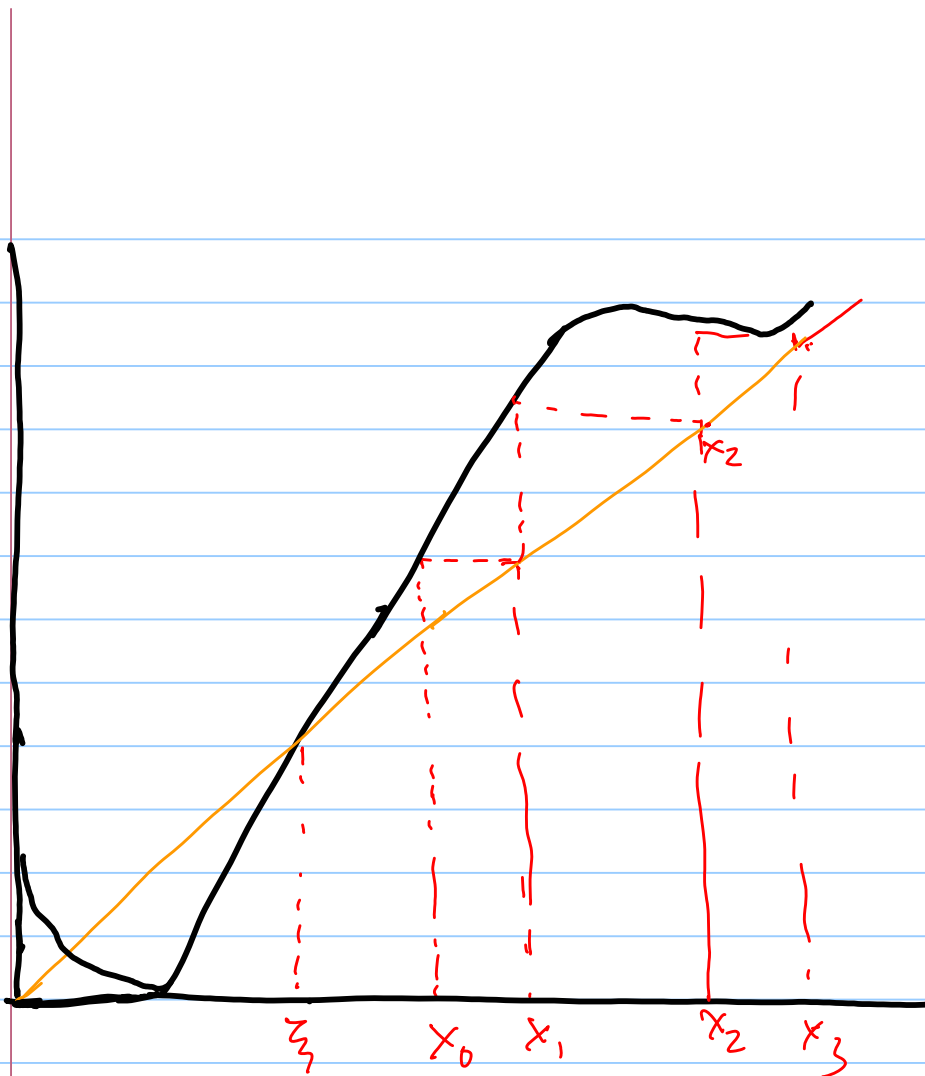
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Still we have not found conditions  
guaranteeing convergence.

It is better to look at iteration  
graphically



Here  $x_i \rightarrow \xi \in \text{fixed pt}$



$$x_i \rightarrow \xi$$

slope of  $g(x)$  is too large in  
absolute value, near  $\xi$ .

