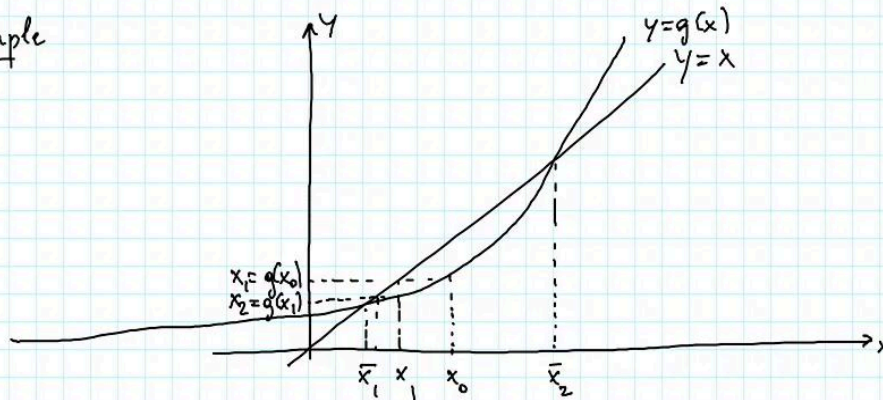


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I remind you that g is a given, continuous, function, and that I search x_{bar} which is a fixed point of g , hence $x_{\text{bar}} = g(x_{\text{bar}})$. The method is the following: we give ourselves x_0 and then for $n=0,1,2,\dots$ we calculate x_{n+1} from x_n simply by setting x_{n+1} equal to $g(x_n)$. The question is: does the sequence x_n converge? If it does converge, and since the function g is continuous, then it converges towards x_{bar} such that $g(x_{\text{bar}})$ is equal to x_{bar} . I suggest a little graphical illustration: I choose a function g which has the following aspect. So here is the x - y plane, the first bisectrix, and the function g , which has two fixed points. Here is the graph of the function g . There exist two x_{bar} such that $x_{\text{bar}} = g(x_{\text{bar}})$. The first is located here, I'll denote it x_1 bar, the second is found here, denoted x_2 bar. I therefore have x_i bar equal to $g(x_i$ bar) for $i=1,2$. I start from a point x_0 which is smaller than x_2 bar. it is even between x_1 bar and x_2 bar, so if x_0 is strictly smaller than x_2 bar, what happens? I calculate x_1 , here x_1 equal to $g(x_0)$, I report x_1 on the x axis, I calculate afterwards x_2 equal to $g(x_1)$, again I report the new value on the x axis.

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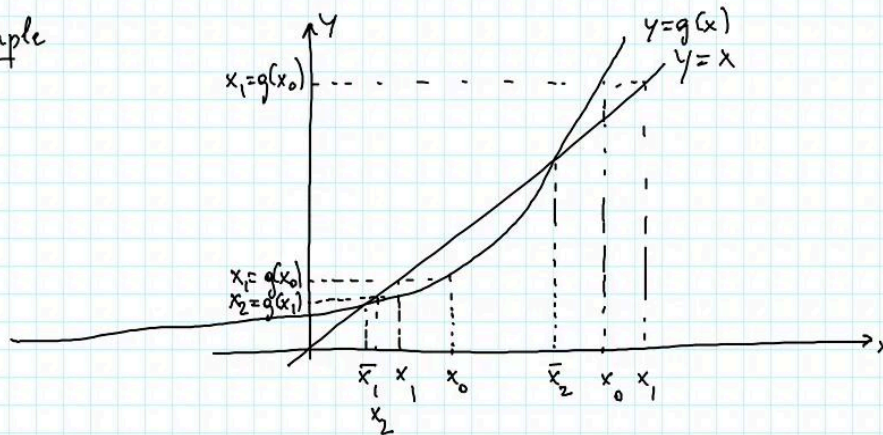
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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = +\infty$$

We observe that the sequence converges as n approaches infinity, towards x_1 bar. Therefore the limit as n approaches infinity of x_n equals x_1 bar. Starting from x_0 , I computed x_1 , x_2 and the x_n , when n increases, get closer and closer to x_1 bar. Now, what happens if I choose x_0 larger than x_2 bar ? If x_0 is beyond x_2 bar, what happens ? Well, for example, this x_0 , I compute x_1 equal to $g(x_0)$ and then carry it on the x axis, here it is, next I compute x_2 equal to $g(x_1)$ and I observe that x_2 is beyond x_1 and so on. Well on this case, we observe that the limit as n goes to infinity of x_n equals plus infinity; the sequence diverges. How to explain this experiment? Well we need to study theorem 8.3 in the book.

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