

Calculus I

Newton's Method

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Outline

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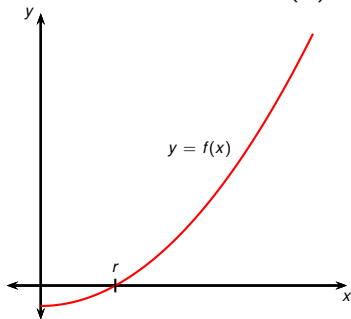
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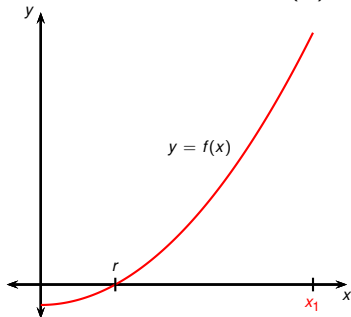
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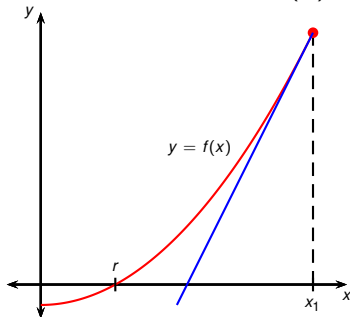


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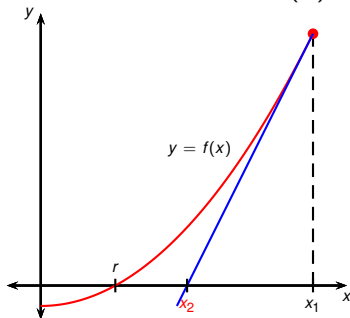
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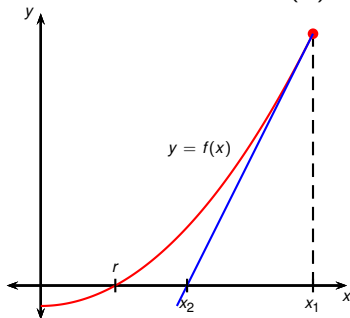
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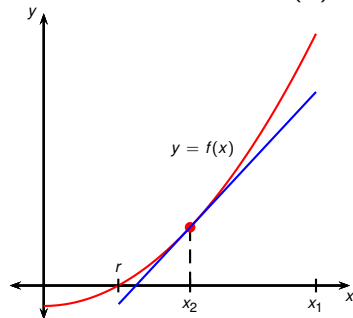
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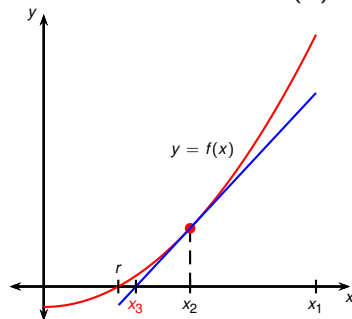
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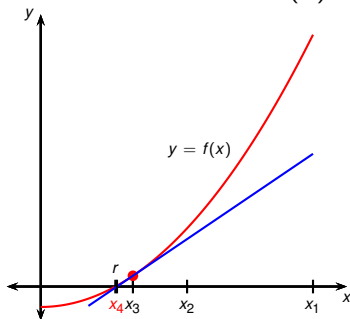
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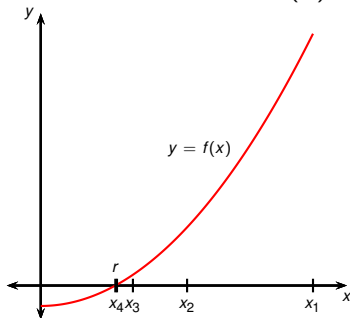
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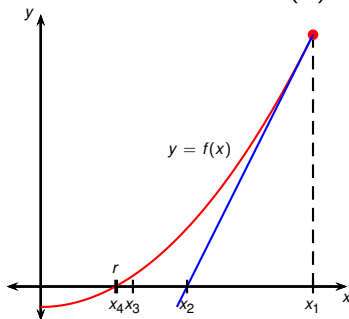
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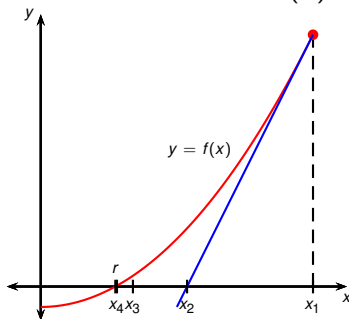
