
Math 103: Algebra I

ECE 111 Introduction to ECE

Week #2

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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

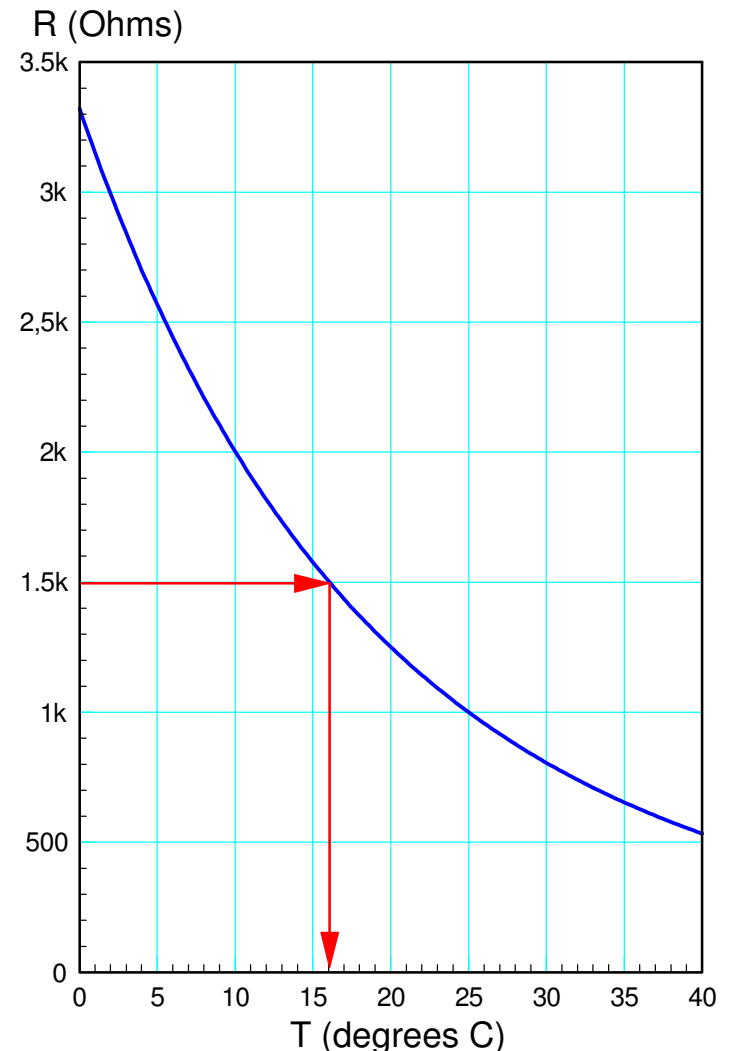
Example: Assume

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

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
```



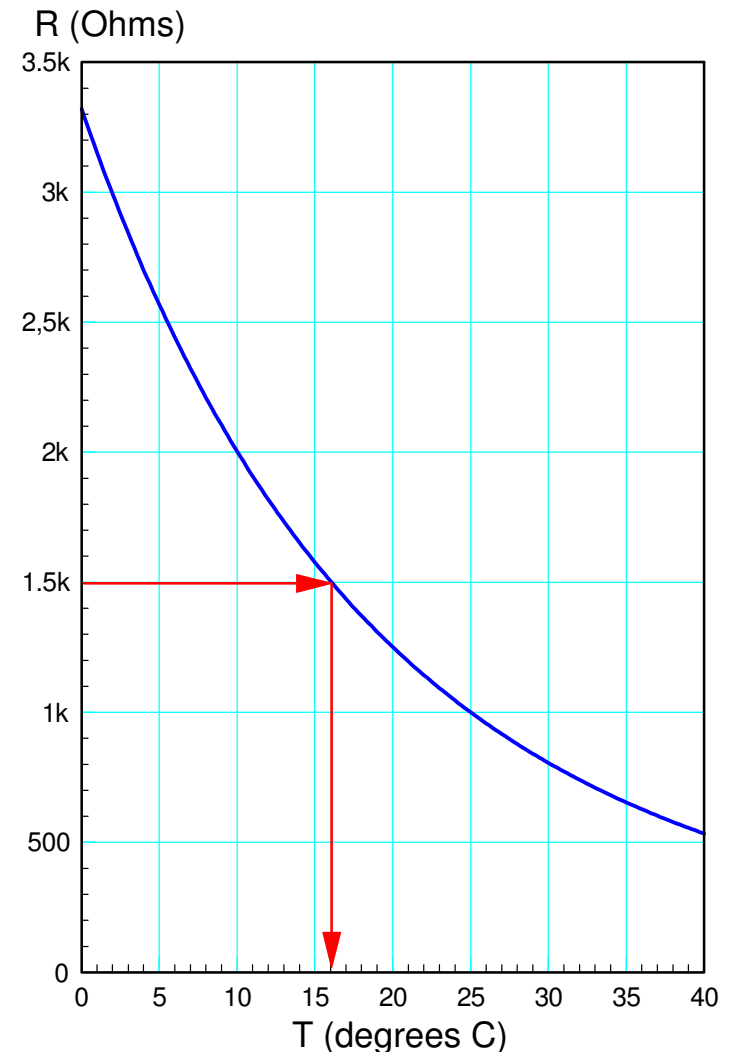
Problem: How do get more accuracy?

Option 1: Algebra

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

Option 2: Numerical Methods

- Iterate using Matlab



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

$$A + 5 = B + 5$$

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

$$A + B = B + A$$

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

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

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

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

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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

$$A + 0 = A$$

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

