

Use Newton's method to approximate a solution to $2\cos x = 3x$. (Let $x_0 = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and find x_2 .)

$$2 \cos x = 3x, \quad x_0 = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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$$\text{Let } f(x) = 2 \cos x - 3x.$$

Finding a solution to $f(x) = 0$,

$$2 \cos x - 3x = 0$$

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - 3 \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right)}{-2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - 3}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3} - \frac{\pi}{2}}{-4}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{8}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi + 6\sqrt{3} - 3\pi}{24}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{24} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$= 0.5639$$

$$f'(x) = -2 \sin x - 3$$

$$f\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{24}\right)$$

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$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{24}\right) - 3\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{24}\right)$$

$$= -0.001396$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{24}\right)$$

$$= -2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{24}\right) - 3$$

$$= -4.06899$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{24} - (0.000343)$$

$$= 0.5636$$