

## Iteration to Solve Equations

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

Show this has a solution between  $x=2$  and  $x=3$

$$x=2 \quad 2^3 - 5(2) - 3 = 8 - 10 - 3 = -5$$

$$x=3 \quad 3^3 - 5(3) - 3 = 27 - 15 - 3 = +9$$

Sign change on continuous function so  $x^3 - 5x - 3 = 0$  has solution between  $x=2$  and  $x=3$  (2)

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Show  $x^3 - 5x - 3 = 0$  can be rearranged to give

$$x = \sqrt[3]{5x+3}$$

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

$$x^3 = 5x + 3$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{5x+3} \quad (1)$$

Starting with  $x_0 = 2$

Use 3 iterations of  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{5x_n+3}$  to estimate the solution

$$x_1 = \sqrt[3]{5(2)+3} = 2.351$$

$$x_2 = \sqrt[3]{5(2.351)+3} = 2.453$$

$$x_3 = \sqrt[3]{5(2.453)+3} = 2.481$$

$$x = 2.481$$

Ex 2

$$x^3 - x^2 - 1 = 0$$

Show this eqn has a root between  $x=1$  and  $x=2$

$$x=1 \quad 1^3 - 1^2 - 1 = -1$$

$$x=2 \quad 2^3 - 2^2 - 1 = +3$$

sign change for continuous function so root between  $x=1$  and  $x=2$

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Use  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{x_n^2 + 1}$  4 times

to estimate the root Start with  $x_0 = 1$

$$x_1 = \sqrt[3]{1^2 + 1} = 1.2599$$

$$x_2 = \sqrt[3]{1.2599^2 + 1} = 1.3728$$

$$x_3 = \sqrt[3]{1.3728^2 + 1} = 1.4235$$

$$x_4 = \sqrt[3]{1.4235^2 + 1} = 1.4465$$

$$x = 1.4465$$

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