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

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

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)

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

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

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

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 $(a-b)$

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

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

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

$$2 \neq 1$$

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

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

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

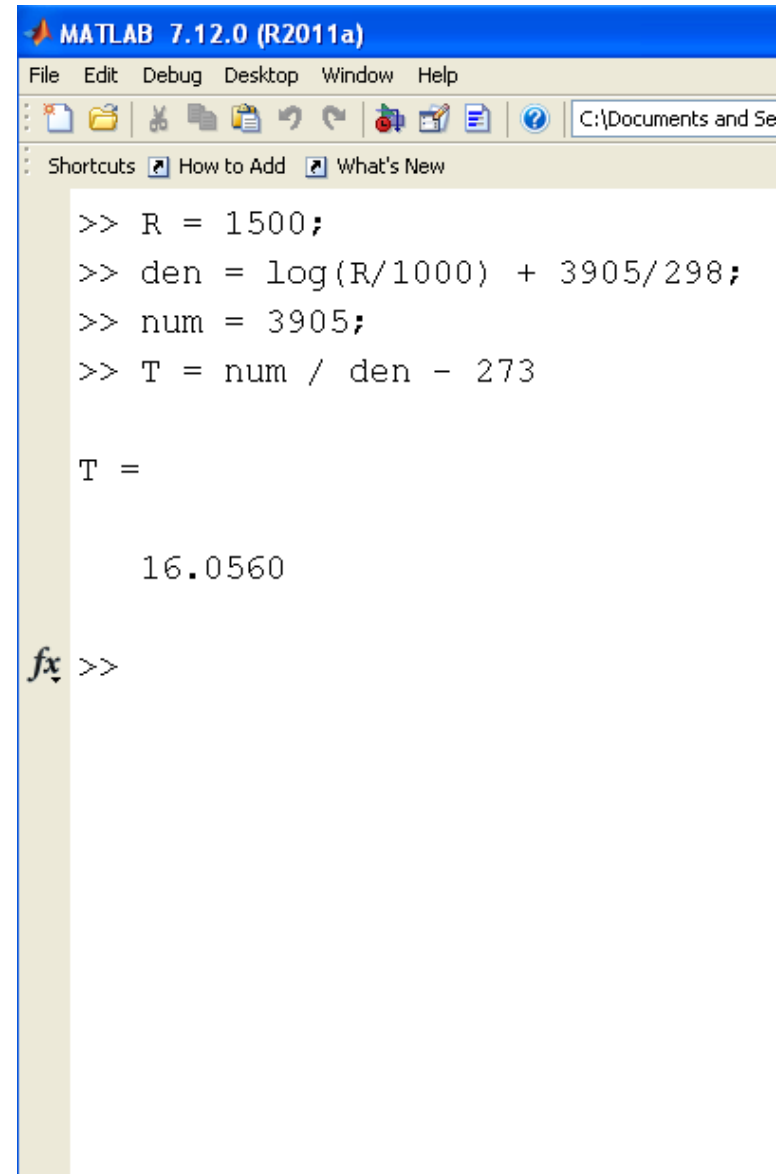
$$\left(\frac{1}{\ln\left(\frac{R}{1000}\right) + \frac{3905}{298}}\right) = \frac{T+273}{3905}$$

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 >>
```

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

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

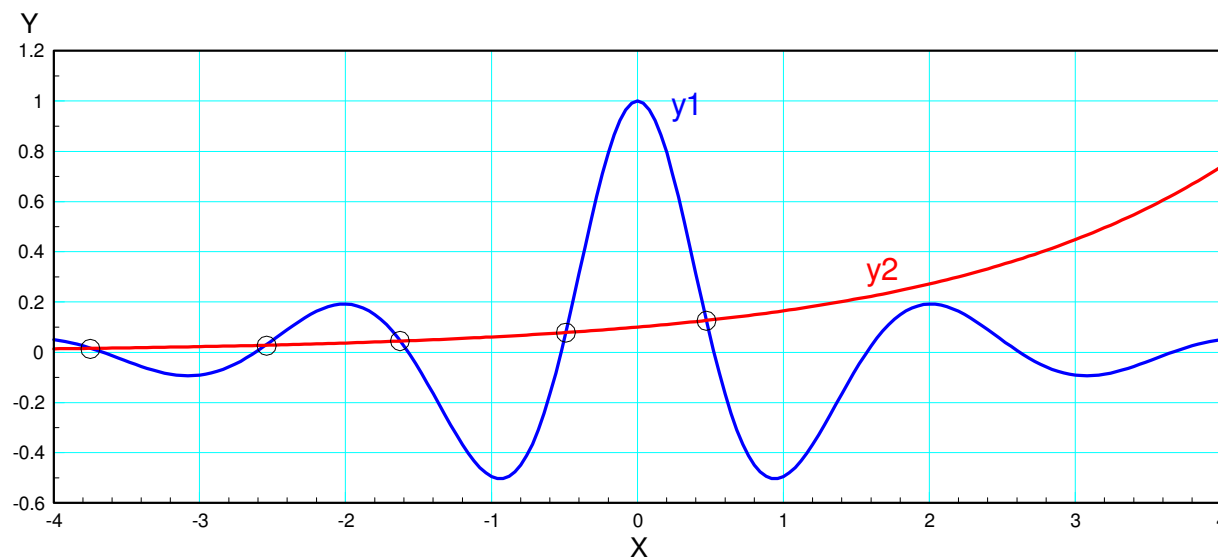
Not sure what to do now...

