3.8 Videos Guide

3.8a

• Newton's Method

• Recursive formula:
$$x_n = x_{n-1} - \frac{f(x_{n-1})}{f'(x_{n-1})}$$

Exercises:

3.8b

• For each initial approximation, determine graphically what happens if Newton's method is used for the function whose graph is shown.



• Use Newton's Method to find an approximation to $\sqrt{2}$, accurate to six decimal places.

3.8c

• Use Newton's Method to find all solutions of the equation correct to six decimal places. $\sin x = x^2 - 2$