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# **Math 103: Algebra I**

**ECE 111 Introduction to ECE**

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## Objectives

- Scripts in Matlab
- Functions in Matlab
- Plotting in Matlab
- Solving  $f(x) = 0$

In this lecture, we will be covering

- Rules of Algebra: valid ways to manipulate mathematical equations
  - Plotting mathematical relationships,
  - Solving a mathematical equation using graphical techniques, and
  - Solving a mathematical equation using numerical techniques.
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## Algebra

Algebra I focuses on solving one equation for one unknown.

Example: Thermistor (resistor which changes with temperature)

- $R = 1000 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{3905}{T+273} - \frac{3905}{298}\right) \Omega$
- Given T, find R
- Given R, find T

Example: Photoresistor (resistor which changes with light)

- $R = 1000 \cdot (\text{lux})^{-0.6}$
  - Given lux, find R
  - Given R, find lux
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## Graphical Solution

- Plot the function
- Find the solution from the graph

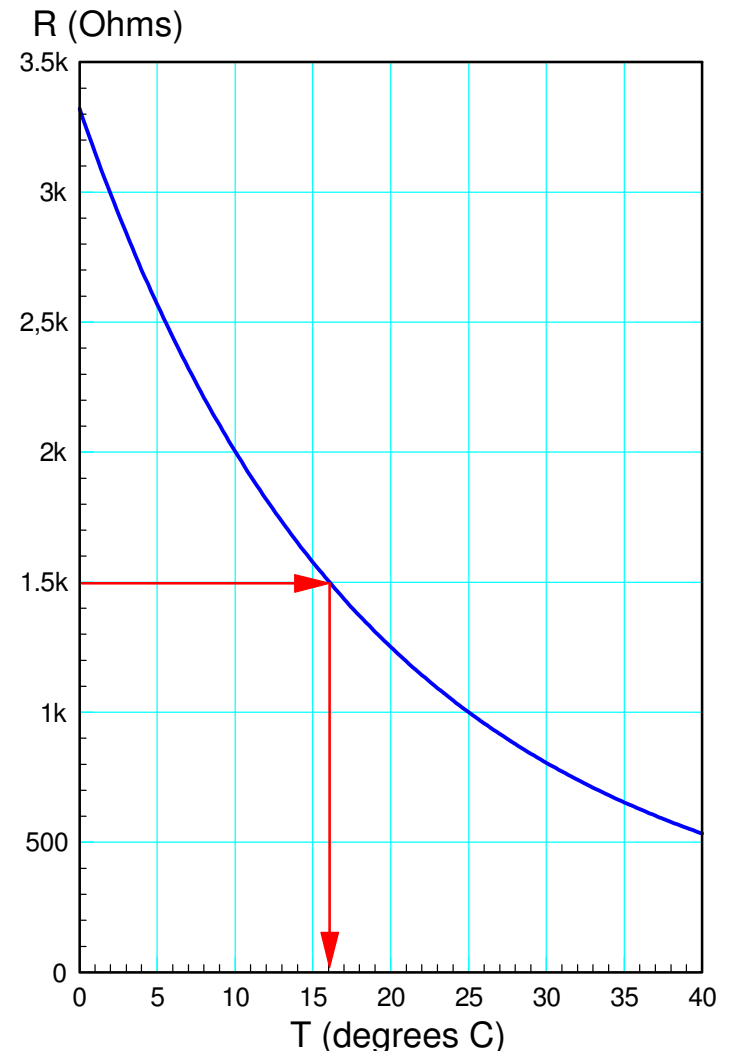
Example: Assume

$$R = 1000 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{3905}{T+293} - \frac{3905}{298}\right) \Omega$$

Find T assuming R = 1500 Ohms.

Matlab Solution: T = 16C

```
T = [0:0.01:40]';  
R=1000*exp(3905./(T+273)-3905/298);  
plot(T,R);  
xlabel('Temperature (C)');  
ylabel('Resistance (Ohms)');  
grid
```



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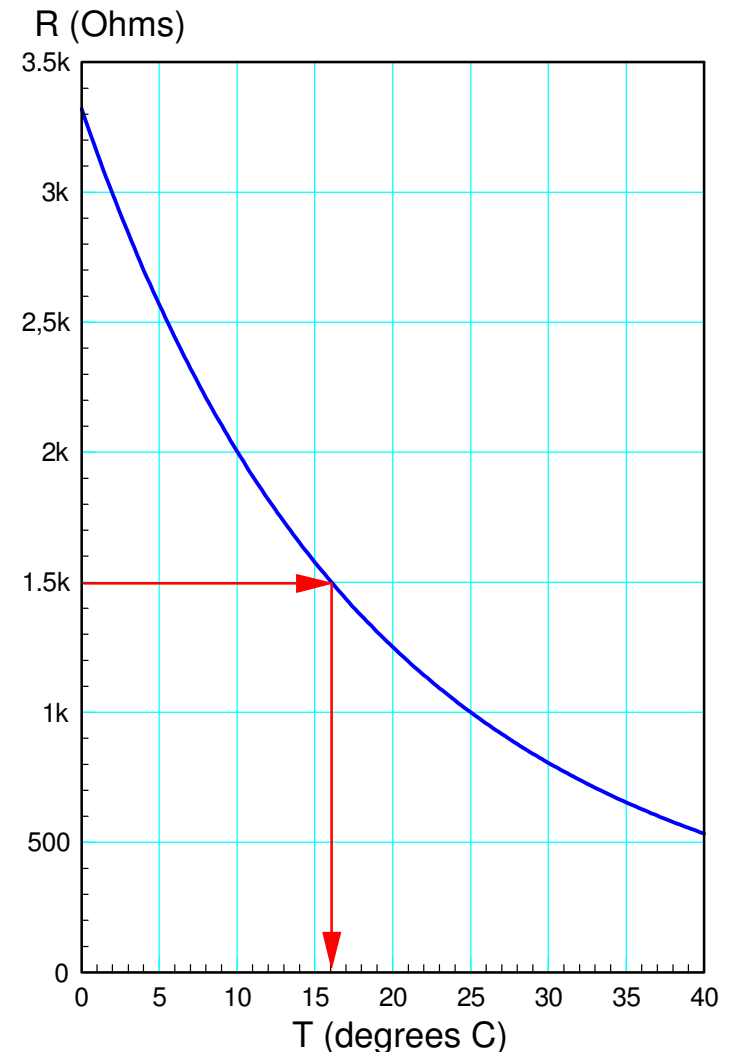
## Problem: How do get more accuracy?