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



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.

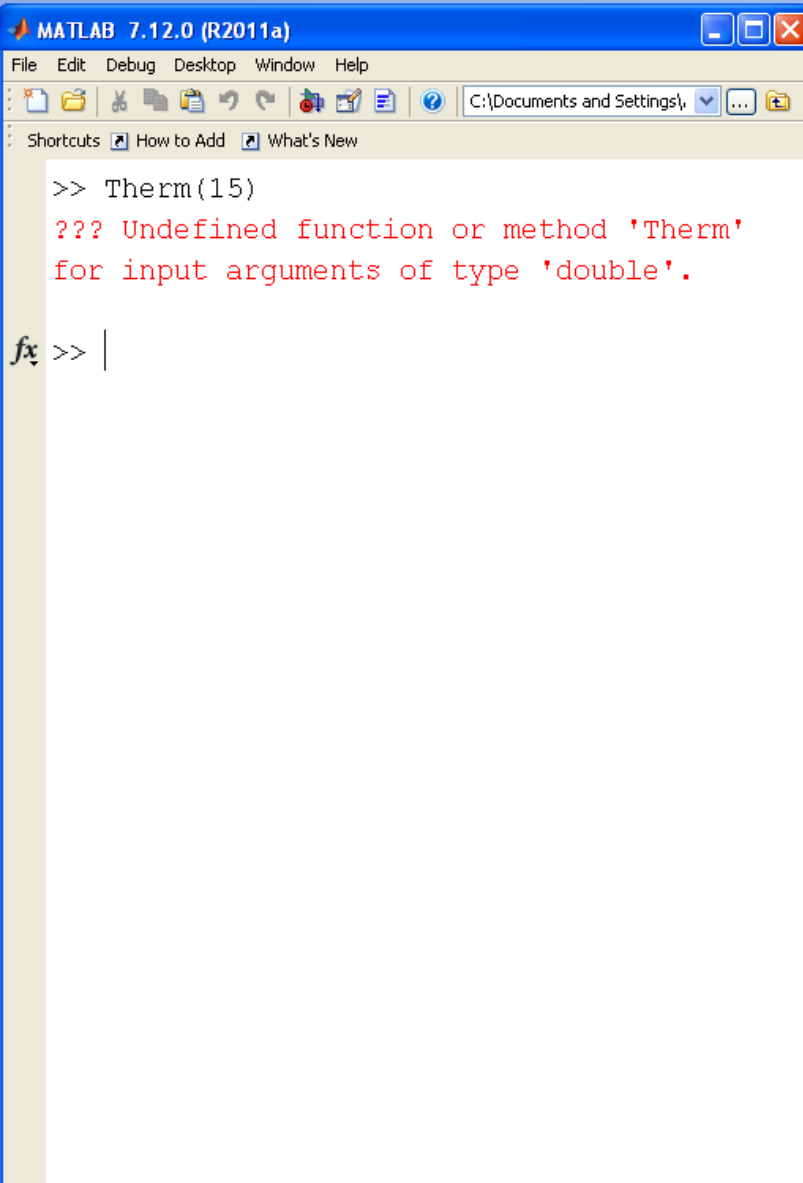
Functions in Matlab

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'.

fx >> |
```

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

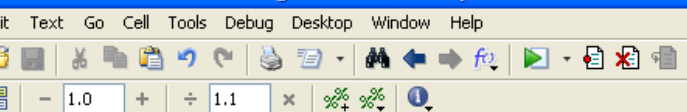
- If first checks if there is a variable called *Therm*. If so, it returns the 15th element of that array.
- If no variable *Therm* exists, it then checks if there is a file called *Therm.m*. If Matlab finds that file, it then tries to call it.
- If that fails, then an error message is given: Matlab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

Create a file *Therm.m*

- File - New Function
- Type in the following:

Now save this in the default directory with the default name, *Therm.m*

The keyword *function* tells Matlab that this is a subroutine: you cannot run it but you can call it from the command window.

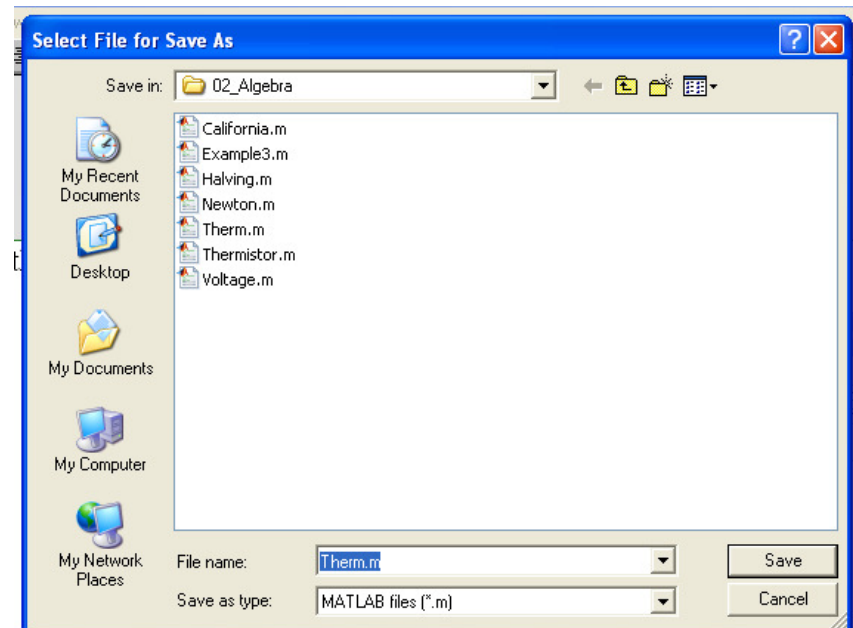


The screenshot shows the MATLAB Editor interface. The title bar reads "Editor - C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\My Documents\MATLAB\VECE111\02". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Text, Go, Cell, Tools, Debug, Desktop, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for file operations, editing, and execution. The Command Window at the bottom shows the command "Therm(298)" and the output "ans = 1000". The main editor area displays the following MATLAB code:

```

1 function [R] = Therm(T)
2
3     R = 1000 * exp( 3905/(T+273) - 3905/298 );
4
5 end
6

```



Now, you *can* call Therm.

- To find the resistance at 0C:

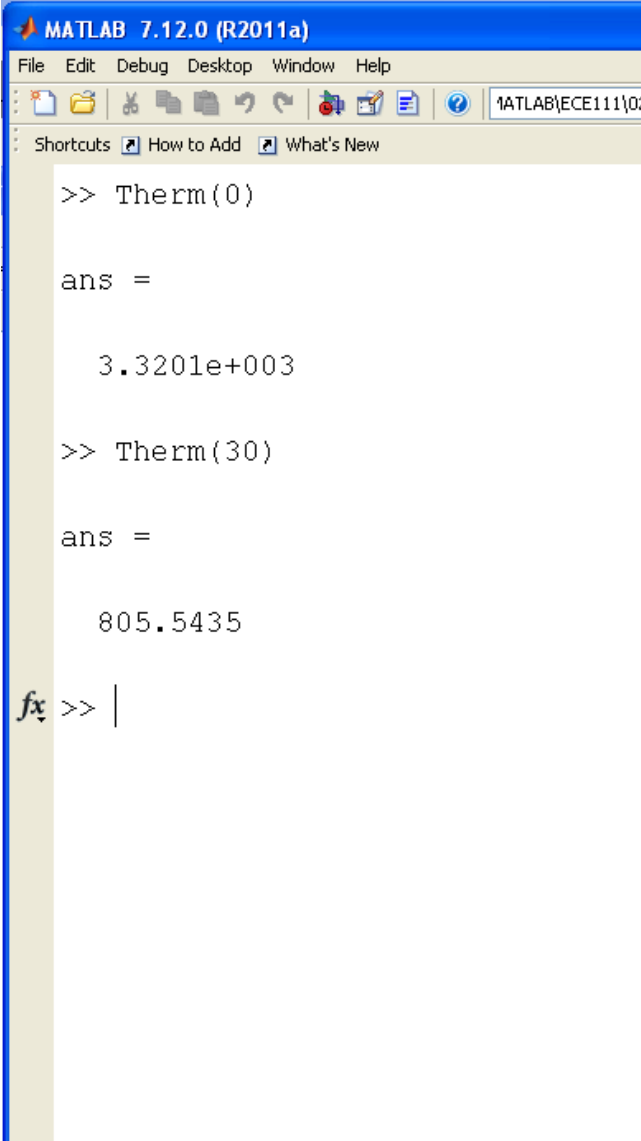
```
>> Therm(0)
```

```
ans = 3.3201e+003
```

- To find the resistance at 30C:

```
>> Therm(30)
```

```
ans = 805.5435
```

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```
>> Therm(0)

ans =

    3.3201e+003

>> Therm(30)

ans =

    805.5435

fx >> |
```

