

# NUMERICAL SOLUTIONS OF EQUATIONS

# ITERATIVE METHODS

**Question 1** (\*\*)

$$x^3 + 10x - 4 = 0.$$

- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$ , which lies between 0 and 1.

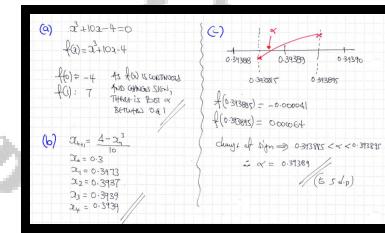
The recurrence relation

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{4 - x_n^3}{10}$$

starting with  $x_0 = 0.3$  is to be used to find  $\alpha$ .

- b) Find, to 4 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .
- c) By considering the sign of an appropriate function  $f(x)$  in a suitable interval, show clearly that  $\alpha = 0.39389$ , correct to 5 decimal places.

$\boxed{\quad}$	$x_1 = 0.3973$	$x_2 = 0.3937$	$x_3 = 0.3939$	$x_4 = 0.3939$
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**Question 2** (\*\*)

$$e^{-x} + \sqrt{x} = 2$$

- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$ , which lies between 3 and 4.

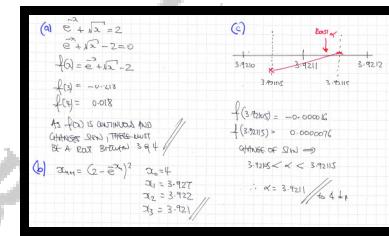
The recurrence relation

$$x_{n+1} = (2 - e^{-x_n})^2$$

starting with  $x_0 = 4$  is to be used to find  $\alpha$ .

- b) Find, to 3 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ .
- c) By considering the sign of an appropriate function  $f(x)$  in a suitable interval, show clearly that  $\alpha = 3.9211$ , correct to 4 decimal places.

□,  $x_1 = 3.927, x_2 = 3.922, x_3 = 3.921$



**Question 3** (\*\*)

$$e^{3x} = x + 20$$

- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$  between 1 and 2.

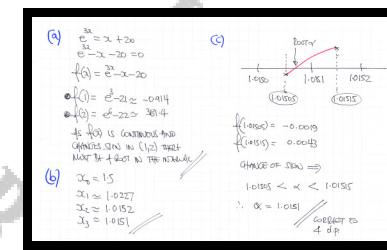
The recurrence relation

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} \ln(x_n + 20)$$

starting with  $x_0 = 1.5$  is to be used to find  $\alpha$ .

- b) Find to 4 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ .
- c) By considering the sign of an appropriate function  $f(x)$  in a suitable interval, show clearly that  $\alpha = 1.0151$ , correct to 4 decimal places.

$\square$	$x_1 = 1.0227, \quad x_2 = 1.0152, \quad x_3 = 1.0151$
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**Question 4** (\*\*\*)

$$f(x) = 4x - 3\sin x - 1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi.$$

- a) Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a solution  $\alpha$  in the interval  $(0.7, 0.8)$ .

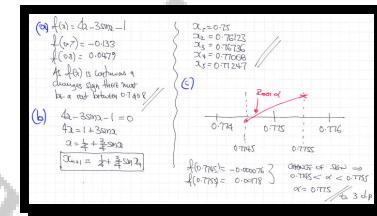
An iterative formula, of the form given below, is used to find  $\alpha$ .

$$x_{n+1} = A + B \sin x_n, \quad x_1 = 0.75,$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants.

- b) Find, to 5 decimal places, the value of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ .
- c) By considering the sign of  $f(x)$  in a suitable interval show clearly that  $\alpha = 0.775$ , correct to 3 decimal places.

 ,  $x_2 = 0.76123$ ,  $x_3 = 0.76736$ ,  $x_4 = 0.77068$ ,  $x_5 = 0.77247$



**Question 5** (\*\*\*)

$$x^3 - x^2 = 6x + 6, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

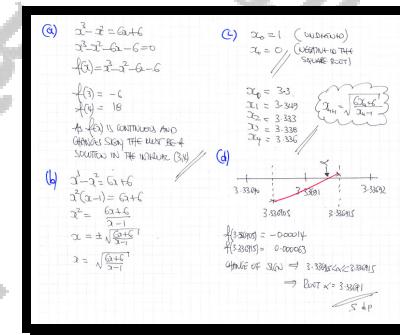
- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$  in the interval  $(3,4)$ .
- b) Show that the above equation can be written as

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{6x+6}{x-1}}.$$

An iterative formula of the form given in part (b), starting with  $x_0$  is used to find  $\alpha$ .

- c) Give two different values for  $x_0$  that would not produce an answer for  $x_1$ .
- d) Starting with  $x_0 = 3.3$  find the value of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$ , giving each of the answers correct to 3 decimal places.
- e) By considering the sign of an appropriate function in a suitable interval, show clearly that  $\alpha = 3.33691$ , correct to 5 decimal places.

,  $x_0 \neq 1, 0, 0.5$  etc ,  $x_1 = 3.349, x_2 = 3.333, x_3 = 3.338, x_4 = 3.336$



**Question 6    (\*\*\*)**

The curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have respective equations

$$y = 9 - x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad y = e^x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Sketch in the same diagram the graph of  $C_1$  and the graph of  $C_2$ .

The sketch must include the coordinates of the points where each of the curves meet the coordinate axes.

- b) By considering the graphs sketched in part (a), show clearly that the equation

$$(9 - x^2)e^{-x} = 1$$

has exactly one positive root and one negative root.