### Option 1: Algebra

- Apply rules of algebra to determine T as a function of R

### Option 2: Numerical Methods

- Iterate using Matlab



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## Rules of Algebra

Consider

$$A = B$$

Equals is a very powerful symbol

- It means the two sides are identical and interchangeable.
- Whatever you do on one side, do the same on the other to maintain balance

### Legal Operations:

Addition:

- You can add or subtract the same value from both sides.
- Example

$$A + 5 = B + 5$$

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## Multiplication:

- You can multiply or divide both sides by the same number
- (except zero)

$$(A + 5) \cdot 7 = (B + 5) \cdot 7$$

## Distribution:

- When multiplying stuff within parenthesis, you have to multiply each element

$$(A + 5) \cdot 7 = A \cdot 7 + 5 \cdot 7$$

## Commutative Property:

- The order of addition and multiplication doesn't matter

$$A + B = B + A$$

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$$

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Some other useful properties relate to  $\ln()$  and  $\exp()$

$$\exp(x) \equiv e^x$$

$$\exp(\ln(x)) = x$$

$$\ln(\exp(x)) = x$$

Multiplying by one:

- You can multiply one side of the equation by one and still have a valid equation

$$A \cdot 1 = A$$

$$A \cdot \left(\frac{B}{B}\right) = A$$

Adding Zero: You can add zero to one side and still have a valid equation

$$A + 0 = A$$

$$A + (B - B) = A$$

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## Invalid Operations

Multiplying by Zero:

- This is a no-no
- Multiplying by zero makes anything work.

$$5 \cdot 0 = 3 \cdot 0$$

Dividing by zero:

- This is also a no-no:
- It also makes anything work

$$\frac{A}{0} = \frac{B}{0} = \text{undefined (or infinity)}$$

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## Algebra Example

Determine the value of X:

$$\left(\frac{4(x+6)-7(2x+3)}{15+2x}\right) = 25$$

Multiply both sides by  $(15+2x)$  to clear the fraction

- you can multiply both sides of an equation by the same value

$$\left(\frac{4(x+6)-7(2x+3)}{15+2x}\right)(15+2x) = 25(15+2x)$$

$$4(x+6) - 7(2x+3) = 25(15+2x)$$

Multiply out each term (distributive property)

$$(4x+24) - (14x+21) = (375+50x)$$

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Group terms and simplify

$$-10x + 3 = 375 + 50x$$

Add  $10x$  to each side

$$(-10x + 3) + (10x) = (375 + 50x) + (10x)$$

$$3 = 375 + 60x$$

Subtract 375 from each side

$$3 - 375 = 375 + 60x - 375$$

$$-372 = 60x$$

Divide both sides by 60

$$\frac{-372}{60} = \frac{60x}{60} = x$$

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## Sidelight: Proof that $2 = 1$

Using these rules, you can prove that  $2 = 1$ . Assume

$$a = b = 1$$

Multiply both sides by  $a$ :

$$a \cdot a = ab$$

Subtract  $b^2$  from both sides:

$$a^2 - b^2 = ab - b^2$$

note:

$$(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 + ab - ab - b^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

Rewrite the left and right sides as

$$(a + b)(a - b) = b(a - b)$$

Divide both sides by  $(a-b)$

$$\frac{(a+b)(a-b)}{(a-b)} = \frac{b(a-b)}{(a-b)}$$

$$a + b = b \qquad \Rightarrow 1 + 1 = 2 = 1$$

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## Why this proof is not valid...

The problem with this proof is line 5:

$$(a + b)(a - b) = b(a - b)$$

$$2 \cdot 0 = 1 \cdot 0$$

While this is valid, canceling the zeros is not valid: you can't divide by zero

$$2 \neq 1$$

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## Application of Algebra

Going back to the original problem, find T as a function of R

$$R = 1000 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{3905}{T+273} - \frac{3905}{298}\right)$$

Solution: Apply rules of algebra.

Divide both sides by 1000

$$\frac{R}{1000} = \exp\left(\frac{3905}{T+273} - \frac{3905}{298}\right)$$

Take the natural log of both sides

$$\ln\left(\frac{R}{1000}\right) = \frac{3905}{T+273} - \frac{3905}{298}$$

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Add 3905/298 to both sides

$$\ln\left(\frac{R}{1000}\right) + \frac{3905}{298} = \frac{3905}{T+273}$$

Take the inverse of both sides

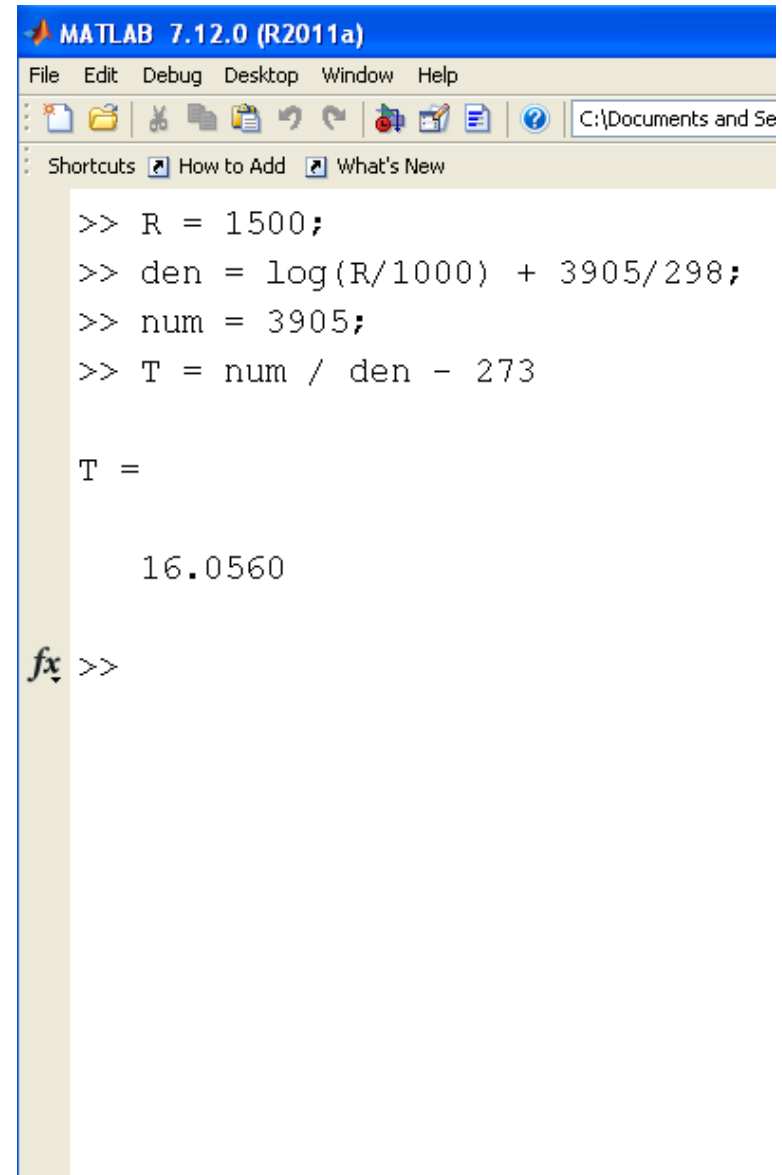
$$\left(\frac{1}{\ln\left(\frac{R}{1000}\right) + \frac{3905}{298}}\right) = \frac{T+273}{3905}$$

