

## Math 180: Newton's Method, 4.8

**Example:** Use Newton's method to find all roots of the equation  $e^x = 3 - 2x$ , correct to 6 decimal places.

1. Get all terms to one side equal to 0:  $3 - 2x - e^x = 0$
2. Define  $f(x)$ :  $f(x) = 3 - 2x - e^x$
3. Find the derivative,  $f'(x)$ :  $f'(x) = -2 - e^x$
4. Graph  $f(x)$  on calculator to determine a reasonable first guess,  $x_1$ , [  $x_1=1$  looks good ]
5. Follow calculator instructions below to find the root.
6. Round to 6 decimal places.

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### CALCULATOR INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Under the  $\boxed{\text{Y=}}$  menu, input: Example:  
 $Y_1 = f(x)$   $Y_1 = 3 - 2x - e^x$   
 $Y_2 = f'(x)$   $Y_2 = -2 - e^x$
2. Go back to the home window, and  $\boxed{\text{CLEAR}}$  the screen.
3. Say our initial guess is  $x_1=1$ . Store your initial guess into X by typing:  $1 \boxed{\text{STO}} \boxed{\text{X}} \boxed{\text{ENTER}}$

The screen will look like:  $1 \rightarrow X$

4. Now type in  $X - Y_1 / Y_2 \boxed{\text{STO}} \boxed{\text{X}} \boxed{\text{ENTER}}$   
The screen will look like:  $X - Y_1 / Y_2 \rightarrow X$

Reminder, to type in  $Y_1$  the keystrokes are:  $\boxed{\text{VAR}} \boxed{\blacktriangleright} \boxed{\text{ENTER}} \boxed{1}$   
to type in  $Y_2$  the keystrokes are:  $\boxed{\text{VAR}} \boxed{\blacktriangleright} \boxed{\text{ENTER}} \boxed{2}$

5. Continue to press  $\boxed{\text{ENTER}}$  to get the next  $x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, \dots$  Until you get the required number of decimal places.

In this example:

$$x_1 = 1$$
$$x_2 = 0.6358246729$$
$$x_3 = 0.5946198249$$
$$x_4 = \underline{0.5942049994}$$
$$x_5 = \underline{0.5942049585}$$

6. Round to the decimal place asked for. In this example: **To 6 decimal places, the root is 0.594205**