Condition 3 The iteration function  $g(x)$  is differentiable on  $I = [a, b]$ . Further there exist a non-negative constant  $K < 1$  such that for all  $x \in I$   $|g'(x)| \leq K$

Theorem Let  $g(x)$  be a function satisfying condition 1, 2, 3. Then  $g$  has a unique fixed pt  $\xi$  on  $I = [a, b]$ . Starting with any pt  $x_0 \in I$ , the seq  $x_1, \dots, x_n = g(x_{n-1}), \dots$  gen by fixed pt iteration converges to  $\xi$ .

Proof:- By earlier result there exist a fixed pt  $\xi$  of  $g(x)$  in  $I$ .

Let  $x_0 \in I$  be any.

for  $n \geq 1$ , set  $x_n = g(x_{n-1})$ .

Set  $e_n = \xi - x_n$  the error in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  iterate

$$\xi = g(\xi) \text{ \& } x_n = g(x_{n-1})$$

$$e_n = g(\xi) - g(x_{n-1})$$

$$= g'(\eta_n) (\xi - x_{n-1})$$

by MVT  
 $\eta_n$  between  $\xi$  and  $x_{n-1}$

$$e_n = g'(\eta_n) e_{n-1}$$

$$|e_n| = |g'(\eta_n)| |e_{n-1}| \leq K |e_{n-1}|$$

By induction on  $n$  we get

$$|e_n| \leq K |e_{n-1}| \leq K^2 |e_{n-2}| \leq \dots \leq K^n |e_0|$$

Since  $0 \leq K < 1$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K^n = 0.$$

$$\text{Therefore } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |e_n| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |K^n| |e_1| = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_n = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x_n \rightarrow \xi.$$

Uniqueness of fixed pt

Say  $\alpha$  is another fixed pt,  $\alpha \neq \xi$

$$\alpha = g(\alpha), \quad \xi = g(\xi)$$

$$\alpha - \xi = g(\alpha) - g(\xi)$$

$$= g'(u) (\alpha - \xi)$$

$u$  between  
 $\alpha$  and  $\xi$

$$|\alpha - \xi| \leq K |\alpha - \xi| \quad \text{when } K < 1$$

$\times$  contradiction

Example

find root of  $f(x) = e^x - 4x^2$   
between 0 and 1.

$$e^x - 4x^2 = 0$$

$$4x^2 = e^x$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} e^{x/2}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{x/2}$$

$$g(0) = \frac{1}{2} \quad g(1) = \frac{1}{2} e^{1/2} = 0.82$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{4} e^{x/2}$$

$$|g'(x)| \leq |g'(1)| = 0.41$$

Thus fixed pt iteration of  $g$  will  
converge on interval  $I = [0, 1]$

$$x_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0.5$$

$$x_2 = 0.642013$$

$$x_3 = 0.689257$$

⋮

$$x_{13} = 0.714805$$

$$x_{14} = 0.714806$$

$$x_n = x_{14} \quad \text{for } n \geq 14$$

Calc  
in 6 sig  
digits

$$f(0.714806) = -3.2 \text{ E-7}$$

Thus 0.714806 is approximately a root of  $f(x)$ .

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It requires 14 iterations to get fixed pt of  $g(x)$  above.

Usually it takes many more iterations.



## Convergence acceleration for fixed-pt iteration

$$g: I \rightarrow I$$

$$I = [a, b]$$

$$x_0 \in I$$

$$x_1, x_2, \dots$$

$$x_n = g(x_{n-1})$$

$\xi \rightarrow$  fixed pt

$$e_{n+1} = \xi - x_{n+1}$$

$$= g(\xi) - g(x_n)$$

$$= g'(\eta_n) (\xi - x_n)$$

} ( $\neq$ )

$\eta_n$  between  $\xi$  and  $x_n$

$$e_{n+1} = g'(\eta_n) e_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \xi. \quad \text{so} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \eta_n = \xi$$

$$\text{so} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g'(\eta_n) = g'(\xi)$$

$$e_{n+1} = g'(\xi) e_n + \varepsilon_n e_n$$

$$\lim e_n = 0$$

Hence if  $g'(\xi) \neq 0$

$$e_{n+1} \approx g'(\xi) e_n$$

i.e., the error in the  $(n+1)^{\text{st}}$  iterate depends (more or less) linearly on the error  $e_n$  in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  iterate