Multiply both sides by 3905

$$\left(\frac{3905}{\ln\left(\frac{R}{1000}\right) + \frac{3905}{298}}\right) = T + 273$$

Subtract 273 from both sides

$$T = \left(\frac{3905}{\ln\left(\frac{R}{1000}\right) + \frac{3905}{298}}\right) - 273$$



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>> R = 1500;
>> den = log(R/1000) + 3905/298;
>> num = 3905;
>> T = num / den - 273

T =

    16.0560

fx >>
```

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**Note:**

- This is a lengthy process (which you'll need to do on midterms)
- Sometimes, algebra doesn't work very well...

Example: Assume  $(x, y)$  satisfy the following equations

$$y = \left( \frac{\cos(3x)}{x^2+1} \right)$$

$$y = 0.1 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Find all solutions.

Algebra doesn't work very well. Substitute for  $y$

$$\left( \frac{\cos(3x)}{x^2+1} \right) = 0.1 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Not sure what to do now...

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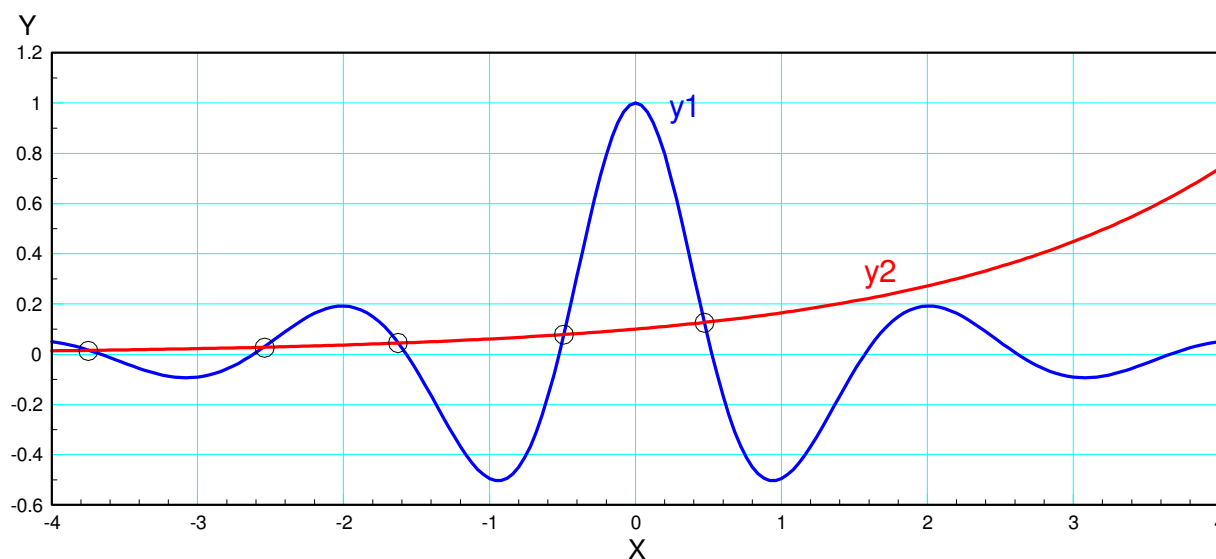
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## Graphical methods still work:

```
>> x = [-4:0.04:4]';  
>> y1 = cos(3*x) ./ (x.^2 + 1);  
>> y2 = 0.1*exp(x/2);  
>> plot(x,y1,x,y2)
```

## There are five solutions

- Graphical methods get you close
- Numeric methods to solve  $f(x) = 0$  find these more precisely



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## Solving $f(x) = 0$ Using Numerical Techniques

- Matlab Scripts
- Matlab Functions

Scripts and functions are slightly different in Matlab:

- Scripts are similar to instructions you type in the command window. When you run a script, Matlab acts like you just typed everything in the script into the command window.
- Functions, in contrast, are subroutines you can call. For example, `plot()` is a function.

Unlike scripts, you cannot execute a function. Instead, it has to be called by someone else.

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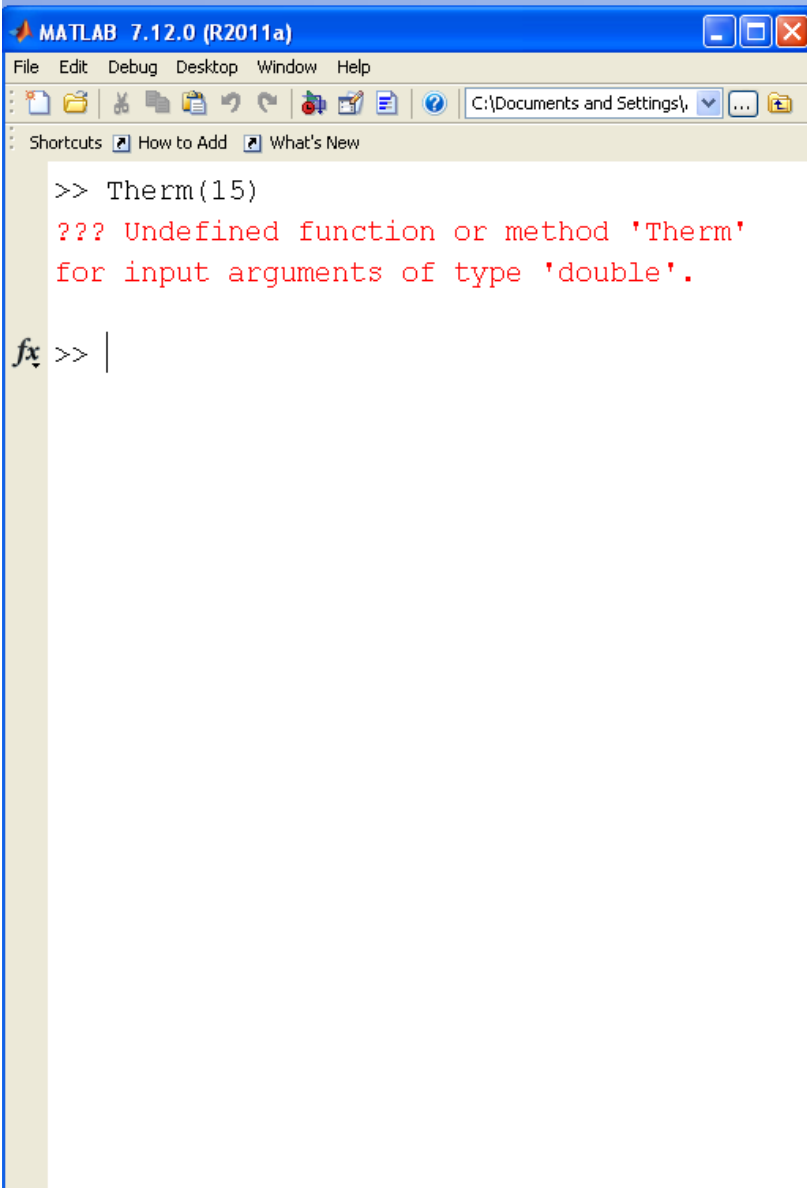
## Functions in Matlab

Let's write a function called *Therm* which

- Is passed the temperature, and
- Returns the resistance of thermistor with the R-T relationship of

$$R = 1000 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{3905}{T+273} - \frac{3905}{298}\right)$$

Initially, in Matlab if you try to call this function from the command window, you'll get an error message



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>> Therm(15)
??? Undefined function or method 'Therm'
for input arguments of type 'double'.

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What Matlab is doing when you type in *Therm(15)* is

- If first checks if there is a variable called *Therm*. If so, it returns the 15th element of that array.
- If no variable *Therm* exists, it then checks if there is a file called *Therm.m*. If Matlab finds that file, it then tries to call it.
- If that fails, then an error message is given: Matlab can't find *Therm* and doesn't know what to do.

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Now, you *can* call Therm.

- To find the resistance at 0C:

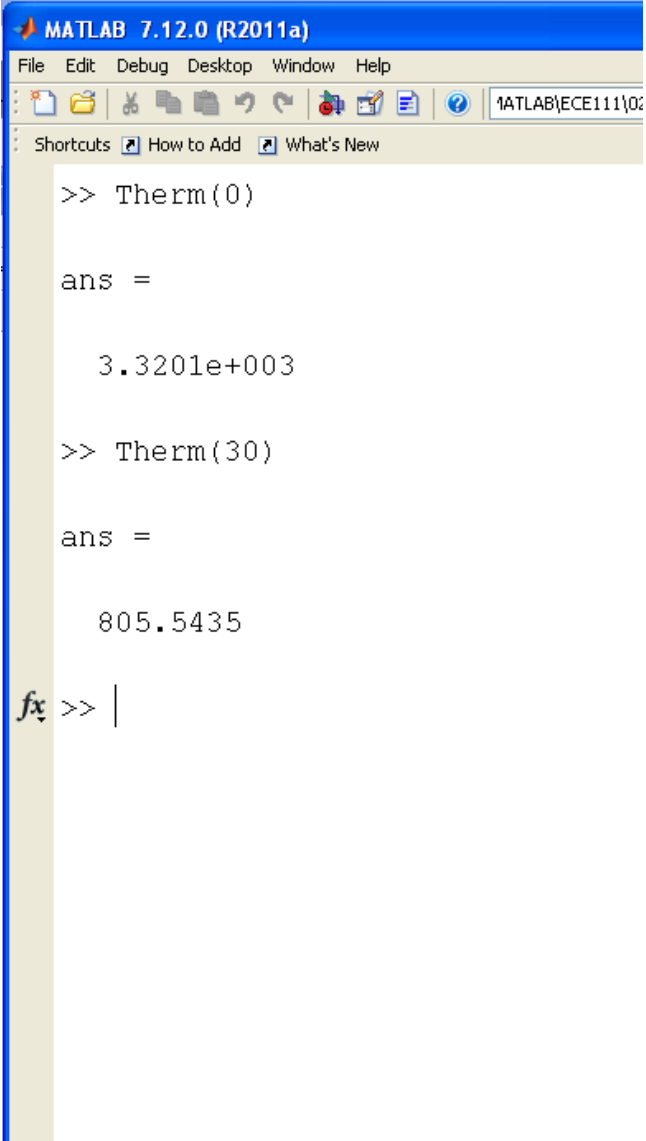
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>> Therm(0)
```

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ans = 3.3201e+003
```

- To find the resistance at 30C:

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>> Therm(30)
```

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ans = 805.5435
```



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ans =
    3.3201e+003
>> Therm(30)
ans =
    805.5435
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## Solving $f(x) = 0$

Change the function so that the result is zero at the correct temperature

- The temperature that results in  $R = 1500$  Ohms

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function [e] = Therm(T)
```

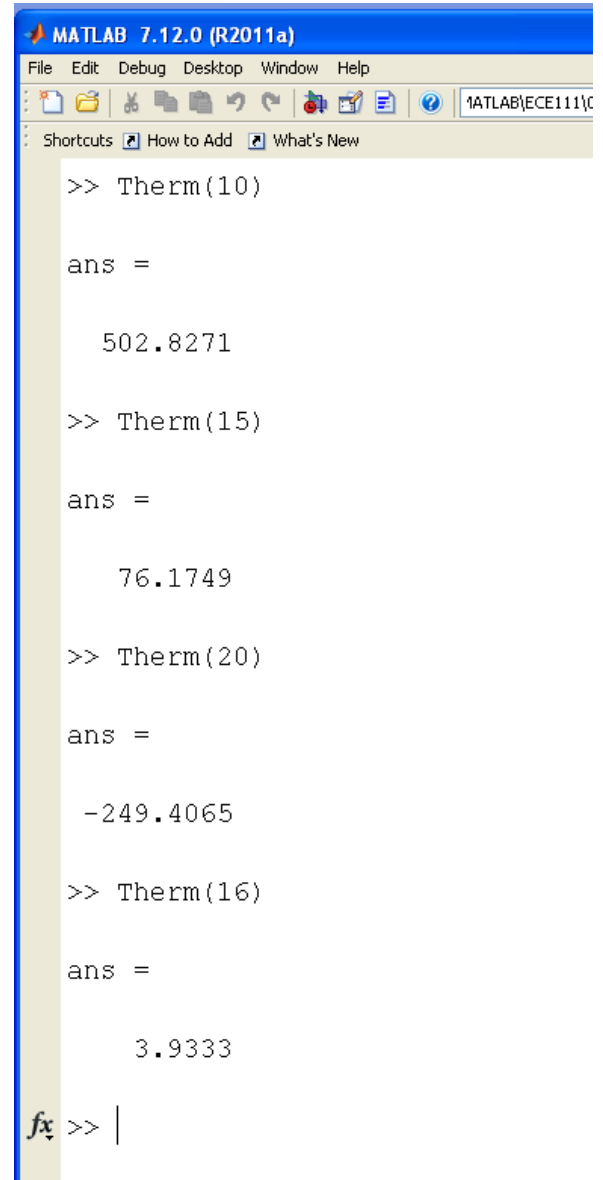
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R = 1000*exp(3905/(T+273)-3905/298);  
e = R - 1500;
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end
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Guess T until  $e = 0$