To find the negative root of the equation the following iterative formula is used

$$x_{n+1} = -\sqrt{9 - e^{x_n}}, \quad x_1 = -3.$$

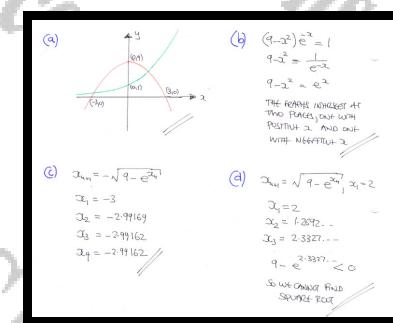
- c) Find, to 5 decimal places, the value of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

To find the positive root of the equation the following iterative formula is used

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{9 - e^{x_n}}, \quad x_1 = 2.$$

- d) Explain, clearly but briefly, why do these iterations fail.

<input type="text"/>	$[C_1 : (-3, 0), (3, 0), (0, 9)]$	$[C_2 : (0, 1)]$
$x_2 = -2.99169, \quad x_3 = -2.99162, \quad x_4 = -2.99162$		



## Question 7 (\*\*\*)

$$x^3 + 3x = 5, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

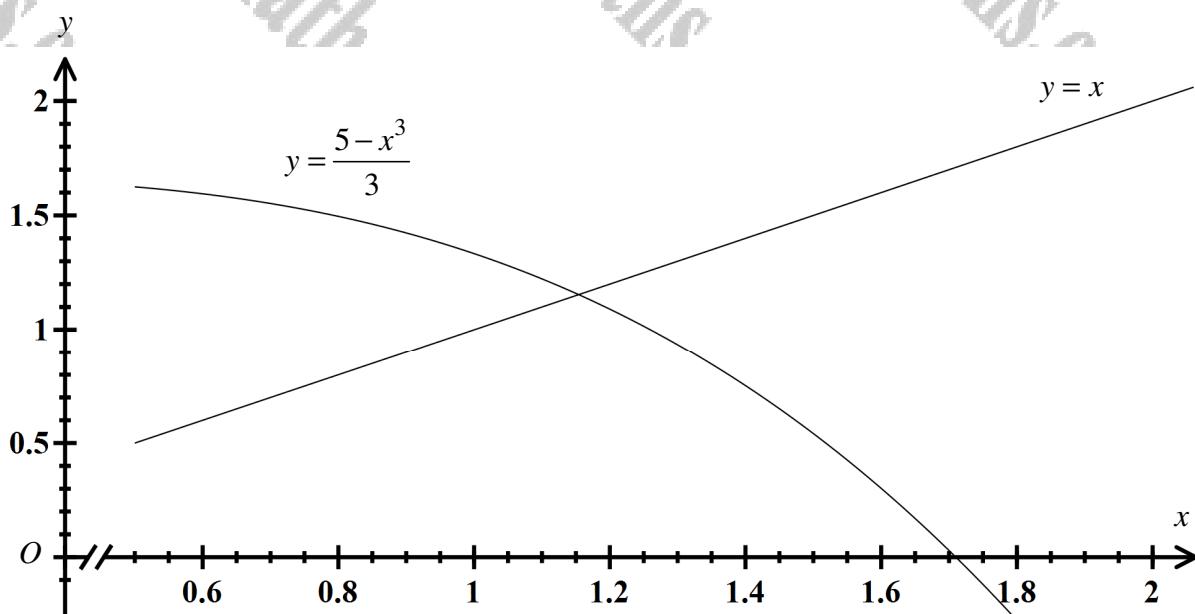
- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$ , between 1 and 2.

An attempt is made to find  $\alpha$  using the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{5 - x_n^3}{3}, \quad x_1 = 1.$$

- b) Find, to 2 decimal places, the value of  $x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$  and  $x_6$ .

The diagram below is used to investigate the results of these iterations.



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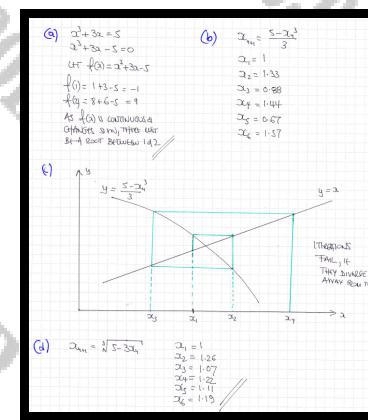
- c) On a copy of this diagram draw a “staircase” or “cobweb” pattern marking the position of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ , further stating the results of these iterations.
- d) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{5 - 3x_n}, \quad x_1 = 1,$$

to find, to 2 decimal places, the value of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_4$ ,  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ .

$$\boxed{x_2 = 1.33, \quad x_3 = 0.88, \quad x_4 = 1.44, \quad x_5 = 0.67, \quad x_6 = 1.57},$$

$$\boxed{x_2 = 1.26, \quad x_3 = 1.07, \quad x_4 = 1.22, \quad x_5 = 1.11, \quad x_6 = 1.19}$$



**Question 8** (\*\*\*)

$$x^3 = 5x + 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$  between 2 and 3.

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{5x_n + 1}, \quad x_1 = 2,$$