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

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

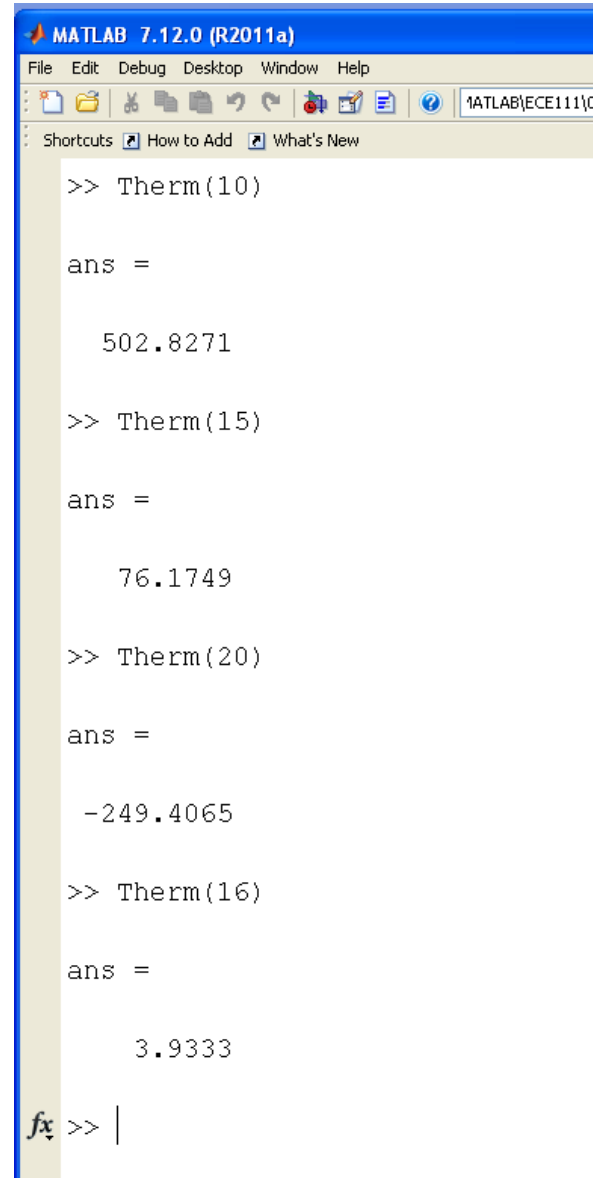
```
R = 1000*exp(3905/(T+273)-3905/298);  
e = R - 1500;
```

```
end
```

Guess T until $e = 0$

- $f(x) = 0$

Better methods exist for finding T:



```
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Shortcuts How to Add What's New  
  
>> Therm(10)  
  
ans =  
  
502.8271  
  
>> Therm(15)  
  
ans =  
  
76.1749  
  
>> Therm(20)  
  
ans =  
  
-249.4065  
  
>> Therm(16)  
  
ans =  
  
3.9333  
  
fx >> |
```

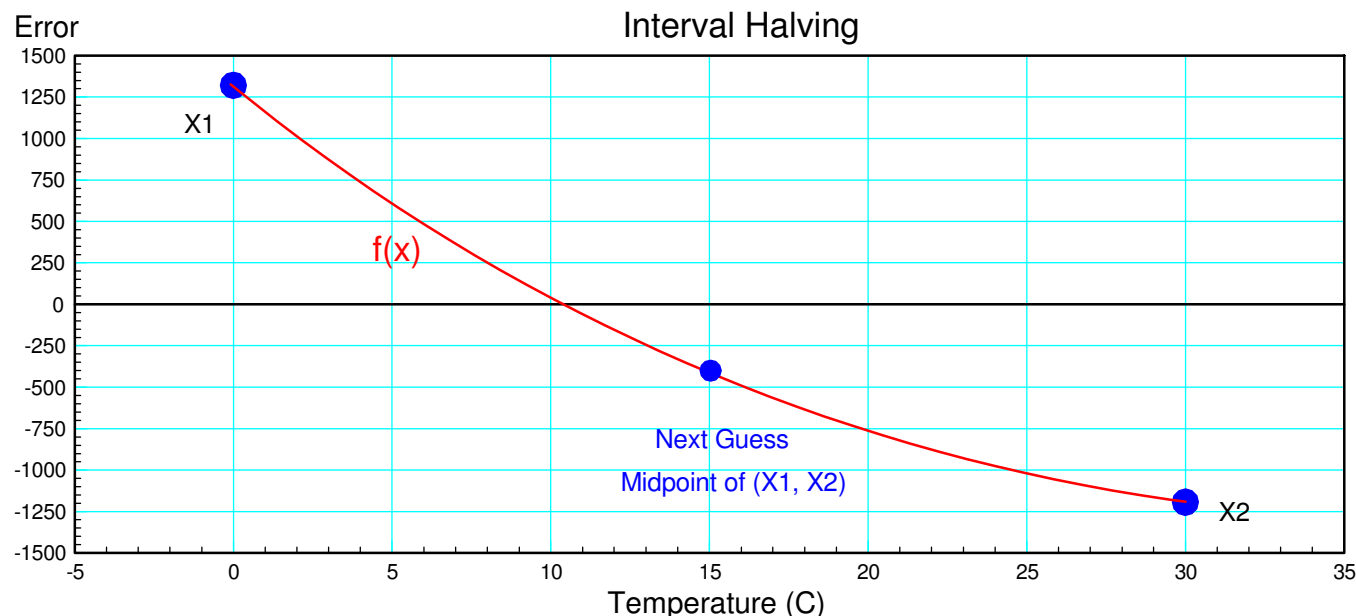
Interval Halving: Start with two guesses