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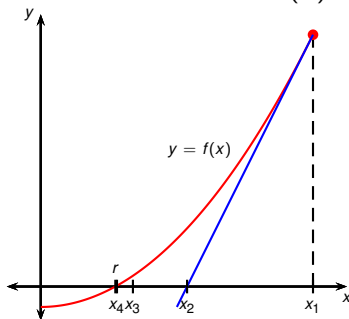
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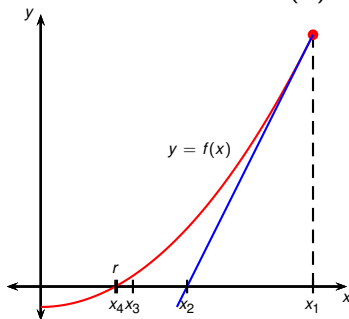
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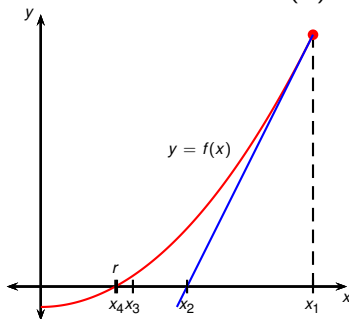
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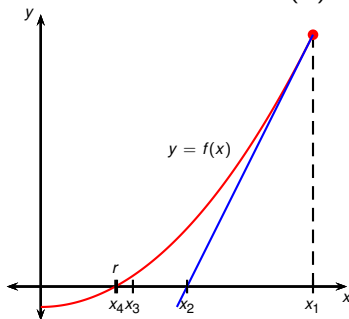
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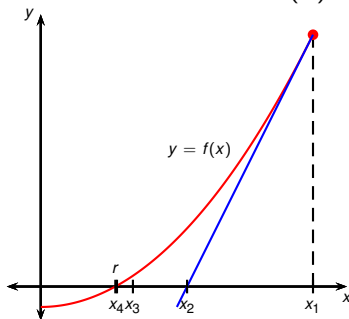
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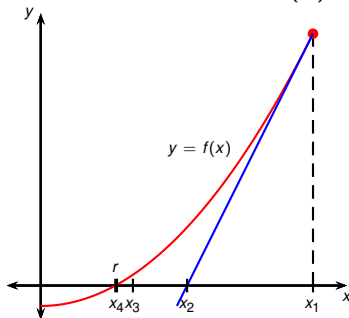
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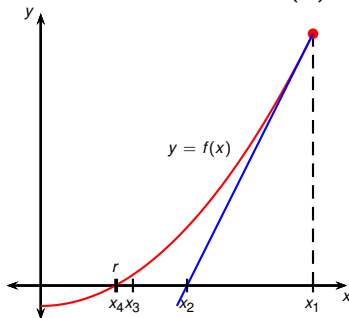
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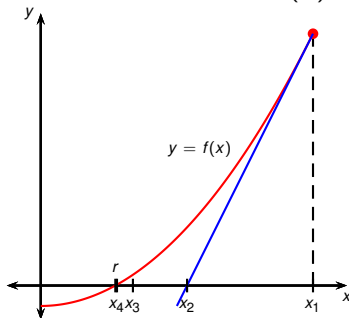
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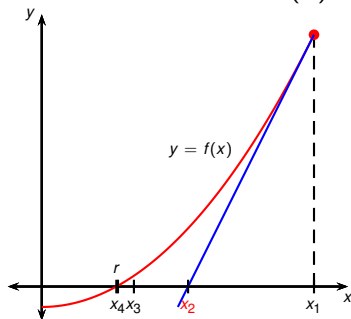
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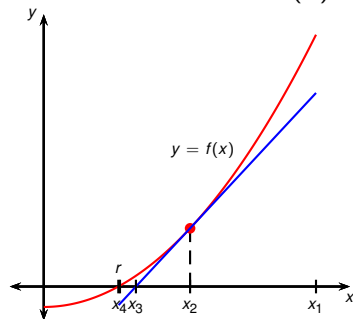


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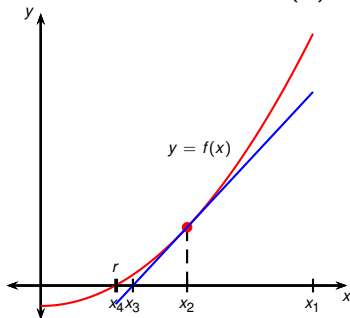
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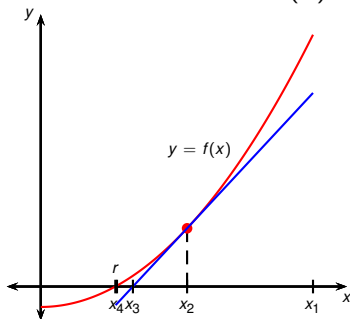


