

Edexcel Maths C3

Topic Questions from Papers

Numerical Methods

5.

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - x - 4.$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ can be written as

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{2}\right)}. \tag{3}$$

The equation $2x^3 - x - 4 = 0$ has a root between 1.35 and 1.4.

(b) Use the iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2}{x_n} + \frac{1}{2}\right)},$$

with $x_0 = 1.35$, to find, to 2 decimal places, the values of x_1 , x_2 and x_3 . (3)

The only real root of $f(x) = 0$ is α .

(c) By choosing a suitable interval, prove that $\alpha = 1.392$, to 3 decimal places. (3)



5.

Figure 2

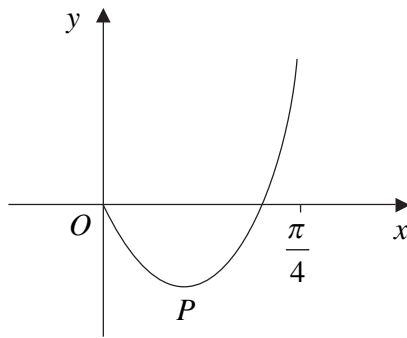


Figure 2 shows part of the curve with equation

$$y = (2x - 1) \tan 2x, \quad 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

The curve has a minimum at the point P . The x -coordinate of P is k .

(a) Show that k satisfies the equation

$$4k + \sin 4k - 2 = 0.$$

(6)

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{4}(2 - \sin 4x_n), \quad x_0 = 0.3,$$

is used to find an approximate value for k .

(b) Calculate the values of x_1, x_2, x_3 and x_4 , giving your answers to 4 decimal places.

(3)

(c) Show that $k = 0.277$, correct to 3 significant figures.

(2)



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4.

$$f(x) = -x^3 + 3x^2 - 1.$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ can be rewritten as

$$x = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{3-x}\right)}. \tag{2}$$

(b) Starting with $x_1 = 0.6$, use the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{3-x_n}\right)}$$

to calculate the values of x_2, x_3 and x_4 , giving all your answers to 4 decimal places. **(2)**

(c) Show that $x = 0.653$ is a root of $f(x) = 0$ correct to 3 decimal places. **(3)**



3.

$$f(x) = \ln(x+2) - x + 1, \quad x > -2, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Show that there is a root of $f(x) = 0$ in the interval $2 < x < 3$.

(2)

(b) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \ln(x_n + 2) + 1, \quad x_0 = 2.5$$

to calculate the values of x_1, x_2 and x_3 giving your answers to 5 decimal places.

(3)

(c) Show that $x = 2.505$ is a root of $f(x) = 0$ correct to 3 decimal places.

(2)



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7.

$$f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x - 6$$

(a) Show that $f(x) = 0$ has a root, α , between $x = 1.4$ and $x = 1.45$ (2)

(b) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ can be written as

$$x = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{x} + \frac{2}{3}\right)}, \quad x \neq 0. \tag{3}$$

(c) Starting with $x_0=1.43$, use the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{x_n} + \frac{2}{3}\right)}$$

to calculate the values of x_1 , x_2 and x_3 , giving your answers to 4 decimal places. (3)

(d) By choosing a suitable interval, show that $\alpha = 1.435$ is correct to 3 decimal places. (3)

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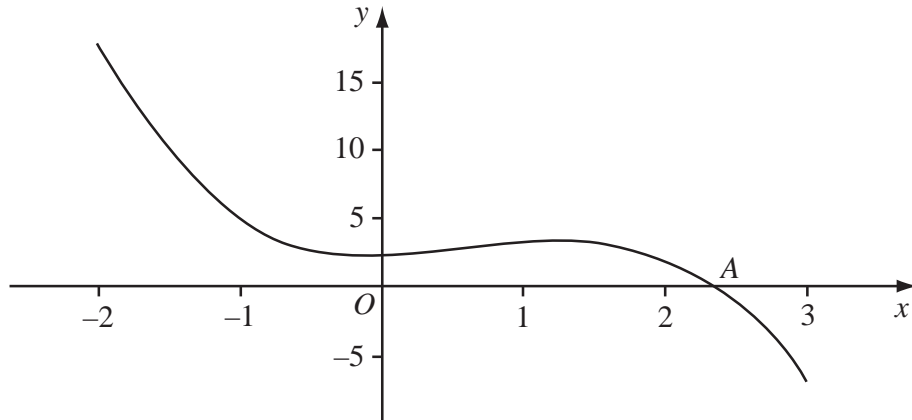


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows part of the curve with equation $y = -x^3 + 2x^2 + 2$, which intersects the x -axis at the point A where $x = \alpha$.

To find an approximation to α , the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{2}{(x_n)^2} + 2$$

is used.

- (a) Taking $x_0 = 2.5$, find the values of x_1, x_2, x_3 and x_4 .
Give your answers to 3 decimal places where appropriate. (3)

- (b) Show that $\alpha = 2.359$ correct to 3 decimal places. (3)



3. $f(x) = 4 \operatorname{cosec} x - 4x + 1$, where x is in radians.

