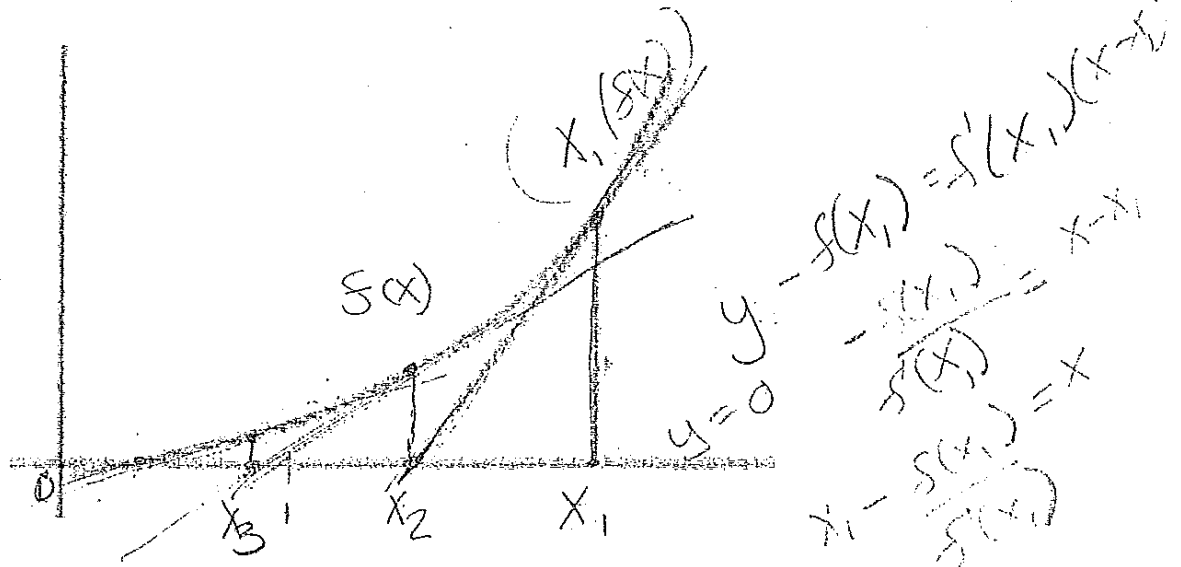


Calculus Sec 4.8 notes



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

To compute $\sqrt{5}$. $\sqrt{5} \approx 2.236067977$

$\sqrt{5} = x$ $5 = x^2$ $0 = x^2 - 5$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 5}{2x_n}$$

$x_1 = 2$
 $x_2 = 2 - \frac{2^2 - 5}{2 \cdot 2} = 2.25$

$x_3 = 2.25 - \frac{2.25^2 - 5}{2 \cdot 2.25} \approx 2.23607$

$x_5 = 2.236067977$

Example 2: Starting with $x_1 = 2$ find the third approximation x_3 to the root of the equation

$$x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0.$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{x_1^3 - 2x_1 - 5}{3x_1^2 - 2}$$

$$x_2 = 2 - \frac{2^3 - 2 \cdot 2 - 5}{3 \cdot 2^2 - 2} = 2.1$$

$$x_3 = 2.1 - \frac{(2.1)^3 - 2 \cdot 2.1 - 5}{3 \cdot 2.1^2 - 2} = 2.1 - \frac{.061}{11.23} = \underline{2.09456812}$$

Example 3: Use Newton's Method to find $\sqrt[6]{2}$ correct to eight decimal places.

$$x^6 - 2 = 0$$
$$x_1 = 1 \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^6 - 2}{6x_n^5}$$

$$x_2 \approx 1.16$$

$$x_3 \approx 1.12644368$$

$$x_4 \approx 1.12249707$$

$$x_5 \approx 1.12246205$$

$$x_6 \approx 1.12246205$$

OK to 8 decimal spots