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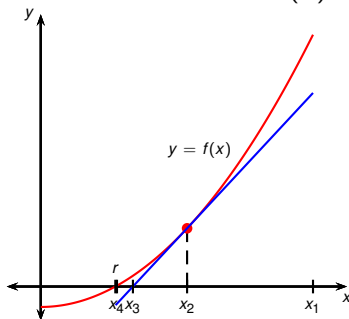


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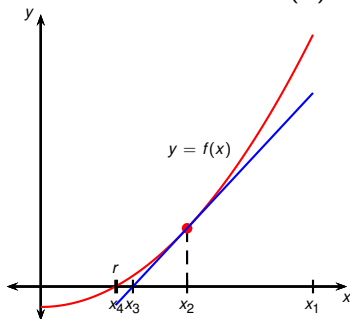


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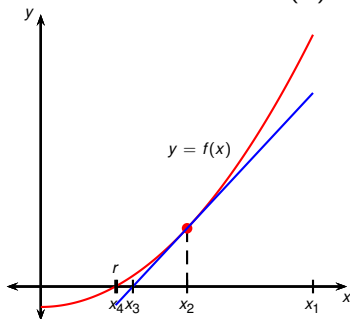


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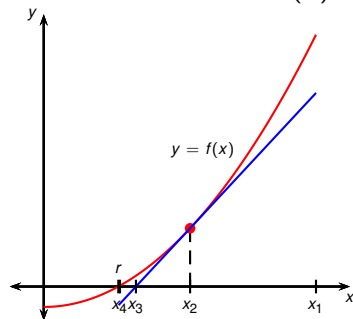


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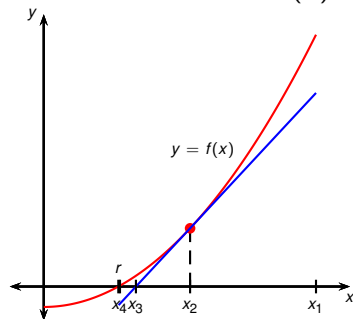


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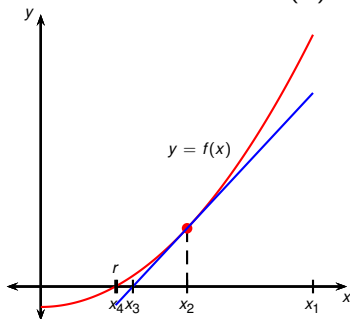


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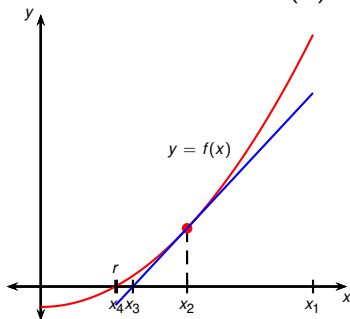


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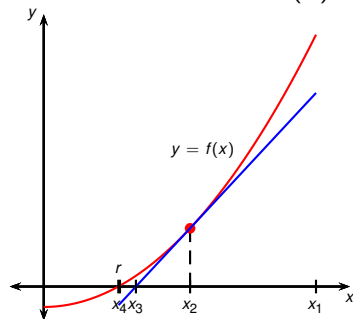


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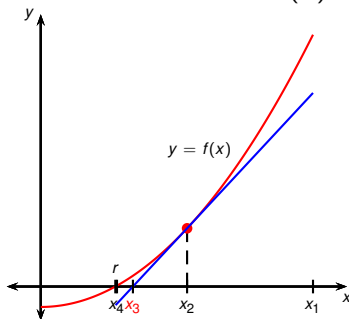
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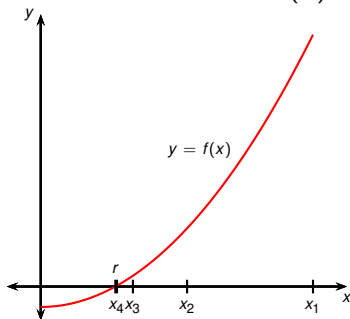
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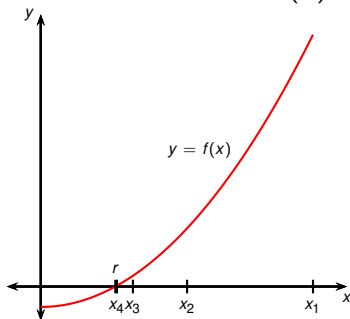
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- If the numbers x_n become closer and closer to r as n becomes large, we say that the sequence converges to r .
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