

Chapter 2: Solution of root finding problems

## Lecture 9: Numerical Analysis (UMA011)

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**Newton's method:**

**Example:**  
Find the root of an equation  $f(x) = \cos(x) - x = 0$  by N.M.

By IVT  $f(x) = \cos x - x$   $[a, b]$   
 $f(0) = \cos 0 - 0 = 1 = +ve$   
 $f(1) = \cos(1) - 1 = \cos(\pi/2) - \pi/2 = 0 - \pi/2 = -ve$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Root lies in  $[0, \pi/2]$

By N.M.  $p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{f(p_n)}{f'(p_n)}$ ,  $n \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $f'(p_n) = \cos p_n - p_n$   
 Let  $p_0 = \pi/4$

$$p_1 = p_0 - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)} = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{f(\pi/4)}{f'(\pi/4)}$$

$$p_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \pi/4)}{\sin \frac{\pi}{4} + 1} = 0.7854$$

$\rightarrow$  radian value

$$p_2 = p_1 - \frac{f(p_1)}{f'(p_1)} = 0.7854 + \frac{\cos(0.7854) - 0.7854}{\sin(0.7854) + 1}$$

$$p_2 = 0.7395 \quad (p_1 - p_2) \times 10^{-2}$$

$$p_3 = 0.7395 + \frac{\cos(0.7395) - 0.7395}{\sin(0.7395) + 1} \quad |p_2 - p_3| \times 10^{-2}$$

$$= 0.7391 \quad \checkmark$$

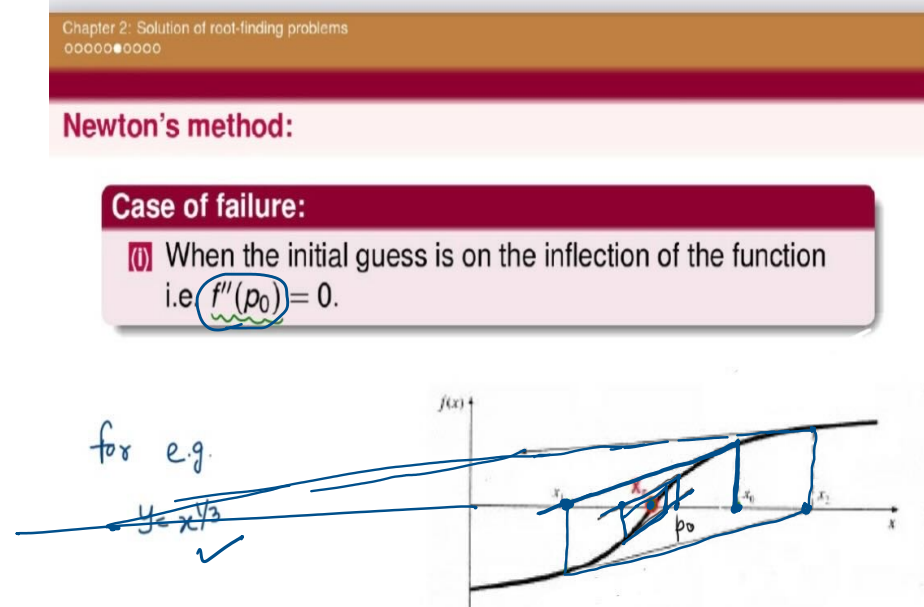
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**Newton's method:**

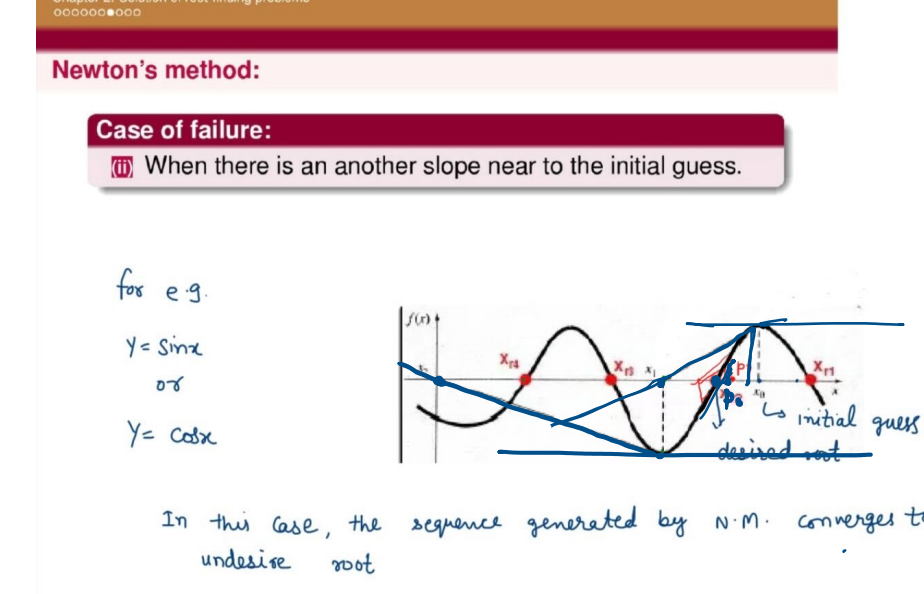
**Convergence result for Newton's method:**  
 Let  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ . If  $p \in (a, b)$  is such that  $f(p) = 0$  and  $f'(p) \neq 0$ , then there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that Newton's method generates a sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converging to  $p$  for any initial approximation  $p_0 \in [p - \delta, p + \delta]$ .

