

- Iteration
 - assurance of convergence
 - rate of convergence
 - computational efficiency

- Iteration Criteria

$$|f(x_n)| \leq F_{TOL} \quad \text{or} \quad |x_n - x_{n-1}| \leq x_{TOL}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{f(x_n)}{F_{SIZE}} \leq F_{TOL} \quad \text{or} \quad |x_n - x_{n-1}| \leq x_{TOL} \cdot x_n$$

- Newton's method

Newton's method is old,
and it was already old
when Newton invented it.

- James Gleick, Chaos

- **Newton's method :**

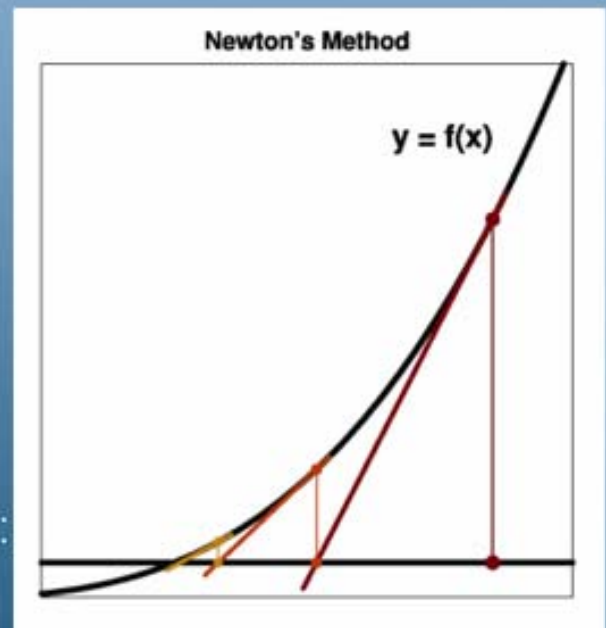
$$x^{n+1} = x^n - \frac{f(x^n)}{f'(x^n)}$$

- convergence :

$$g'(x) = \frac{f(x) f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^2} < 1$$

- for Newton's method to work :

- $f''(x)$ must be small
- $f'(x)$ may be large
- good initial guess



- Advantage of Newton's method :

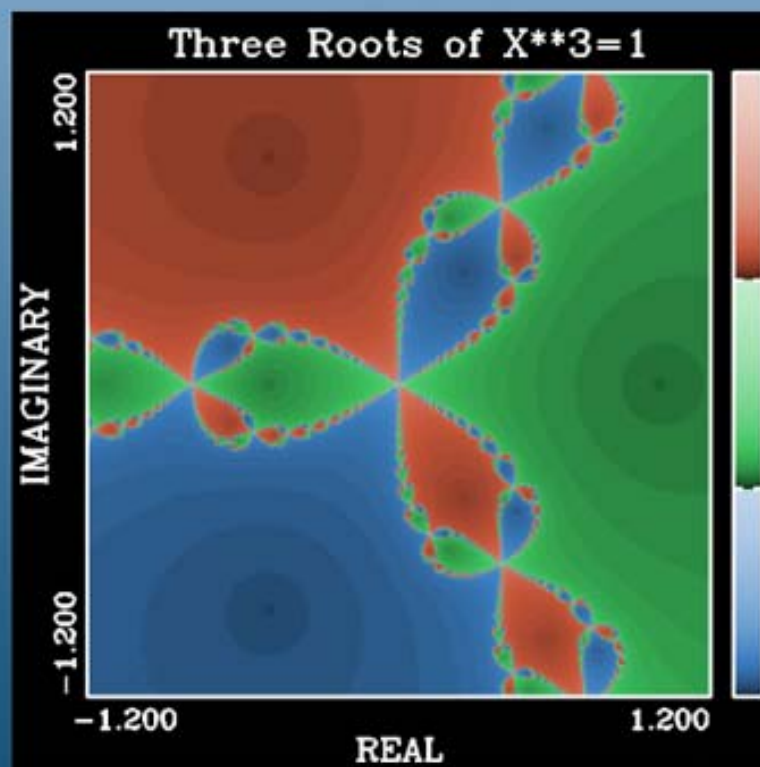
speed ; converges quadratically

$$e_{n+1} \approx -\frac{1}{2} g''(\xi) e_n^2, \text{ for large enough } n$$

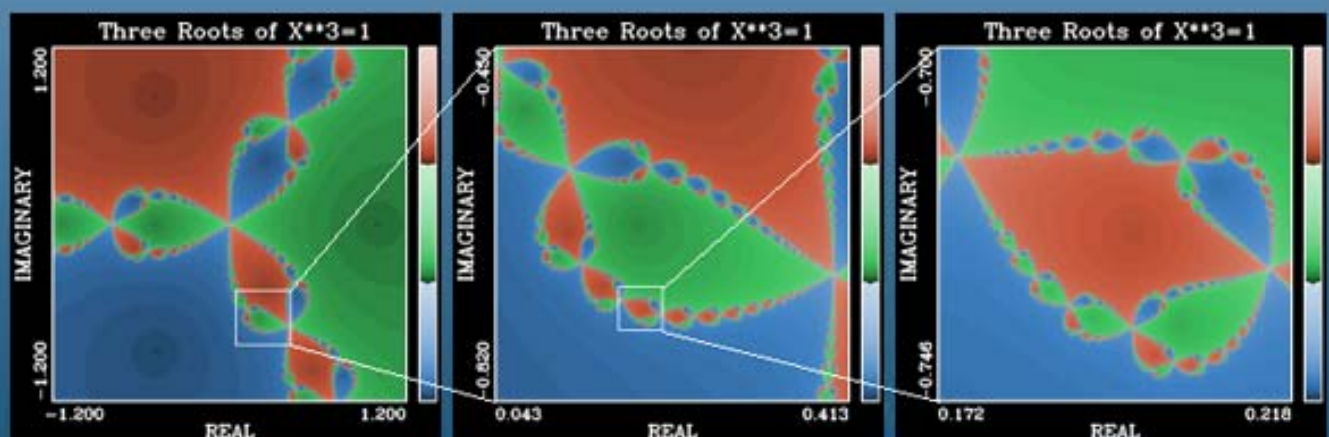
- Disadvantages of Newton's method :

- initial condition sensitive, good initial guess required
- $f'(x)$ required

- Use Newton's method to solve $x^3=1$:



- Self-similarity



- Calculation of \sqrt{k} by iteration :

$$x^n = \frac{1}{2} \left(x^{n-1} + \frac{k}{x^{n-1}} \right)$$

