

Newton's Method

$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x - 1$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$$

Start with  $x_0 = 1$

<p><b>L<sub>0</sub>:</b> Pt: <math>f(1) = 2 \Rightarrow (1,2)</math> Slope: <math>f'(1) = 6</math></p>	$y - 2 = 6(x - 1)$ $y = 2 + 6(x - 1)$	$y = f(1) + f'(1)(x - 1)$	
<p>Intersect x-axis: Set <math>y=0</math> and solve for <math>x</math></p>	$0 = 2 + 6(x - 1)$ $6(x - 1) = -2$ $x - 1 = -\frac{2}{6}$ $x = 1 - \frac{2}{6}$ $x = \frac{2}{3}$	$0 = f(1) + f'(1)(x - 1)$ $f'(1)(x - 1) = -f(1)$ $x - 1 = -\frac{f(1)}{f'(1)}$ $x = 1 - \frac{f(1)}{f'(1)}$ $x = 1 - \frac{2}{6}$ $x = \frac{2}{3}$	
<p>Let <math>x_1</math> be this new value</p>	$x_1 = \frac{2}{3}$	$x_1 = \frac{2}{3}$	
<p>Repeat Process</p>			
<p><b>L<sub>1</sub>:</b> Pt: <math>f(2/3) = 11/27 \Rightarrow (2/3, 11/27)</math> Slope: <math>f'(2/3) = 11/3</math></p>	$y - \frac{11}{27} = \frac{11}{3} \left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)$ $y = \frac{11}{27} + \frac{11}{3} \left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)$		
<p>Intersect x-axis: Set <math>y=0</math> and solve for <math>x</math></p>	$0 = \frac{11}{27} + \frac{11}{3} \left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)$ $\frac{11}{3} \left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right) = -\frac{11}{27}$ $x - \frac{2}{3} = -\frac{11/27}{11/3}$ $x = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{11/27}{11/3}$ $x = \frac{5}{9}$		
<p>Let <math>x_2</math> be this new value</p>	$x_2 = \frac{5}{9}$		

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Repeat Process			
<b>L<sub>2</sub>:</b> Pt: $(5/9, f(5/9))$ Slope: $f'(5/9)$			
Intersect x-axis: Set $y=0$ and solve for x			
Let $x_3$ be this new value			