- $f(x) = 0$

Better methods exist for finding T:



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>> Therm(10)  
  
ans =  
  
502.8271  
  
>> Therm(15)  
  
ans =  
  
76.1749  
  
>> Therm(20)  
  
ans =  
  
-249.4065  
  
>> Therm(16)  
  
ans =  
  
3.9333  
  
fx >> |
```

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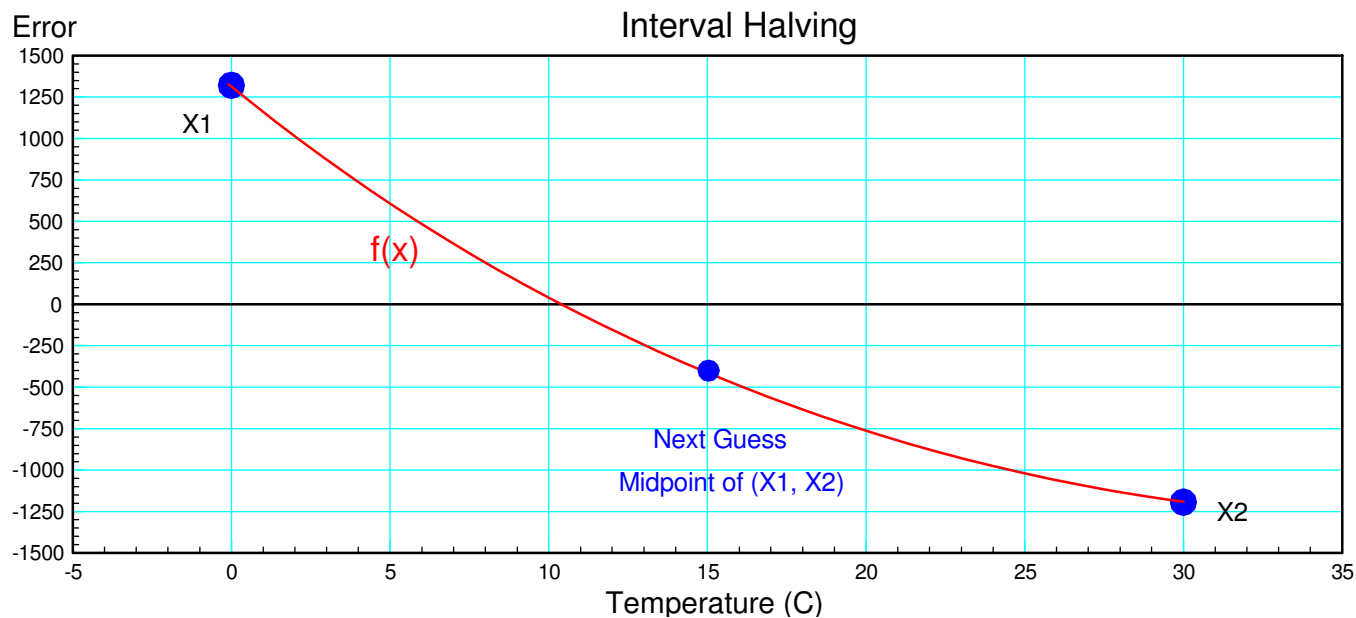
## Interval Halving: Start with two guesses

- Guess #1 has a positive result (0C)
- Guess #2 has a negative result (30C)

The next guess is the midpoint between the two (+15C)

- If this result is positive, replace guess #1
- If the result is negative, replace guess #2

Repeat





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## Interval Halving in Action

- Iterates fifteen times
- Result:  $T = 16.0556$

### Matlab Script

```
X1 = 0;  
X2 = 30;  
  
for n=1:15  
    X3 = (X1+X2)/2;  
    Y3 = Therm(X3);  
  
    if(Y3 > 0)  
        X1 = X3;  
    else  
        X2 = X3;  
    end  
  
    disp([n X3, Y3]);  
end
```

### Result in the Command Window

n	T	e
1	15.0000	76.1749
2	22.5000	-382.7580
3	18.7500	-175.9167
4	16.8750	-56.1733
5	15.9375	8.3354
6	16.4063	-24.3236
7	16.1719	-8.0967
8	16.0547	0.0935
9	16.1133	-4.0080
10	16.0840	-1.9588
11	16.0693	-0.9331
12	16.0620	-0.4199
13	16.0583	-0.1632
14	16.0565	-0.0348
15	16.0556	0.0294

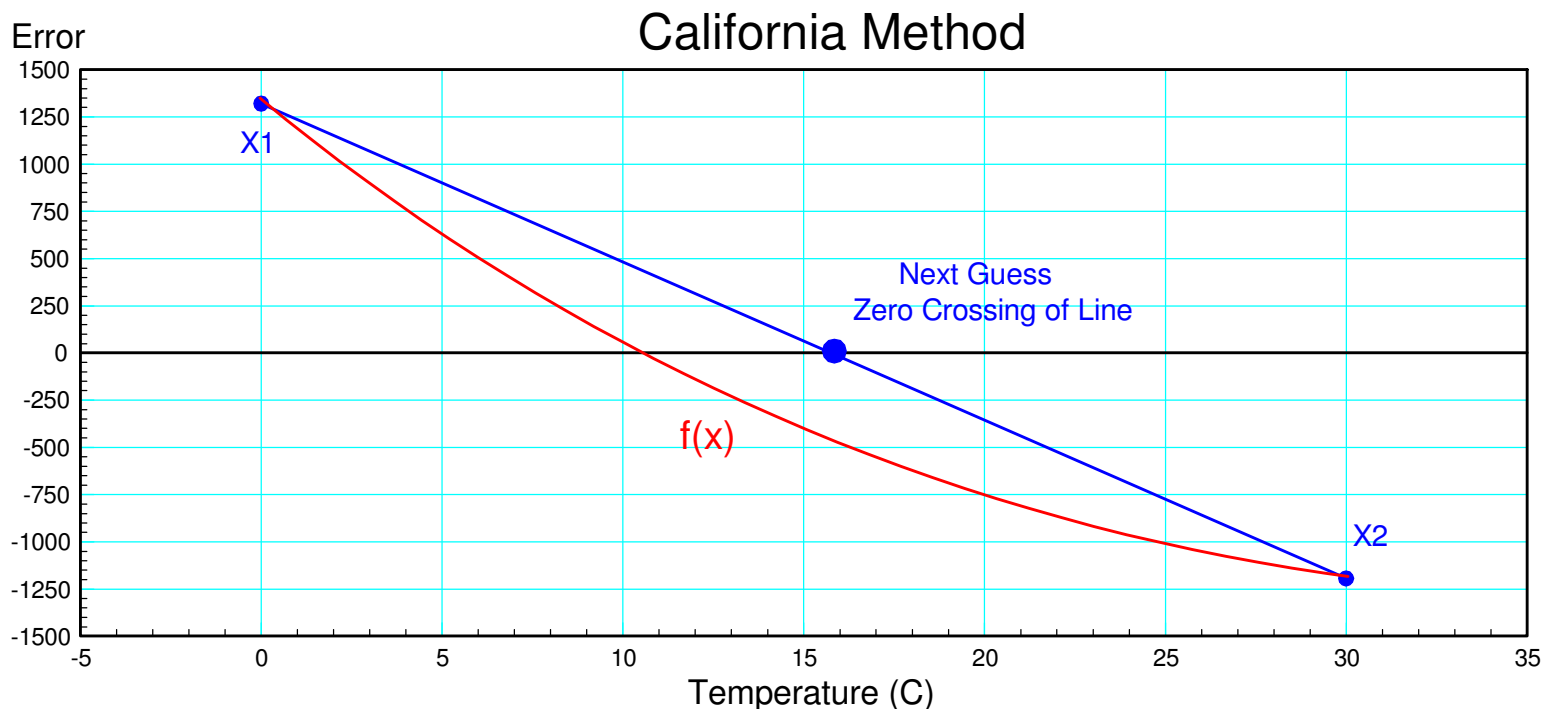
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## California Method:

- Start with two guesses (one high, one low).
- Interpolate for the next guess (rather than the midpoint)

$$X_3 = X_1 + \left( \frac{\delta X}{\delta error} \right) E_1$$



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## California Method in Action

- note: California method converges much faster

### Matlab Script