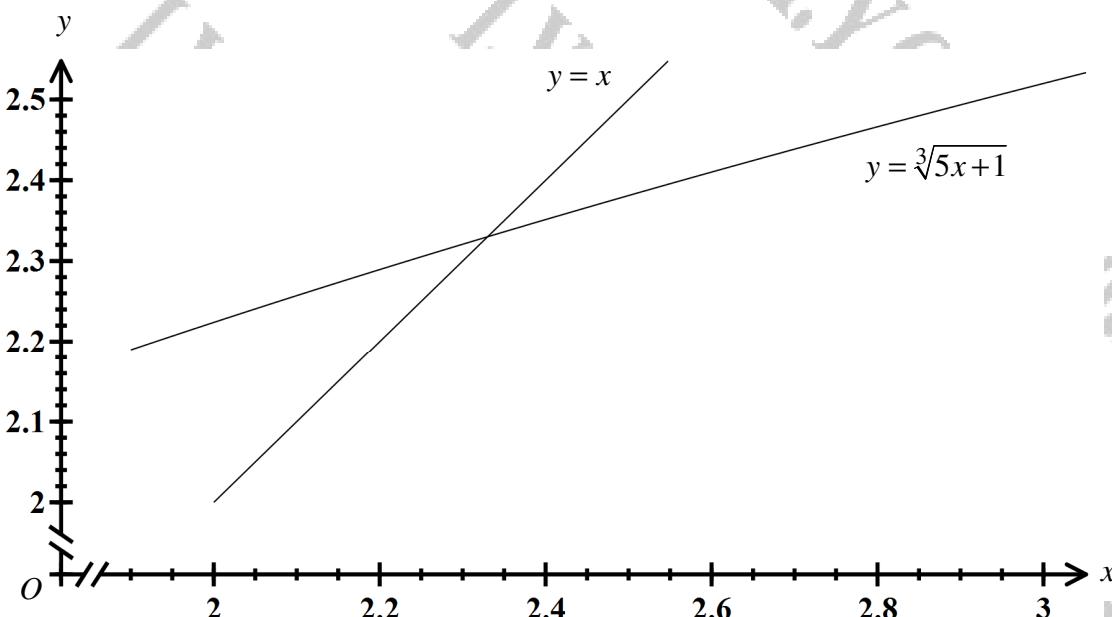
is to be used to find  $\alpha$

- b) Find, to 2 decimal places, the value of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

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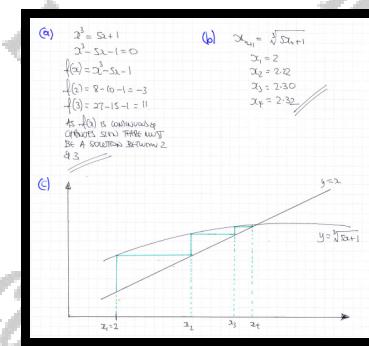
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The diagram below is used to investigate the results of these iterations.



- c) On a copy of this diagram draw a “staircase” or “cobweb” pattern showing how these iterations converge to  $\alpha$ , marking the position of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x_2 = 2.22, \quad x_3 = 2.30, \quad x_4 = 2.32$$



**Question 9** (\*\*\*)

A cubic equation has the following equation.

$$x^3 + 1 = 4x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$ , which lies between 0 and 1.
- Show further that the above equation can be written as

$$x = \frac{1}{4 - x^2}.$$

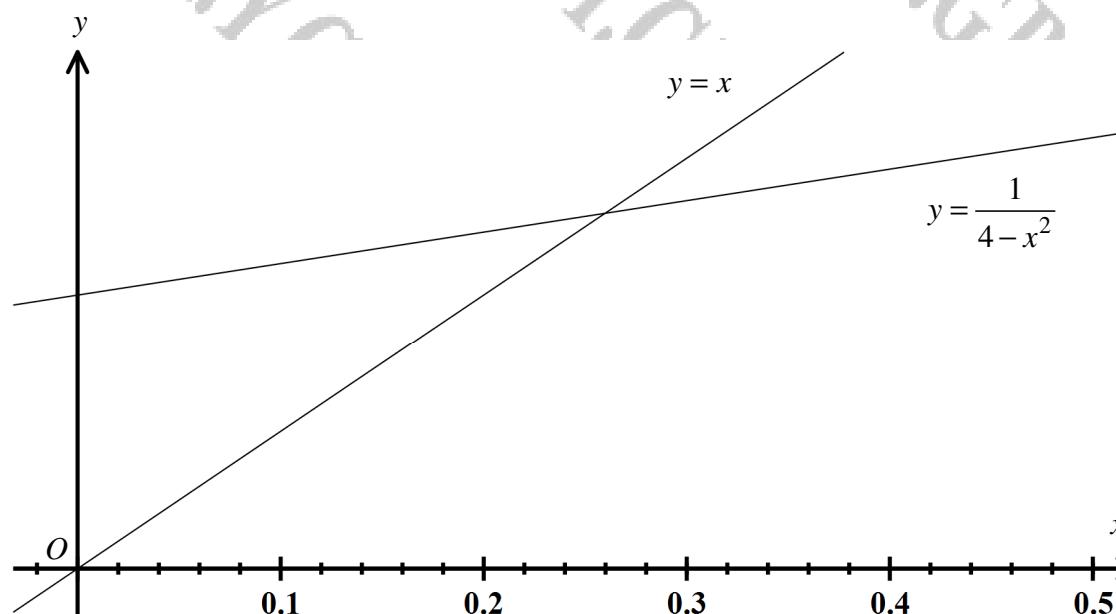
An iterative formula, based on the rearrangement of part (b), is to be used to find  $\alpha$ .

- Starting with  $x_1 = 0.1$ , find to 4 decimal places, the value of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

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The diagram below is used to show the convergence of these iterations.



- d) Draw on a copy of this diagram a “staircase” or “cobweb” pattern showing how these iterations converge to  $\alpha$ , marking the position of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

$$\boxed{\quad}, \boxed{\quad}, \boxed{x_2 = 0.2506}, \boxed{x_3 = 0.2540}, \boxed{x_4 = 0.2541}$$

<p>a) PROCESSED AS FOLLOWS</p> $\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 2^3 + 1 = 4x \\ &\Rightarrow 2^3 - 4x + 1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow f(x) = 2^3 - 4x + 1 \end{aligned}$ <p><math>f(x) = 1 &gt; 0</math></p> <p><math>f(1) = -2 &lt; 0</math></p> <p>As <math>f(x)</math> IS CONTINUOUS AND CHANGES SIGN IN THE INTERVAL <math>(0,1)</math>, THERE MUST BE AT LEAST ONE ROOT OF IN THE INTERVAL</p>	<p>b) REARRANGE THE GIVEN EQUATION</p> $\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 2^3 + 1 = 4x \\ &\Rightarrow 2^3 - 4x = -1 \\ &\Rightarrow x(2^3 - 4) = -1 \\ &\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2^3 - 4} \\ &\Rightarrow x \approx \frac{1}{4 - 2^3} \quad \text{AS REQUIRED} \end{aligned}$	<p>c) WRITING THE ABOVE EQUATION AS A RECURSIVE RELATION</p> $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{4 - x_n^2}$ $\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 0.1 \\ x_2 &= 0.25062606... \approx 0.2506 \\ x_3 &= 0.25398949... \approx 0.2540 \\ x_4 &= 0.254091797... \approx 0.2541 \end{aligned}$	<p>d)</p>
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**Question 10** (\*\*\*)

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 11, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a root  $\alpha$  between 3 and 4.