(a) Show that there is a root α of $f(x) = 0$ in the interval $[1.2, 1.3]$. (2)

(b) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ can be written in the form

$$x = \frac{1}{\sin x} + \frac{1}{4} \tag{2}$$

(c) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\sin x_n} + \frac{1}{4}, \quad x_0 = 1.25,$$

to calculate the values of x_1 , x_2 and x_3 , giving your answers to 4 decimal places. (3)

(d) By considering the change of sign of $f(x)$ in a suitable interval, verify that $\alpha = 1.291$ correct to 3 decimal places. (2)



4. The function f is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto |2x - 5|, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(a) Sketch the graph with equation $y = f(x)$, showing the coordinates of the points where the graph cuts or meets the axes. (2)

(b) Solve $f(x) = 15 + x$. (3)

The function g is defined by

$$g : x \mapsto x^2 - 4x + 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 5$$

(c) Find $fg(2)$. (2)

(d) Find the range of g . (3)



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2. $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x - 12$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ can be written as

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{4(3-x)}{(3+x)}\right)}, \quad x \neq -3 \tag{3}$$

The equation $x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$ has a single root which is between 1 and 2

(b) Use the iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{4(3-x_n)}{(3+x_n)}\right)}, \quad n \geq 0$$

with $x_0 = 1$ to find, to 2 decimal places, the value of x_1, x_2 and x_3 . **(3)**

The root of $f(x) = 0$ is α .

(c) By choosing a suitable interval, prove that $\alpha = 1.272$ to 3 decimal places. **(3)**



2.

$$g(x) = e^{x-1} + x - 6$$

(a) Show that the equation $g(x) = 0$ can be written as

$$x = \ln(6 - x) + 1, \quad x < 6 \tag{2}$$

The root of $g(x) = 0$ is α .

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \ln(6 - x_n) + 1, \quad x_0 = 2$$

is used to find an approximate value for α .

(b) Calculate the values of x_1 , x_2 and x_3 to 4 decimal places. (3)

(c) By choosing a suitable interval, show that $\alpha = 2.307$ correct to 3 decimal places. (3)



7.

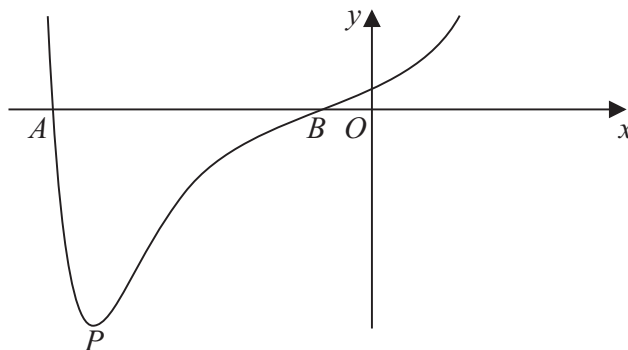


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$ where

$$f(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 1)e^{x^2}$$

The curve cuts the x -axis at points A and B as shown in Figure 2.

- (a) Calculate the x coordinate of A and the x coordinate of B , giving your answers to 3 decimal places. (2)

- (b) Find $f'(x)$. (3)

The curve has a minimum turning point at the point P as shown in Figure 2.

- (c) Show that the x coordinate of P is the solution of

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

- (d) Use the iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = -\frac{3(2x_n^2 + 1)}{2(x_n^2 + 2)}, \quad \text{with } x_0 = -2.4,$$

to calculate the values of x_1 , x_2 and x_3 , giving your answers to 3 decimal places. (3)

The x coordinate of P is α .

- (e) By choosing a suitable interval, prove that $\alpha = -2.43$ to 2 decimal places. (2)



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4. $f(x) = 25x^2e^{2x} - 16, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$

(a) Using calculus, find the exact coordinates of the turning points on the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. (5)

(b) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ can be written as $x = \pm \frac{4}{5} e^{-x}$ (1)

The equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α , where $\alpha = 0.5$ to 1 decimal place.

(c) Starting with $x_0 = 0.5$, use the iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{4}{5} e^{-x_n}$$

to calculate the values of x_1, x_2 and x_3 , giving your answers to 3 decimal places. (3)

(d) Give an accurate estimate for α to 2 decimal places, and justify your answer. (2)



Core Mathematics C3

Candidates sitting C3 may also require those formulae listed under Core Mathematics C1 and C2.

Logarithms and exponentials

$$e^{x \ln a} = a^x$$

Trigonometric identities

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B} \quad (A \pm B \neq (k + \frac{1}{2})\pi)$$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

Differentiation

f(x)	f'(x)
$\tan kx$	$k \sec^2 kx$
$\sec x$	$\sec x \tan x$
$\cot x$	$-\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$
$\operatorname{cosec} x$	$-\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$
$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$	$\frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

Core Mathematics C2

Candidates sitting C2 may also require those formulae listed under Core Mathematics C1.

Cosine rule

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

Binomial series

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r}b^r + \dots + b^n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\text{where } \binom{n}{r} = {}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \times 2} x^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{1 \times 2 \times \dots \times r} x^r + \dots \quad (|x| < 1, n \in \mathbb{R})$$

Logarithms and exponentials

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

Geometric series

$$u_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \text{ for } |r| < 1$$

Numerical integration

The trapezium rule: $\int_a^b y \, dx \approx \frac{1}{2} h \{(y_0 + y_n) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{n-1})\}$, where $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$

Core Mathematics C1

Mensuration

$$\text{Surface area of sphere} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\text{Area of curved surface of cone} = \pi r \times \text{slant height}$$

Arithmetic series

$$u_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}n(a + l) = \frac{1}{2}n[2a + (n - 1)d]$$