```
X1 = 0;  
Y1 = Therm(X1);  
X2 = 30;  
Y2 = Therm(X2);  
for n=1:10  
    X3 = X2 - (X2 - X1) / (Y2 - Y1) * Y2;  
    Y3 = Therm(X3);  
  
    if (Y3 > 0)  
        X1 = X3;  
        Y1 = Y3;  
    else  
        X2 = X3;  
        Y2 = Y3;  
    end  
  
    disp([n, X3, Y3]);  
end
```

### Result in the Command Window

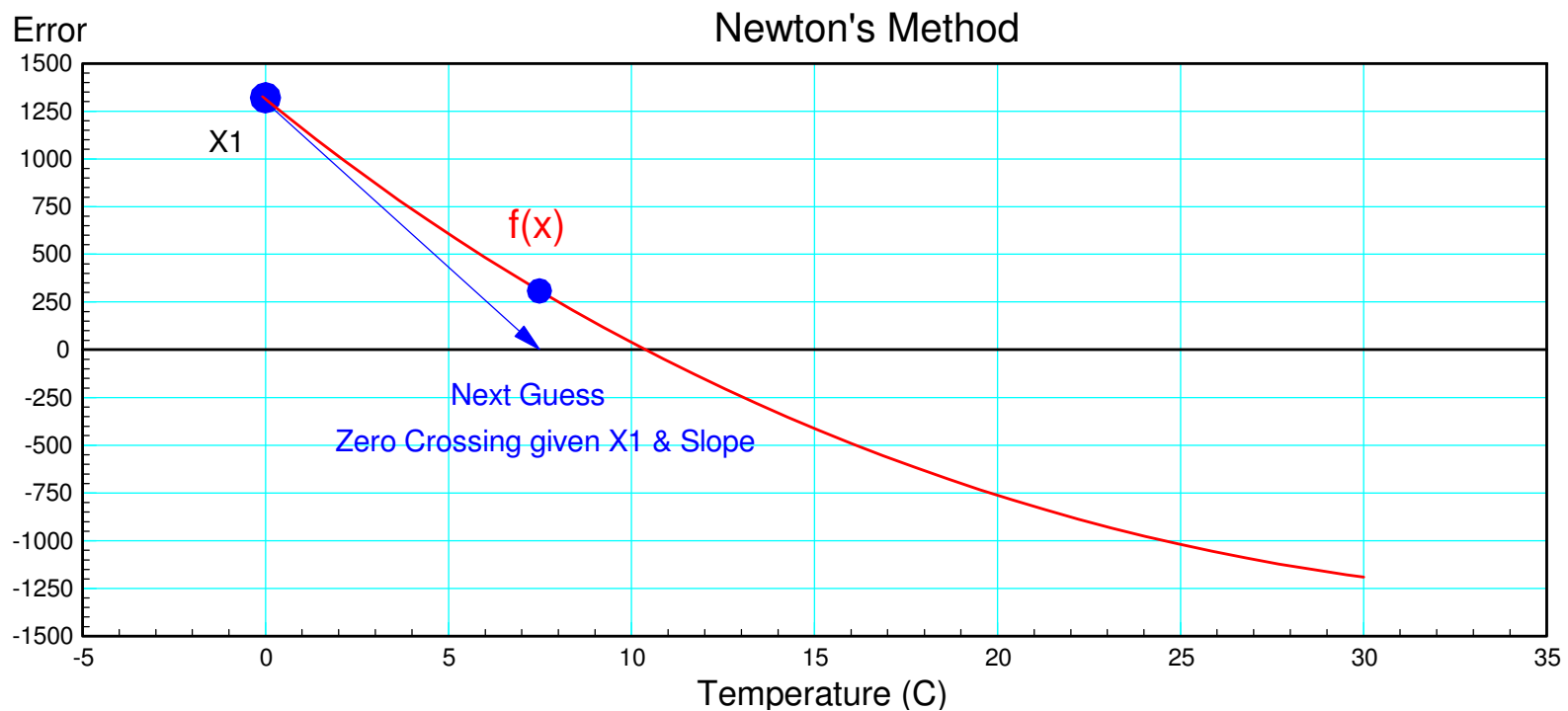
n	T	e
1	21.7148	-342.7238
2	18.2739	-146.6308
3	16.9115	-58.6213
4	16.3838	-22.7808
5	16.1813	-8.7541
6	16.1039	-3.3494
7	16.0743	-1.2794
8	16.0630	-0.4884
9	16.0587	-0.1864
10	16.0570	-0.0711
11	16.0564	-0.0271
12	16.0562	-0.0104
13	16.0561	-0.0040
14	16.0560	-0.0015
15	16.0560	-0.0006

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## Newton's Method:

- Take a guess.
- Take another guess slightly larger.
- Interpolate to find the zero crossing

$$X_2 = X_1 - \left( \frac{\delta X}{\delta e} \right) e_1$$



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## Newton's Method in Action

- Newton's method converges very fast
- Any method with the name *Gauss* or *Newton* is probably a good method

### Matlab Script