We say that  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  converges linearly to  $\xi$

We can solve (\*) for  $\xi$ . For

$$e_{n+1} = \xi - x_{n+1} = g'(\eta_n) (\xi - x_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi (1 - g'(\eta_n)) &= x_{n+1} - g'(\eta_n) x_n \\ &= (1 - g'(\eta_n)) x_{n+1} + g'(\eta_n) (x_{n+1} - x_n) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\xi = x_{n+1} + \frac{g'(\eta_n) (x_{n+1} - x_n)}{1 - g'(\eta_n)}$$

$$\xi = x_{n+1} + \frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{g'(x_n)^{-1} - 1}$$

We do not know the number  $x_n$   
 But we know that the ratio

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_n &:= \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{x_{n+1} - x_n} = \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{g(x_n) - g(x_{n-1})} \\ &= \frac{1}{g'(\xi_n)} \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\xi_n$  between  $x_n$  and  $x_{n-1}$

$$\rho_n = \frac{1}{g'(\xi_n)} \approx \frac{1}{g'(\xi)} \approx \frac{1}{g'(x_n)}$$

So the pt-

$$\hat{x}_n = x_{n+1} + \frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{\rho_n - 1}$$

with  $s_n = \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{x_{n+1} - x_n}$

will be a better approximation to  $\xi$  than is  $x_n$  or  $x_{n+1}$

note

$$\hat{x}_n = x_{n+1} - \frac{(x_{n+1} - x_n)^2}{x_{n+1} - 2x_n + x_{n-1}}$$

$$\Delta x_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 x_k &= \Delta x_{k+1} - \Delta x_k \\ &= x_{k+2} - 2x_{k+1} + x_k \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\boxed{\hat{x}_n = x_{n+1} - \frac{(\Delta x_n)^2}{\Delta^2 x_{n-1}}}$$

Aitken's  $\Delta^2$ -process.

This process is applicable to any linearly cgl sequence, whether gen by fixed pt iteration or not

### Aitken's $\Delta$ -process

Given any seq  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  linearly cgl to  $\xi$