- 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



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
```

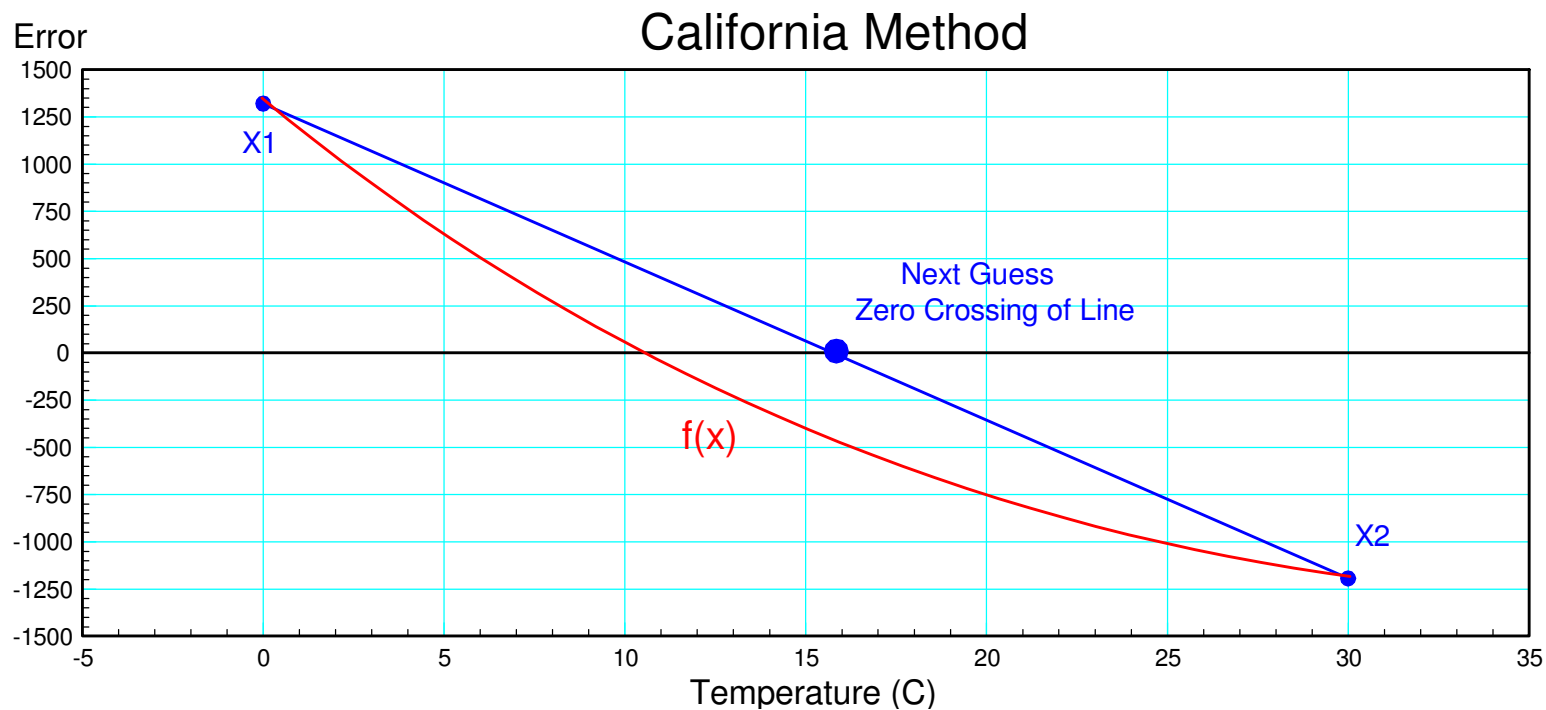
Result in the Command Window

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

California Method:

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

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



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
```