```
X3 = 0;  
  
for n=1:10  
    X1 = X3;  
    Y1 = Therm(X1);  
    X2 = X1 + 0.01;  
    Y2 = Therm(X2);  
    X3 = X2 - (X2-X1) / (Y2-Y1) * Y2;  
    disp([n, X1, Y1]);  
    X1 = X3;  
end
```

### Result in the Command Window

n	T	e
1	0.0000	1651.2
2	11.0772	400.7303
3	15.4353	44.2472
4	16.0459	0.7072
5	16.0560	0.0000
6	16.0560	-0.0000
7	16.0560	-0.0000
8	16.0560	-0.0000
9	16.0560	-0.0000

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## More Fun with Newton's Method

Assume

$$R = 1000 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{3905}{T+273} - \frac{3905}{298}\right) \Omega$$

$$V = \left(\frac{R}{R+1000}\right) \cdot 10V$$

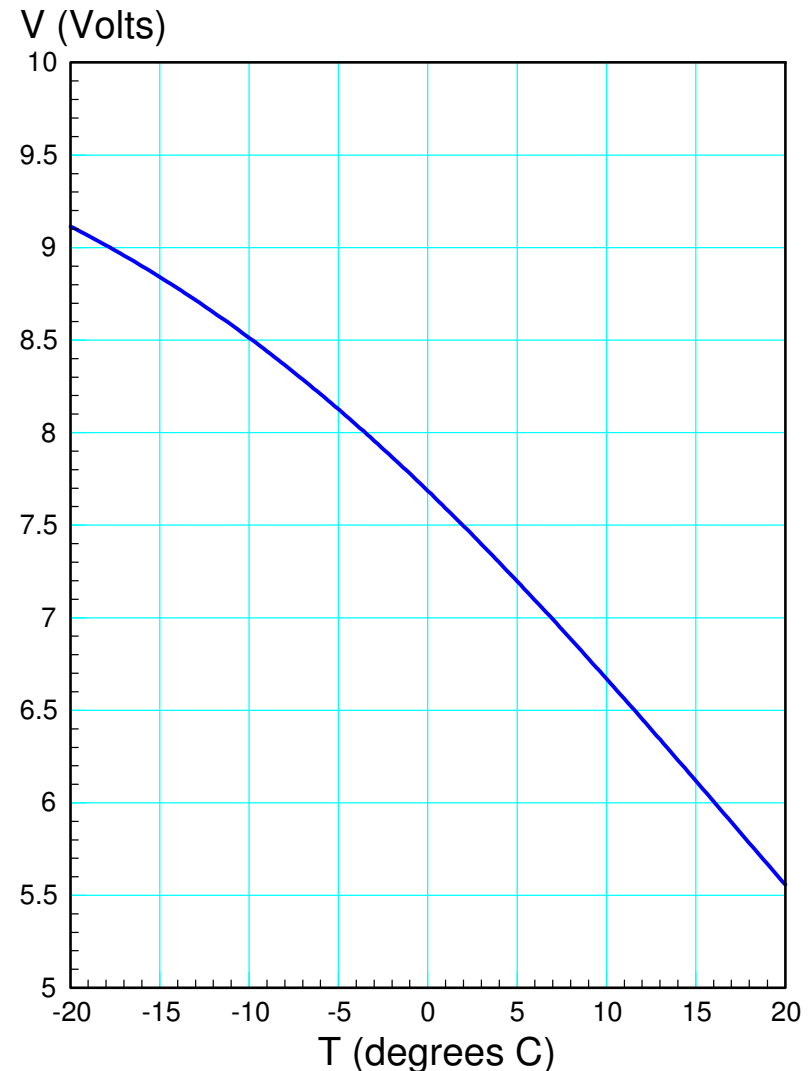
Find the temperature when

- $V = 8V$
- $V = 7V$
- $V = 6V$

Solution using Newton's Method:

Create a Matlab function which

- Is passed your guess at the temperature,  $T$ , and
- Returns the error in the voltage



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## Matlab Function

- Change V0 for each solution (8V, 7V, 6V)

```
function [e] = Voltage(T)
    V0 = 8.0;    % target voltage

    R = 1000 * exp( 3905/(T+273) - 3905/298 );
    V = R / (1000 + R) * 10;

    e = V - V0;

end
```

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## Use Newton's method to solve

### Matlab Script (Newton's Method)

```
X3 = 0;    % initial guess

for n=1:10
    X1 = X3;
    Y1 = Voltage(X1);
    X2 = X1 + 0.01;
    Y2 = Voltage(X2);
    X3=X2-(X2-X1)/(Y2-Y1)*Y2;

    disp([n, X1, Y1]);
    X1 = X3;
end
```

### Result (V0 = 8, 7, 6)

n	T	error
1.0000	0	-0.3147
2.0000	-3.3764	-0.0115
3.0000	-3.5095	-0.0000
4.0000	-3.5098	-0.0000
5.0000	<b>-3.5098</b>	-0.0000

n	T	error
1.0000	0	0.6853
2.0000	7.3510	-0.0472
3.0000	6.9030	-0.0001
4.0000	6.9017	-0.0000
5.0000	<b>6.9017</b>	-0.0000

n	T	error
1.0000	0	1.6853
2.0000	18.0785	-0.2272
3.0000	16.0580	-0.0002
4.0000	16.0560	-0.0000
5.0000	<b>16.0560</b>	-0.0000

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## Newton's Method with Multiple Solutions

Your initial guess usually determines which solution it converges to

- It helps to know the answer to find the answer

Example: Find all solutions to

$$y = \frac{\cos(3x)}{x^2+1}$$

$$y = 0.1 \exp\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

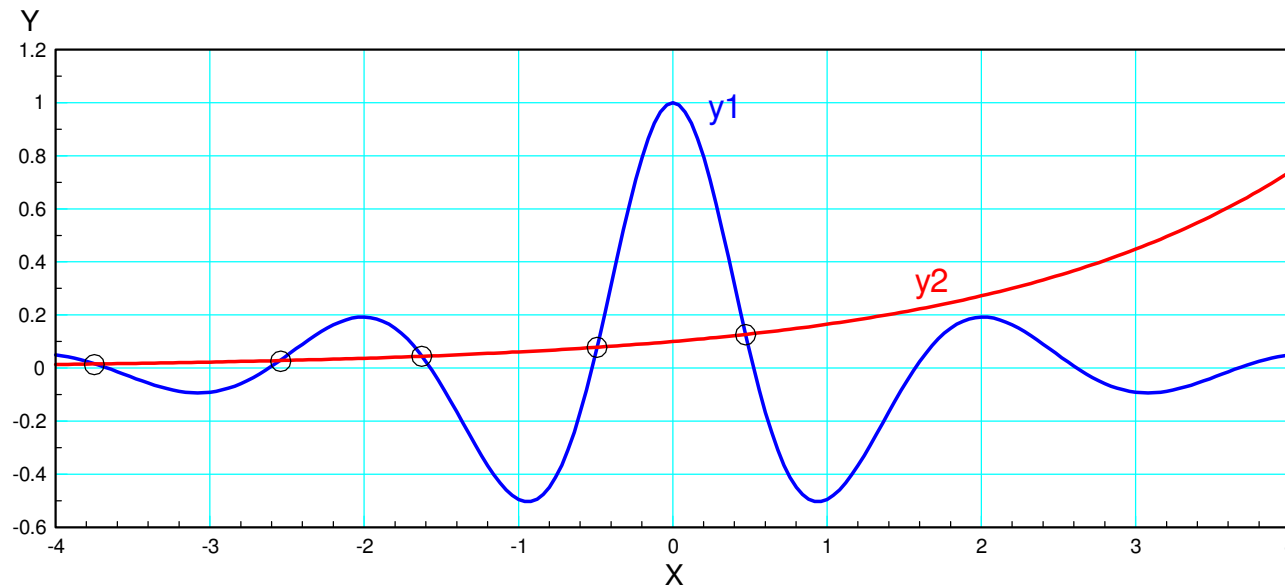
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Method #1: Graphical Methods: Treat these as two separate functions and plot them together

$$y_1 = \frac{\cos(3x)}{x^2+1} \qquad y_2 = 0.1 \exp\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

The intersections are the solutions (there are five solutions)

