Computing for Mathematics: individual coursework

Instructions

Write a 3 page report on a mathematical topic. Consider the target audience of your report to be first year mathematics students wanting to learn about a given topic. Your report is to be written in LaTeX and must use aspects of programming (Python and/or Sage) to illustrate the particular topic.

You are encouraged to choose your own topic, if you do so I recommend checking with me (Vince Knight) that the topic is appropriate. If you are unable to choose a topic select one from the following:

- Convergence of sequences,
- Complex numbers,
- Solving differential equations,
- Random events in probability.

You are encouraged to include the code used as an appendix (if you use Sage, including a link to a published sheet is appropriate).

Marking scheme

The following marking scheme will be applied:

- Code (50% weighting)
 - 50%: Appropriate code used with concepts learnt in lab sheets.
 - 70%: Code from lab sheets used to demonstrate concepts clearly.
 - 90%: Code used is a combination of code learnt in class and individually researched. Used to explain concepts in a clear and original way.
- Content (30% weighting)
 - 50%: The content is correct and basic aspects of the topic are explained.
 - 70%: The content is correct and some research has been undertaken to show interesting aspects of the topic.
 - 90%: The topic chosen is very original and a great understanding is shown.
- Presentation (20% weighting)
 - 50%: The work is well written with no or little graphical content and also contains grammatical and spelling mistakes.
 - 70%: The work is well written with some graphs and images and minor grammatical and spelling mistakes.
 - 90%: The work is clear, well written with excellent quality graphs and images with no grammatical and spelling mistakes.

Example

A model solution is available here.

How the model solution would have been marked is here.

Submitting

Deadline for this work to be handed in is Thursday of Week 11.

You will submit this work in two ways:

- Via learning central using turnitin. Find the assessment section of the Computing for Mathematics module. You will only submit the pdf this way and turnitit will check it for plagiarism. You will only be able to do this once!
- Put all your files (.tex, .pdf, .py, .sws etc...) in a folder named studentnumber (YOUR STUDENT NUMBER). Place this folder in the directory named: MA1003 Coursework in the Shared Drive. Importantly: this directory has particular read and write permissions so you will only be able to do this once!

Showcases

Here are some past reports by your peers:

- Fractals
- Prime Number Theory
- Relationship between Integration and Differentiation
- Snakes and Ladders
- Linear Algebra
- Towers of Hanoi
- Convergence of Sequences
- Matrix Transformations