$\{p_n\} \rightarrow p$   $p_0 \in [p - \delta, p + \delta]$   
 i.e.  $|p - p_0|$  is small

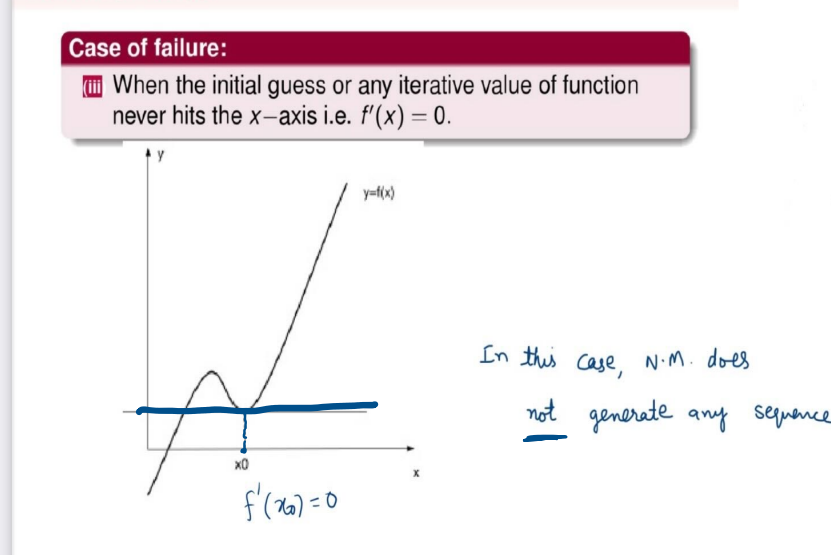
$\delta = 0.25$



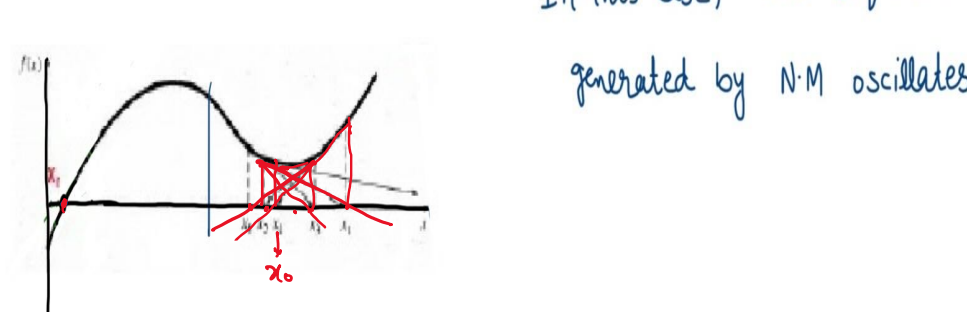
In this case, the sequence generated by N.M. diverges.



In this case, the sequence generated by N.M. converges to another root.



**Case of failure:**  
 When the initial guess is between local maximum or local minimum.



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**Newton's method:**

**Exercise:**

- Find the root of an equation  $x - e^{-x} = 0$  by using Newton's method with the accuracy of  $10^{-2}$ .
- The function  $f(x) = \sin x$  has a zero on the interval  $(3, 4)$  namely,  $x = \pi$ . Perform three iterations of Newton's method to approximate this zero, using  $x_0 = 4$ .

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**Secant method:**

**Importance:**  
 requires only evaluation of function

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**Secant method:**

**Derivation:**

To find the root of  $f(x) = 0$   
 By N.M.  $p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{f(p_n)}{f'(p_n)}$   
 $\frac{f'(p_n)}{f'(p_n)} = \frac{f(p_n) - f(p_{n-1})}{p_n - p_{n-1}}$

$$p_{n+1} \approx p_n - \frac{f(p_n) - f(p_{n-1})}{p_n - p_{n-1}}$$

$$p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{f(p_n) (p_n - p_{n-1})}{f(p_n) - f(p_{n-1})}$$

$$= \frac{p_n f(p_n) - p_n f(p_{n-1}) - p_n f(p_n) + p_n f(p_n)}{f(p_n) - f(p_{n-1})}$$

$$p_{n+1} = \frac{p_{n-1} f(p_n) - p_n f(p_{n-1})}{f(p_n) - f(p_{n-1})} \rightarrow \text{Secant method}$$

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**Secant method:**

**Graphical representation:**

Eg of Secant line  
 $y - f(p_1) = \frac{f(p_2) - f(p_1)}{p_2 - p_1} (x - p_1)$   
 at axis  $y = 0$   
 $-f(p_1) = \frac{f(p_2) - f(p_1)}{p_2 - p_1} (x - p_1)$   
 $\frac{-f(p_1) (p_2 - p_1)}{f(p_2) - f(p_1)} = x - p_1$

$x = p_1 - \frac{f(p_1) (p_2 - p_1)}{f(p_2) - f(p_1)}$  Replace  $p_1 \rightarrow p_2$   
 $p_2 \rightarrow p_3$

$$p_3 = p_2 - \frac{f(p_2) (p_3 - p_2)}{f(p_3) - f(p_2)}$$

$$p_4 = p_3 - \frac{f(p_3) (p_4 - p_3)}{f(p_4) - f(p_3)}$$

$$p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{f(p_n) (p_{n+1} - p_n)}{f(p_{n+1}) - f(p_n)} \rightarrow \text{Secant method}$$

$f(p_n) \neq f(p_{n+1}) \quad \forall n \geq 0$