An approximation to the value of  $\alpha$  is to be found by using the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{6x_n^2 - 12x_n + 11}, \quad x_1 = 3.$$

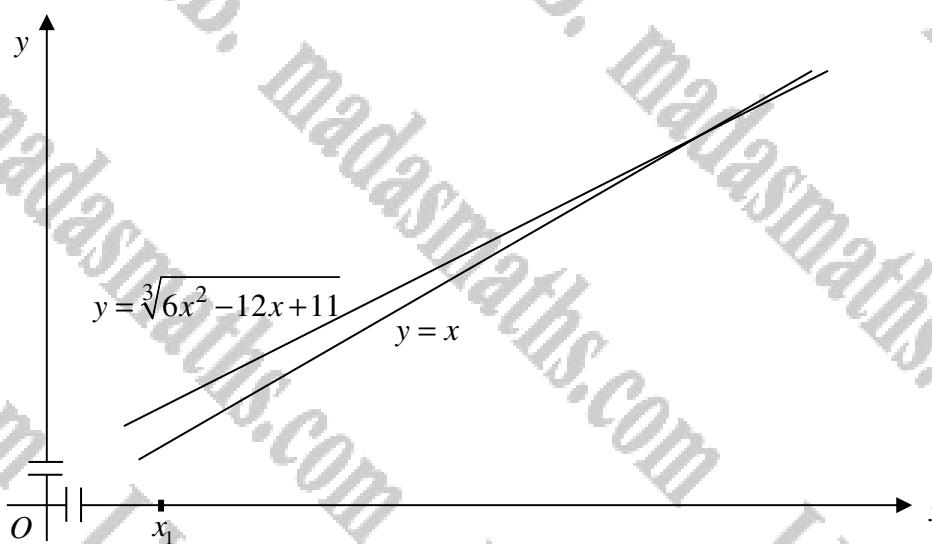
- b) Find, to 3 decimal places, the value of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

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The diagram below shows the graphs of

$$y = x \quad \text{and} \quad y = \sqrt[3]{6x^2 - 12x + 11}.$$



- c) Draw on a copy of the diagram a “staircase” or “cobweb” pattern showing how these iterations converge to  $\alpha$ , marking the position of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .
- d) By considering the sign of  $f(x)$  in a suitable interval show that  $\alpha = 3.442$ , correct to 3 decimal places.

,  $x_2 = 3.072$ ,  $x_3 = 3.133$ ,  $x_4 = 3.185$

a)  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 12x + 11$

$f(3) = -7$  &  $f(4) = 5$ . The interval  $[3, 4]$  therefore contains the leftmost root in the interval.

b)  $x_{\text{new}} = \sqrt[3]{6x_{\text{old}}^2 - 12x_{\text{old}} + 11}$

$x_1 = 3$   
 $x_2 = 3.072$   
 $x_3 = 3.133$   
 $x_4 = 3.185$

(d)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(3.442) = -0.0047 \\ f(3.443) = 0.0016 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{CHANGE OF SIGN} \Rightarrow 3.4415 < \alpha < 3.4425 \Rightarrow \alpha = 3.442$

**Question 11** (\*\*\*)

$$4\arccos x = x+1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

The above equation has a single root  $\alpha$ .

- a) Show that  $0.5 < \alpha < 1$ .

An iterative formula of the form  $x_{n+1} = \cos(f(x_n))$  is used to find  $\alpha$ .

- b) Use this iterative formula, starting with  $x_0 = 1$ , to find the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ .

Give the answers correct to 5 decimal places.

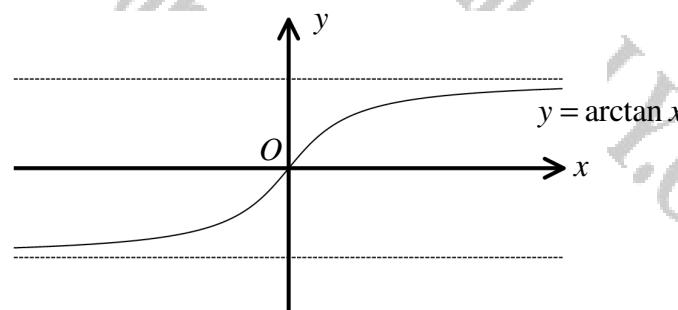
- c) Write down the value of  $\alpha$  to an appropriate accuracy.

,  $x_1 = 0.87758, \quad x_2 = 0.89184, \quad x_3 = 0.89022, \quad x_4 = 0.89041, \quad x_5 = 0.89039$ ,

$\boxed{\alpha = 0.8904}$

<p>(a) <math>4\arccos x = x+1</math>  <math>4\arccos x - x - 1 = 0</math>  <math>\bullet f(x) = 4\arccos x - x - 1</math>  <math>f'(x) = 2.618\dots</math>  <math>f(1) = -2</math>  <math>\therefore f(x)</math> is continuous and          strictly increasing, three must          be 4 root sign that  <math>0.5 &lt; \alpha &lt; 1</math></p>	<p>(b) <math>4\arccos x = x+1</math>  <math>4\arccos x = \frac{x+1}{4}</math>  <math>\alpha = \cos\left(\frac{x+1}{4}\right)</math>  <math>x_{n+1} = \cos\left(\frac{x_n+1}{4}\right)</math>  <math>x_0 = 1</math>  <math>x_1 = 0.87758</math>  <math>x_2 = 0.89184</math>  <math>x_3 = 0.89022</math>  <math>x_4 = 0.89041</math>  <math>x_5 = 0.89039</math></p>
<p>(c) <math>\alpha \approx 0.8904</math></p>	

## Question 12 (\*\*\*)



The diagram above shows the graph of

$$y = \arctan x .$$

- a) Write down the equations of the two horizontal asymptotes.
- b) Copy the diagram above and use it to show that the equation

$$3x - \arctan x = 1$$

has only one positive real root.

