

Method	Input	Iteration	Idea behind method	Required for convergence	Pros	Cons
Bisection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interval [a,b] - Tolerance - Maximum number of iteration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Divide the interval [a, b] by two. Check the sign change and update new interval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find the midpoint in the interval where the function changes the sign till finding the root 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The function is continuous. - $f(a)f(b) < 0$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is guaranteed that it converges. - It is simple and reliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slow convergence
Fixed point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial guess (x_0) - Tolerance - Maximum number of iteration - A function $x = g(x)$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - $x_{n+1} = g(x_n) - C(x)f(x_n)$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rearrange $f(x) = 0$ to $g(x) = x$, then find the iteration from $x_{n+1} = g(x_n) - C(x)f(x_n)$ till finding the root 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The function is continuous. - The function is a contraction mapping on the interval (The absolute value of the first derivative at a fixed point is less than 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not required the derivative function - Can apply to more complicated functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slow convergence if the first derivative at a fixed point is 1 - There are multiple ways to find $g(x)$. It is difficult to find the most efficient $g(x)$
Newton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial guess (x_0) - Tolerance - Maximum number of iteration - A function $f(x)$ and the $f'(x)$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - $x_{n+1} = g(x_n) - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Same as Fixed point, but $C(x) = \frac{1}{f'(x_n)}$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial guess has to be close to the root to converge quadratically. - The function is continuous and differentiable. - The first derivative of the function is not zero in the interval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fast convergence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Required to find the derivative of the function - Need a good initial guess to converge efficiently.
Secant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial guess (x_0 and x_1 to find the tangent line) - Tolerance - Maximum number of iteration - A function $f(x)$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - $x_{n+1} = g(x_n) - f(x_n) \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})}$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Same as Newton, but $f'(x_n) = \frac{f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})}{x_n - x_{n-1}}$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The function is continuous. - Initial guess has to be close to the root to converge super linearly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faster convergence than bisection method but slower than Newton - Do not required the derivative function 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need 2 initial guesses - Converge slower than Newton (with an order close to the golden ratio)