then the seq  $\{\hat{x}_n\}_{n \geq 1}$

$$\hat{x}_n = x_{n+1} - \frac{(\Delta x_n)^2}{\Delta^2 x_{n-1}}$$

$$\xi - x_{n+1} = K(\xi - x_n) + o(\xi - x_n) \\ \text{for some } K \neq 0$$

$$\text{then } \hat{x}_n = \xi + o(\xi - x_n)$$

## Example

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{x/2}$$

$$\hat{x}_1 = 0.698349$$

$$\hat{x}_2 = 0.712809$$

$$\hat{x}_3 = 0.714556$$

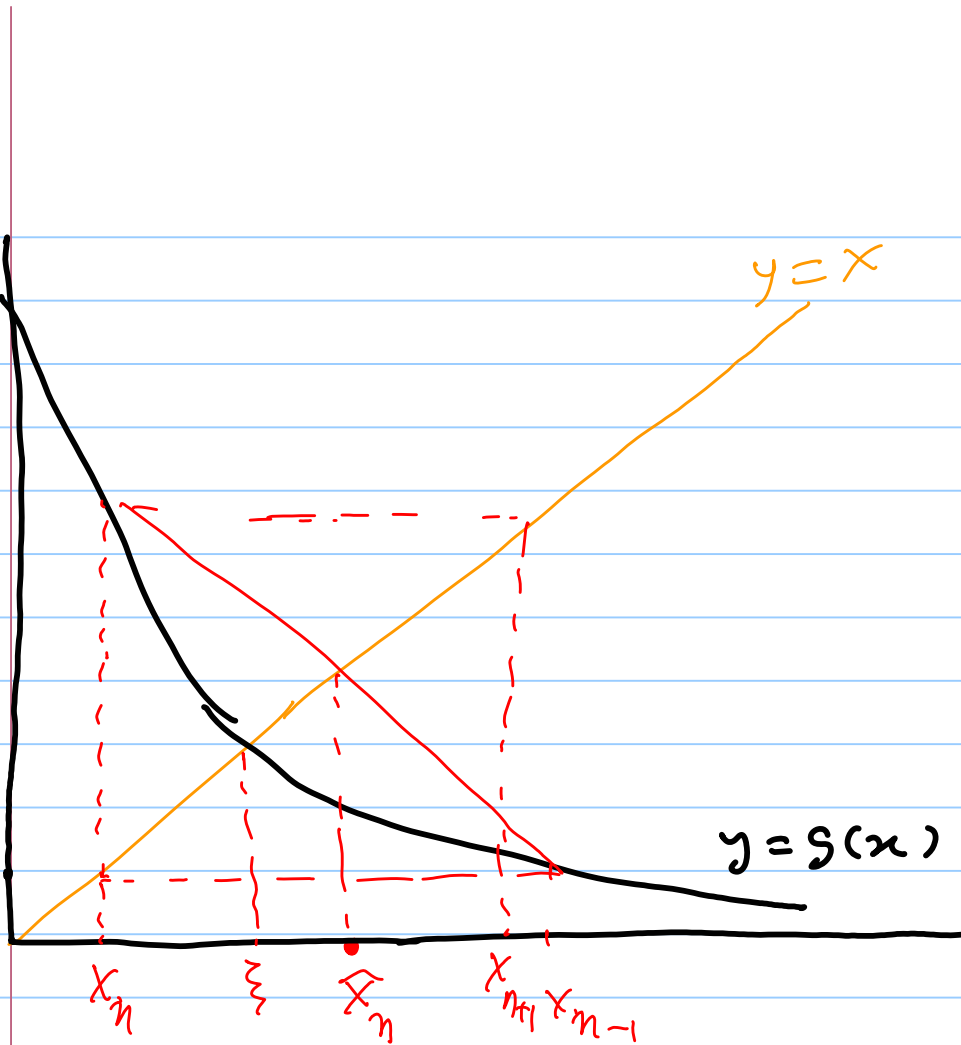
$$\hat{x}_4 = 0.714772$$

$$\hat{x}_5 = 0.714804$$

$$\hat{x}_6 = 0.714806$$

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That  $\hat{x}_n$  is better approximation to  $\xi$  than  $x_n$  or  $x_{n+1}$  can be seen graphically



Check

$$\hat{x}_n = x_{n+1} - \frac{(\Delta x_n)^2}{\Delta^2 x_{n-1}}$$

For fixed pt iteration.

If  $\hat{x}_n$  is better approximation to  $\xi$  than  $x_n$ , then it is certainly wasteful to continue generating  $x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}$

It seems more reasonable to start fixed pt iteration afresh with  $\hat{x}_n$  as the initial guess

### Steffensen iteration

Given the iteration function  $g(x)$  and a pt  $y_0$

For  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  until satisfied do

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 = y_n \\ \text{Calculate } x_1 = g(x_0), \quad x_2 = g(x_1) \\ \text{Calculate } \Delta x_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta^2 x_0 \\ \text{Calculate } y_{n+1} = x_2 - \frac{(\Delta x_1)^2}{\Delta^2 x_0} \end{array} \right.$$



Example

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{x/2}$$

$$y_0 = 0$$

$$x_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0.5$$

$$x_2 = 0.642013$$

$$y_1 = 0.698349$$

$$x_0 = 0.698349$$

$$x_1 = 0.708948$$

$$x_2 = 0.712715$$

$$y_2 = 0.714792$$

$$x_0 = 0.714792$$

$$x_1 = 0.714801$$

$$x_2 = 0.714804$$

$$y_3 = 0.714806$$