- c) Show that this root lies between 0.45 and 0.5.
- d) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(1 + \arctan x_n), \quad x_0 = 0.475$$

to find, to 3 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ .

,  $y = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $x_1 = 0.481$ ,  $x_2 = 0.483$ ,  $x_3 = 0.483$

(a)  $y = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$

(b)  $3x - \arctan x = 1$   
 $3x - 1 = \arctan x$   
 ONLY ONE INTERSECTION  
 $\text{BETWEEN } y=3x-1 \text{ AND } y=\arctan x$

(c)  $3x - \arctan x = 1$   
 Let  $f(x) = 3x - \arctan x - 1$   
 $f(0.45) = -0.0298$        $\{ f(x) \text{ IS CONTINUOUS IN } (0.45, 0.5) \}$   
 $f(0.5) = 0.0364$        $\{ f(0.5) f(0.45) < 0, \exists x \in (0.45, 0.5) \}$   
 $\therefore f(x) = 0$

(d)  $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(1 + \arctan x_n)$   
 $x_0 = 0.475$   
 $x_1 = 0.481$   
 $x_2 = 0.483$   
 $x_3 = 0.483$

**Question 13    (\*\*\*)**

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 3,$$

and crosses the  $x$  axis at the point  $A(\alpha, 0)$ .

- Show that  $\alpha$  lies between 3 and 4.
- Show further that the equation  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 3 = 0$  can be rearranged to

$$x = 3 + \frac{3}{x^2}, \quad x \neq 0.$$

The equation rearrangement of part (b) is written as the following recurrence relation

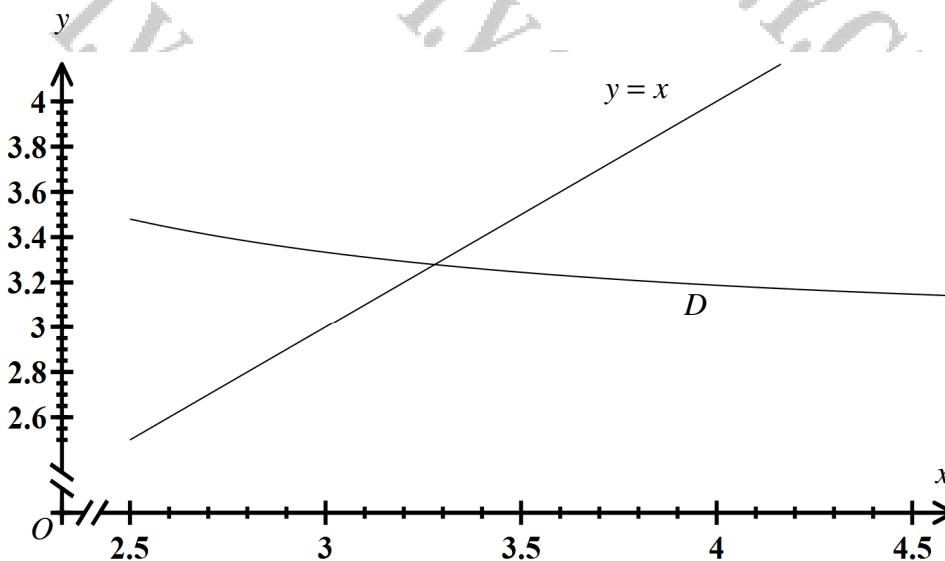
$$x_{n+1} = 3 + \frac{3}{x_n^2}, \quad x_1 = 4.$$

- Use the above iterative formula to find, to 4 decimal places, the value of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ .

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The diagram below is used to describe how the iteration formula converges to  $\alpha$ , and shows the graph of  $y = x$  and another curve  $D$ .



- d) Write down the equation of  $D$ .
- e) On a copy of the diagram draw a “staircase” or a “cob-web” pattern to show how the convergence to the root  $\alpha$  is taking place, marking clearly the position of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ .

$$\boxed{\quad}, \boxed{x_1 = 3.1875, \quad x_2 = 3.2953, \quad x_3 = 3.2763, \quad x_4 = 3.2794}$$

$$\boxed{D : y = 3 + \frac{3}{x^2}}$$

(a)  $y = x^2 - 3x - 3$   
 $\hat{O} = x^2 - 3x^2 - 3 \leftarrow$  crosses y axis  
 let  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x^2 - 3$

$\begin{cases} f(3) = 27 - 27 - 3 = -3 \\ f(4) = 48 - 48 - 3 = 12 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} f(3) \text{ is continuous and changes sign} \\ f(4) \text{ is continuous and changes sign} \end{cases}$  Three more to find solution between 3 & 4

(b)  $x^2 - 3x - 3 = 0$   
 $x^2 = 3x + 3 = 0$  (Divide by  $x^2$ )  
 $x = 3 + \frac{3}{x^2}$

(c)  $x_{n+1} = 3 + \frac{3}{x_n^2}$

$x_1 = 4$   
 $x_2 = 3.1875$   
 $x_3 = 3.2953$   
 $x_4 = 3.2763$   
 $x_5 = 3.2794$

(d) D has equation  $y = 3 + \frac{3}{x^2}$

**Question 14** (\*\*\*)

$$x^3 - 1 - \frac{1}{x} = 0, \quad x \neq 0.$$

- a) By sketching two suitable graphs in the same diagram, show that the above equation has one positive root  $\alpha$  and one negative root  $\beta$ .

