

## Pure 21 – Numerical Methods

Please **complete** this homework by \_\_\_\_\_. Start it early. If you can't do a question you will then have time to ask your teacher for help or go to a drop in session.

### Section 1 – Review of previous topics.

Please complete all questions.

1. The functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are given by  $f(x) = 2x - 10$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 9$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{R}$ . Find the value of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = g(x)$ .
2. The graph of  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  has a minimum at  $(5, -3)$  and passes through  $(4, 0)$ . Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .
3. Solve the simultaneous equations:
$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 3 \\x^2 - 3y &= 1\end{aligned}$$
4. Find the set of values for which  $12 + 4x > x^2$ .
5. Given that  $x \neq 3$ , find the set of values for which  $\frac{5}{x-3} < 2$ .
6. Find the possible values of  $k$  for the quadratic equation  $2kx^2 + 5kx + 5k - 3 = 0$  to have real roots.
7. The point  $P(2, 1)$  lies on the graph with equation  $y = f(x)$ . Write down the coordinates of the point to which  $P$  maps under the following transformations:  
a)  $f(x - 4)$       b)  $3f(x)$       c)  $2f(x) - 4$
8. The coefficient of  $x^3$  in the binomial expansion of  $(3 + bx)^5$  is  $-720$ . Find the value of the constant  $b$ .
9. In the binomial expansion of  $(2k + x)^n$ , where  $k$  is a constant and  $n$  is a positive integer, the coefficient of  $x^2$  is equal to the coefficient of  $x^3$ . Prove that  $n = 6k + 2$ .
10. Write down the first 4 terms of the binomial expansion of  $\left(2 + \frac{x}{5}\right)^{10}$ . Use this to find an approximate value for  $2.1^{10}$ . Show that the percentage error in your answer is less than 0.1%.

**Section 2 – Consolidation of this week’s topic.**  
Please complete all questions.

- 1)** Show that a)  $x^3 - 9x + 1 = 0$  has a root between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ .  
b)  $e^{-x} - 9 \cos 4x = 0$  has a root in the interval  $[10, 11]$  **[4]**

- 2)** Show that  $x^3 - 3x + 1 = 0$  can be rearranged to give the iterative formulae:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(x_n^3 + 1) \quad \text{and} \quad x_{n+1} = \frac{3x_n - 1}{x_n^2}$$

Show that, with a starting value of  $x_0 = 0.2$ , only one of the iterative formulae is convergent.

Hence, find a root of  $x^3 - 3x + 1 = 0$  correct to 7 decimal places. **[10]**

- 3)**  $g(x) = e^{x-1} + x - 6$   
a) Show that  $g(x) = 0$  can be written as  $x = \ln(6 - x) + 1$ ,  $x < 6$ .  
b) The root of  $g(x) = 0$  is  $\alpha$ . The iterative formula  $x_{n+1} = \ln(6 - x_n) + 1$ ,  $x_0 = 2$  is used to find an approximate value for  $\alpha$ . Calculate the values for  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  to 4 decimal places.  
c) By choosing a suitable interval, show that  $\alpha = 2.307$  correct to 3 decimal places. **[11]**

- 4)**  $f(x) = 2 \sin(x^2) + x - 2$ ,  $0 \leq x < 2\pi$   
a) Show that  $f(x) = 0$  has a root  $\alpha$  between  $x = 0.75$  and  $x = 0.85$ .  
b) Show that  $f(x)$  can be written as  $x = (\sin^{-1}(1 - 0.5x))^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .  
c) Use the iterative formula  $x_{n+1} = (\sin^{-1}(1 - 0.5x_n))^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $x_0 = 0.8$  to find the values of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  to 5 decimal places.  
d) Show that  $\alpha = 0.80157$  is correct to 5 decimal places. **[13]**

- 5)  $f(x) = 2\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - 5, \quad x > 0$
- Find  $f'(x)$
  - The equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a root  $\alpha$  in the interval  $[4.5, 5.5]$ . Using  $x_0 = 5$  apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to  $f(x)$  to find a second approximation to  $\alpha$  giving your answer to 2 significant figures.
  - The equation  $f(x) = 0$  has another root  $\beta$  in the interval  $[0.0, 0.5]$ . Explain why using  $x_0 = 0$  or  $x_0 = 0.5$  is not suitable as a first approximation.
  - Using  $x_0 = 0.1$  apply the Newton-Raphson procedure to  $f(x)$  and show that  $\beta = 0.048$  to 2 significant figures. **[10]**

- 6) The Newton-Raphson procedure can be used to find the square root of a number. Suppose we want to find  $\sqrt{612}$ . We set  $x^2 = 612$  and then write  $f(x) = x^2 - 612$ . We know that  $24^2 = 576$  and  $25^2 = 625$  so a sensible choice for  $x_0$  is  $x_0 = 25$ . Use this first approximation to find a second approximation, giving your answer to 2 decimal places. **[2]**

- 7) Using a similar approach to that in Q6,
- find a second approximation to the cube root of 612;
  - find a second approximation to the tenth root of 612.  
(be careful with your choice of  $x_0$  for part b) **[6]**

- 8) Sketch on the same axes the graphs of  $y = \sqrt{x}$  and  $y = e^{-x}$ . Use this to state how many solutions there are to the equation  $\sqrt{x} - e^{-x} = 0$ .

Using  $x_0 = 1$  as a first approximation to the solution of  $\sqrt{x} - e^{-x} = 0$  apply the Newton-Raphson method to obtain a second approximation giving your answer to 3 decimal places. **[6]**

- 9) The performance of company shares is predicted to follow the function

$$f(t) = \ln(t+2) + \sin(0.5t) + \sqrt{t}$$

where  $f(t)$  represents the value of £1 worth of shares after  $t$  years.

An investor purchases £1000 worth of these shares. Using  $t_0 = 12$  as a first approximation apply the Newton-Raphson method to find when the investor is predicted to have £7000 worth of shares, giving your answer in years and months. **[5]**

**Total: 67 Marks**