```
>> x = [-4:0.04:4]';  
>> y1 = cos(3*x) ./ (x.^2 + 1);  
>> y2 = 0.1*exp(x/2);  
>> plot(x, y1, x, y2)
```



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## Method #2: Newton's Method.

- Create a Matlab function that returns the error:  $y_1 - y_2$ :

```
function [e] = Example3(x)

    y1 = cos(3*x) / (x^2 + 1);
    y2 = 0.1*exp(x/2);

    e = y1 - y2;

end
```

Use Newton's method to solve.

- The initial guess pretty much determines which solution you converge to:
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### Matlab Script (Newton's Method)

```
X3 = -3.6;  
  
for n=1:10  
    X1 = X3;  
    Y1 = Example3(X1);  
    X2 = X1 + 0.01;  
    Y2 = Example3(X2);  
    X3=X2-(X2-X1)/(Y2-Y1)*Y2;  
  
    disp([n, X1, Y1]);  
    X1 = X3;  
  
end
```

### Result (Matlab command window)

n	x	y1-y2
1	-3.6000	-0.0305
2	-3.7343	-0.0017
3	-3.7428	-0.0000
4	-3.7429	-0.0000
5	<b>-3.7429</b>	-0.0000

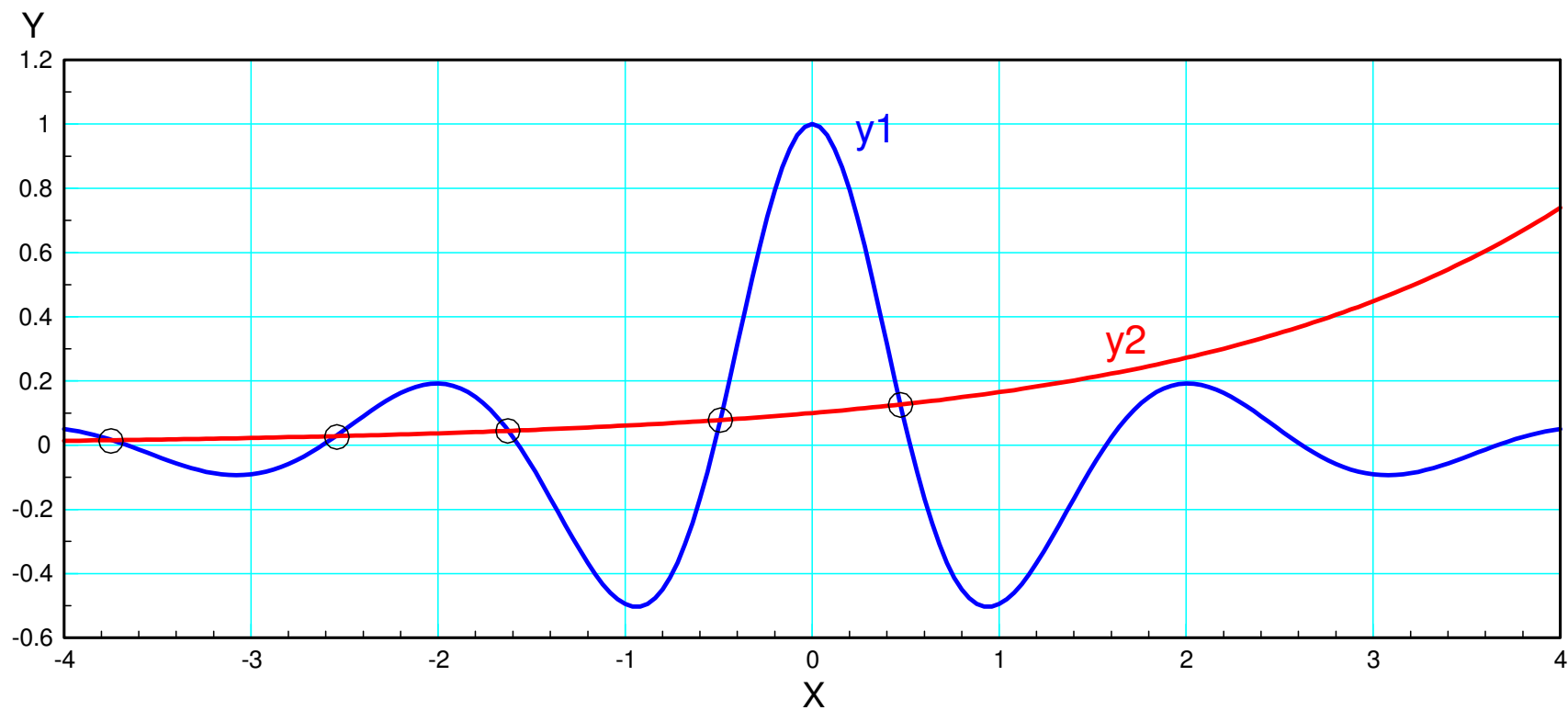
n	x	y1-y2
1	-2.4000	0.0599
2	-2.5498	-0.0009
3	-2.5476	-0.0000
4	-2.5476	-0.0000
5	<b>-2.5476</b>	-0.0000

n	x	y1-y2
1	-1.6000	-0.0204
2	-1.6240	-0.0007
3	-1.6249	-0.0000
4	-1.6249	-0.0000
5	<b>-1.6249</b>	-0.0000

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Result:



The five solutions are  $x = \{-3.7429, -2.5476, -1.6249, -0.4912, 0.4718\}$

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## **Summary:**

Algebra is useful when you want to solve a mathematical equation.

You can also solve mathematical equations in Matlab using

- Graphical techniques, and
- Numeric techniques.

Methods with the name of Gauss or Newton tend to be really good methods.

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