The sketch must include the coordinates of the points where the curves meet the coordinate axes.

- b) Explain why  $\alpha > 1$ .

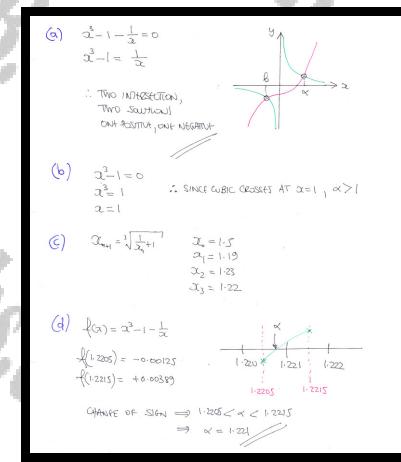
To find  $\alpha$  the following iterative formula is used

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x_n} + 1}, \quad x_0 = 1.5.$$

- c) Find, to 2 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ .

- d) By considering the sign of an appropriate function  $f(x)$  in a suitable interval, show clearly that  $\alpha = 1.221$ , correct to 3 decimal places.

	$x_1 = 1.19$	$x_2 = 1.23$
	$x_3 = 1.22$	



**Question 15** (\*\*\*)

$$f(x) = x^4 + 3x - 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) By sketching two suitable graphs in the same set of axes, determine the number of real roots of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ .
- b) Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a root  $\alpha$  between 0 and 1.

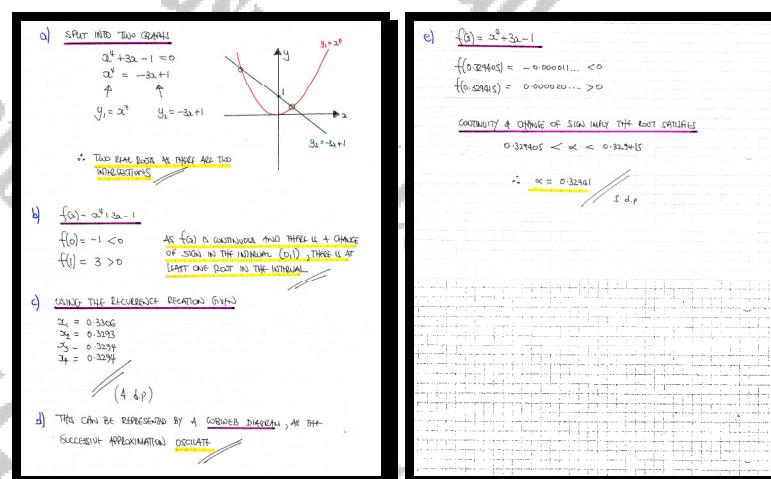
The recurrence relation

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1-x_n^4}{3}$$

starting with  $x_0 = 0.3$  is to be used to find  $\alpha$ .

- c) Find to 4 decimal places, the value of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$ .
- d) Explain whether the convergence to the root  $\alpha$ , can be represented by a cobweb or a staircase diagram.
- e) By considering the sign of  $f(x)$  in a suitable interval, show that  $\alpha = 0.32941$ , correct to 5 decimal places.

[ ] ,  $x_1 = 0.3306, \quad x_2 = 0.3293, \quad x_3 = 0.3294, \quad x_4 = 0.3294$ ,  
 [ ] cobweb, because of oscillation



**Question 16** (\*\*\*)

The curve with equation  $y = 2^x$  intersects the straight line with equation  $y = 3 - 2x$  at the point  $P$ , whose  $x$  coordinate is  $\alpha$ .

a) Show clearly that ...

i. ...  $0.5 < \alpha < 1$ .

ii. ...  $\alpha$  is the solution of the equation

$$x = \frac{\ln(3-2x)}{\ln 2}.$$

An iterative formula based on the equation of part (a<sub>ii</sub>) is used to find  $\alpha$ .

b) Starting with  $x_0 = 0.5$ , find the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ , explaining why a valid value of  $x_4$  cannot be produced.

c) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{3-2^{x_n}}{2}, \quad x_0 = 0.5,$$

with as many iterations as necessary, to determine the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places.

,  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 0$ ,  $x_3 = 1.584$  ,  $\alpha = 0.69$

(a) (i)  $y = 2^x$   $\Rightarrow 2^x = 3-2x$   
 $y = 3-2x$   $\Rightarrow 2^x + 2x - 3 = 0$   
 $\therefore f(x) = 2^x + 2x - 3$

(ii)  $f(0.5) = -0.585$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x) \text{ is continuous} \\ f(0.5)f(1) < 0 \end{array} \right.$   
 $f(1) = 1$   $\exists x \in (0.5, 1) : f(x) = 0$

(iii)  $2^x = 3-2x$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln 2^x = \ln(3-2x)$   
 $\Rightarrow x \ln 2 = \ln(3-2x)$   
 $\therefore x = \frac{\ln(3-2x)}{\ln 2}$

(iv)  $x_{n+1} = \frac{\ln(3-2x_n)}{\ln 2}$   
 $x_0 = 0.5$   
 $x_1 = 1$   
 $x_2 = 0$   
 $x_3 = 1.584$   
 $x_4 = \text{FAIL BECAUSE ARGUMENT OF LOGARITHM BECOMES NEGATIVE}$

