

# NEWTON'S METHOD OF FINDING ZERES OF FUNCTIONS:

ITERATIVE SOLUTION...

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \text{error}_i$$
$$\text{WHERE } \text{error}_i = f(x_i) / f'(x_i)$$

THIS METHOD CAN BE USED TO FIND DEW POINT.

$$\text{RECALL } \log p_w = A + \frac{B}{T} + C \log T + DT + ET^2$$

$$\text{OR } f(T) = A + \frac{B}{T} + C \log T + DT + ET^2 - \log p_w$$

WE WANT TO FIND T WHEN  $f(T) = 0$ !

$$f'(T) = -\frac{B}{T^2} + \frac{0.4343C}{T} + D + 2ET$$

FOR WATER ( $D \sim 0$ ):

$$f(T) = 29.8605 - \frac{3152.2}{T} - 7.3037 \log(T) + 1.809 \times 10^{-6} T^2 - \log(p_w)$$

$$f'(T) = \frac{3152.2}{T^2} - \frac{3.172043}{T} + 3.618 \times 10^{-6} T$$

SO, LET'S FIND DEW POINT WHEN  $p_w = 18.0 \text{ mmHg}$   
THIS IS EXAMPLE PROBLEM FROM LECTURE!

GUESS!

$$T_0 = \underline{303.15 \text{ K}}$$

(POOR GUESS... I  
KNOW THIS TEMP  
IS GOING TOO HIGH)

$$f(T_0) = 0.24804$$

$$f'(T_0) = 0.02493$$

$$\text{error}_0 = f(T_0) / f'(T_0) = 0.24804 / 0.02493$$

$$\text{error}_0 = 9.95$$

so

$$T_1 = T_0 - \text{error}_0 = 303.15 - 9.95 = \underline{293.20}$$

## ITERATION #2

$$T_1 = 293.20 \text{ K}$$

$$f(T_1) = -0.00965$$

$$f'(T_1) = 0.02691$$

$$\text{error}_1 = -0.00965 / 0.02691 = -0.358$$

$$T_2 = T_1 - \text{error}_1 = 293.20 + 0.36 = 293.56$$

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$$f(T_2) = -0.000013$$

$$f'(T_2) = 0.026835$$

$$\text{error}_2 = -0.000013 / 0.026835 = -0.0005!$$

$$T_3 = 293.56 \text{ K}$$

$$= 68.7^\circ\text{F}$$

NOTE THAT THIS  
NUMBER IS  
BECOMING SMALLER!

NOTE SIGN

SMALLER!

CONVERGED!

## ITERATION #3