Today

Newton's method (cont) Qualitative analysis of differential equations Steady states Slope fields Stability of steady states Velocity (y') versus position (y)

Newton's method

It can be applied to finding approximates of \odot critical points of a function g(x): \oslash define f(x)=g'(x), Intersections of functions, g(x)=h(x): o define f(x) = g(x)-h(x), ø irrational numbers: e.g. sqrt(2): \odot define f(x)=x²-2.

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(A) 7/4 (B) 97/56 $x_{n+1} = x_n - f(x_n) / f'(x_n).$ (C) 1.7 (D) 1.73205080757

Finished already? Now use linear approximation. Which approach is better?

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(B) $97/56 = 1.73214 < --- x_2$

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Plotting y' versus y (phase line)



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 $\begin{array}{c} & x(t) \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ t \end{array}$

A steady state is a constant solution.





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Stable steady state- all nearby solutions approach Unstable steady state - not stable

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If you start at x(0)=0.99, the solution
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If you start at x(0)=1.01, the solution
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Stable - solid dot. Unstable - empty dot.