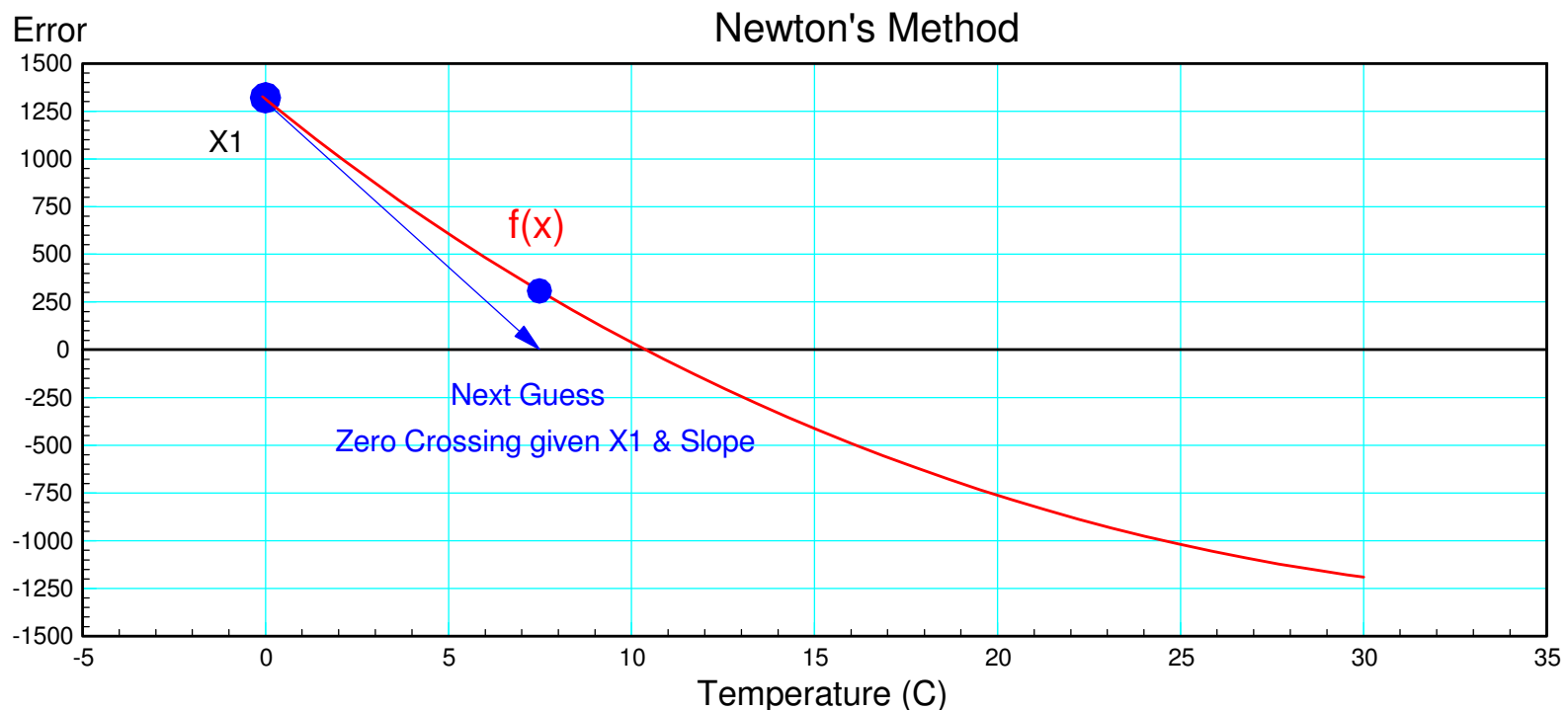
Result in the Command Window

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

Newton's Method:

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

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



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

More Fun with Newton's Method

Assume

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

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

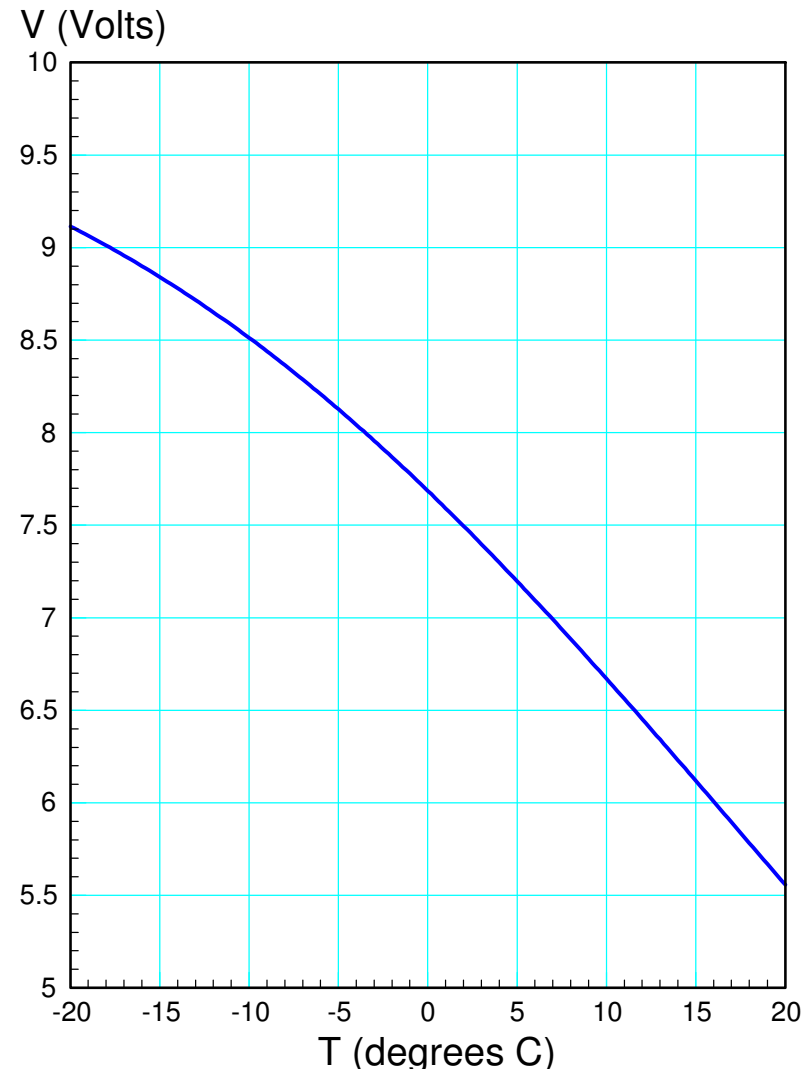
Find the temperature when

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

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



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
```

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	-3.5098	-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	6.9017	-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	16.0560	-0.0000

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

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

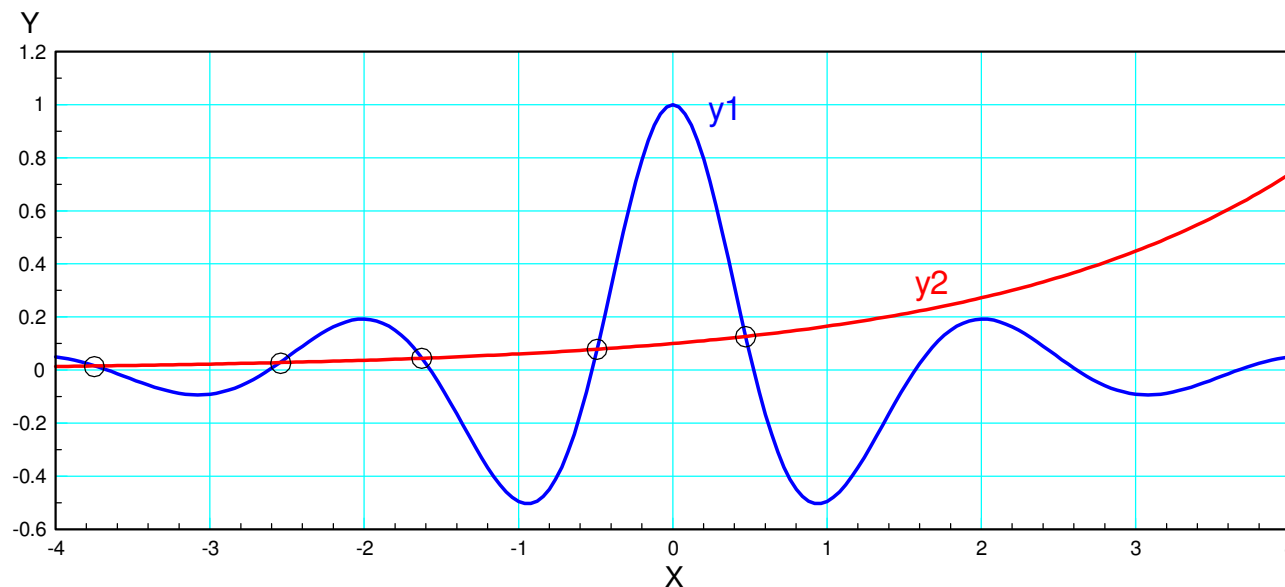
$$y = 0.1 \exp\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

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)
```



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
```

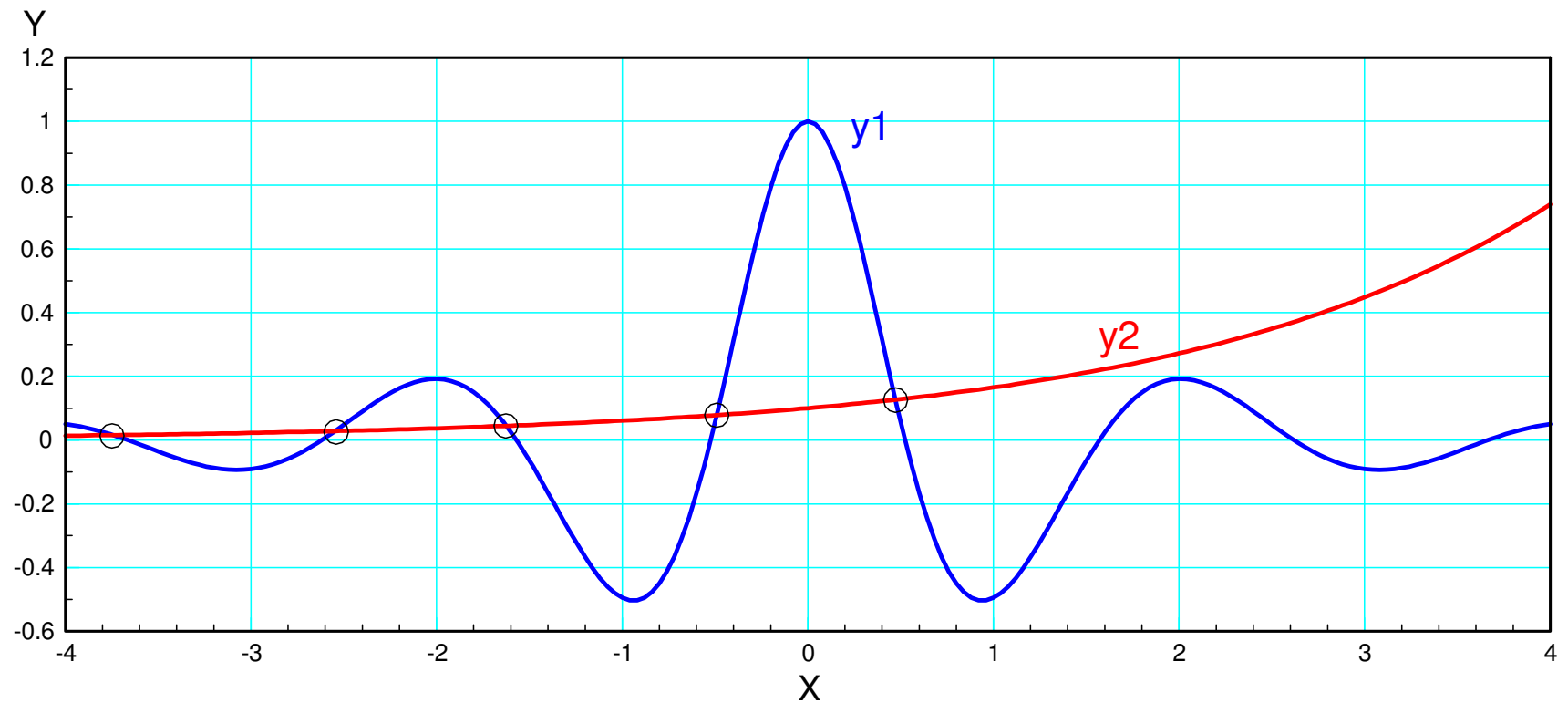
Result (Matlab command window)

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	-3.7429	-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	-2.5476	-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	-1.6249	-0.0000

Result:



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

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.