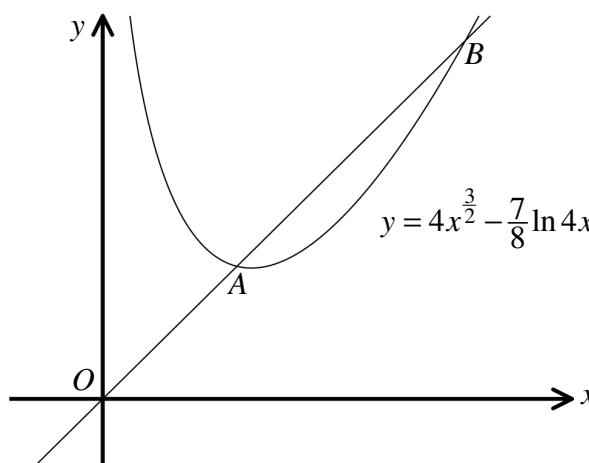
(v)  $x_{n+1} = \frac{3-2^{x_n}}{2}$   
 $x_0 = 0.5$   
 $x_1 = 0.7926\dots$   
 $x_2 = 0.6337\dots$   
 $x_3 = 0.7242\dots$   
 $x_4 = 0.6737\dots$   
 $x_5 = 0.7022\dots$   
 $x_6 = 0.6868\dots$   
 $x_7 = 0.6553\dots$   
 $x_8 = 0.6933\dots$   
 $x_9 = 0.6931\dots$   
 $\therefore x \approx 0.69$

**Question 17** (\*\*\*)A curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = 4x^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{7}{8} \ln 4x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > 0.$$

The point  $A$  is on  $C$ , where  $x = \frac{1}{4}$ .

- a) Find an equation of the normal to the curve at  $A$ .

This normal meets the curve again at the point  $B$ , as shown in the figure above.

- b) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of  $B$  satisfies the equation

$$x = \left( \frac{16x + 7 \ln 4x}{32} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

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The recurrence relation

$$x_{n+1} = \left( \frac{16x_n + 7\ln 4x_n}{32} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}, \quad x_0 = 0.7$$

is to be used to find the  $x$  coordinate of  $B$ .

- c) Find, to 3 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .
- d) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of  $B$  is 0.6755, correct to 4 decimal places.

5	$y = 2x$	$x_1 = 0.692$	$x_2 = 0.686$	$x_3 = 0.683$	$x_4 = 0.680$
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a)

$$y = 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{7}{8}\ln 4x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{7}{8} \times \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0.7} = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{8} \times 4 = 3 - \frac{7}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

- NORMAL GRADIENT = 2
- $y = 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{7}{8}\ln 4x = \frac{1}{2} + C$  ( $\frac{1}{2}$  is  $C$ )
- $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$
- $y - \frac{1}{2} = 2(x - \frac{1}{2})$
- $y - \frac{1}{2} = 2x - \frac{1}{2}$
- $y = 2x$

b)

$$y = 2x \quad \& \quad y = 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{7}{8}\ln 4x$$

$$2x = 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{7}{8}\ln 4x$$

$$2x + \frac{7}{8}\ln 4x = 4x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{16x + 7\ln 4x}{32} = 4x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{(16x + 7\ln 4x)}{32}$$

$$x = \left( \frac{16x + 7\ln 4x}{32} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

c)

$$x_{n+1} = \left[ \frac{(16x_n + 7\ln 4x_n)}{32} \right]^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$x_0 = 0.7$   
 $x_1 = 0.692$   
 $x_2 \approx 0.686$   
 $x_3 \approx 0.683$   
 $x_4 \approx 0.680$

d)

GRAPH SKETCHED

$$2x = 0^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{7}{8}\ln 4x$$

$$2x - 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{7}{8}\ln 4x = 0$$

$$(2x)(2x) - (4x^{\frac{1}{2}})(2x) + (\frac{7}{8}\ln 4x)(2x) = 0$$

$$(0.6755)(0.6755) - (0.6755)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2)(0.6755) + (\frac{7}{8}\ln 4(0.6755))(0.6755) = 0$$

$$(0.6755)(0.6755) - (0.6755)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2)(0.6755) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{CHANGE OF SIGN (AND CONVERGENCE) INDICATED}$$

$$(0.6755)(0.6755) - (0.6755)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2)(0.6755) < 0 \Rightarrow 0.6755 < x < 0.6755$$

$$x \approx 0.6755$$

ACCURATE TO 4.d.p.

**Question 18    (\*\*\*)**

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = x \cos x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

The curve has a single turning point at  $M$ ,

- a) Show that  $x$  coordinate of  $M$  is a solution of the equation

$$x = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right).$$

- b) Show further that the equation

$$x = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

has root  $\alpha$  between 0.8 and 1.

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x_n}\right) \text{ with } x_1 = 0.9$$

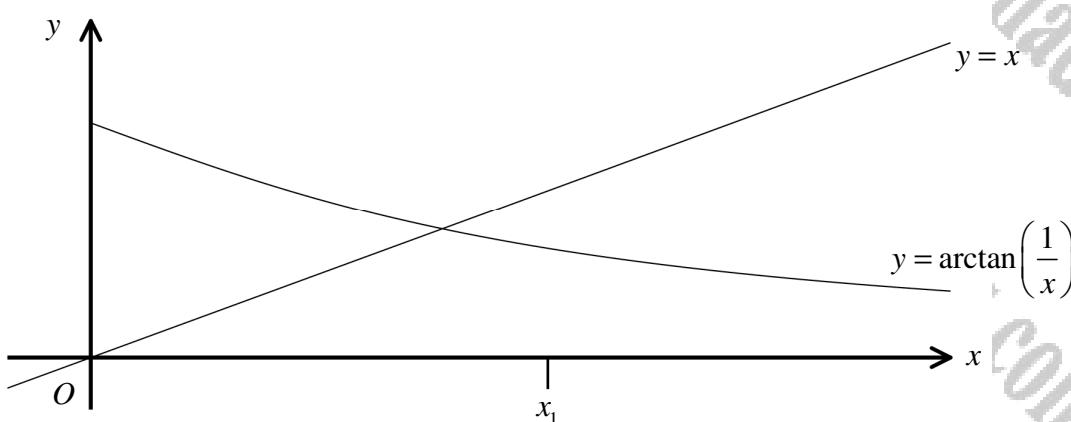
is to be used to find  $\alpha$ .

- c) Find, to 3 decimal places, the value of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

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The diagram below shows the graphs of  $y = x$  and  $y = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ .



- d) Use a copy of the above diagram to show how the convergence to the root  $\alpha$  takes place, by constructing a staircase or cobweb pattern.

Indicate clearly the positions of  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

$$\boxed{\text{[y]}} , x_2 = 0.838, x_3 = 0.873, x_4 = 0.853$$

a) Differentiate with respect to  $x$  by product rule & set to zero

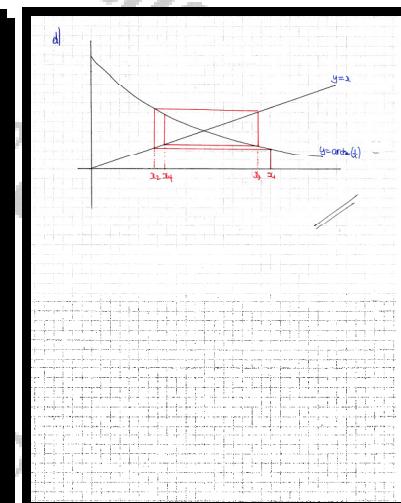
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= \arctan x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 \times (\cos x) + 2(-\sin x) \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= \cos x - 2\sin x \\ \Rightarrow \cos x &= 2\sin x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\tan x} &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow \tan x &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

b) Write about equation as a function  $f(x) = x - \arctan(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= -0.0000... < 0 \\ f(1) &= +0.24401... > 0 \end{aligned}$$

As  $f(x)$  is continuous in the interval  $(0, 1)$ , and there is a change of sign, there must be at least one solution in the interval.

c) Use the Newton-Gron method  $x_0 = 0.9$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{new} &= \arctan\left(\frac{1}{x_0}\right) \\ x_1 &= 0.9 \\ x_2 &\approx 0.838 \\ x_3 &\approx 0.873 \\ x_4 &\approx 0.853 \end{aligned}$$


**Question 19** (\*\*\*\*)

$$f(x) \equiv |4e^{2x} - 28|, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) Sketch the graph of  $f(x)$ .

The sketch must include the coordinates of any intersections with the coordinate axes and the equations of any asymptotes.

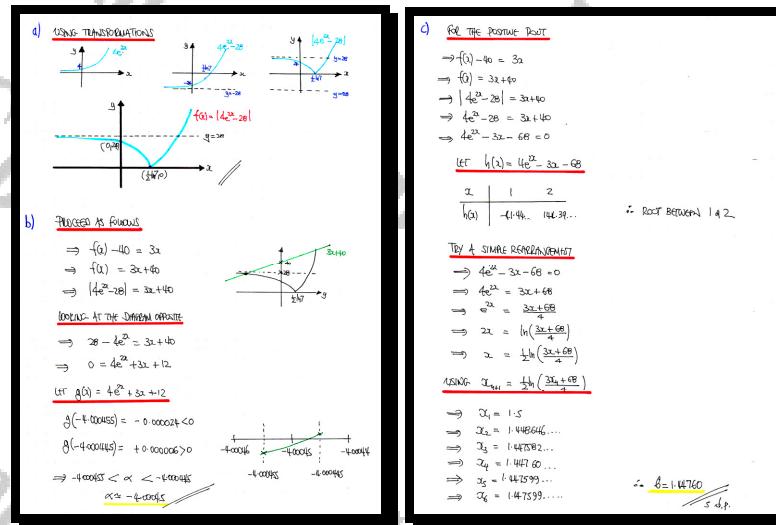
The equation  $f(x) - 40 = 3x$  has a negative root  $\alpha$ .

- b) Show that  $\alpha = -4.00045$ , correct to 5 decimal places.

The equation  $f(x) - 40 = 3x$  also has a positive root  $\beta$ .

- c) Use a numerical method, based on an iterative method, to determine the value of  $\beta$  correct to 5 decimal places.

,  $\beta \approx 1.44760$



**Question 20** (\*\*\*)

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = \frac{3x+1}{x^3 - x^2 + 5}.$$

The curve has a single stationary point at  $M$ , with approximate coordinates  $(1.4, 0.9)$ .

- a) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of  $M$  is a solution of the equation

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{5}{2}}.$$

- b) By using an iterative formula based on the equation of part (a), determine the coordinates of  $M$  correct to three decimal places.

,  $M(1.439, 0.900)$

<p>(a) <math>y = \frac{3x+1}{x^3 - x^2 + 5}</math></p> $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x^3 - x^2 + 5)x^3 - (3x^2)(3x^2 - 2)}{(x^3 - x^2 + 5)^2}$ <p>For T.P. <math>\frac{dy}{dx} = 0</math>, i.e. NUMERATOR = 0</p> $\Rightarrow 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 15 - 9x^2 + 6x^5 > 3x^2 - 2x = 0$ $\Rightarrow -6x^2 + 2x + 15 = 0$ $\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 2x - 15 = 0$ $\Rightarrow (2x + 5)(3x - 3) = 0$ $\Rightarrow x = -2.5 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1$ $\Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{5}{2}}$ $\Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{3}(1) + \frac{5}{2}}$ <p>ANSWER</p>	<p>(b) <math>x_m = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{5}{2}}</math></p> $x_1 = 1.4 \dots$ $x_2 = 1.43691 \dots$ $x_3 = 1.43887 \dots$ $x_4 = 1.43898 \dots$ $x_5 = 1.43899 \dots$ $y = \frac{3(1.439) + 1}{(1.439)^3 - (1.439)^2 + 5}$ $y = 0.8998 \dots$ <p><math>\therefore M(1.439, 0.900)</math></p>
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**Question 21** (\*\*\*\*)

The curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have respective equations

$$y_1 = 3 \arcsin(x-1) \text{ and } y_1 = 2 \arccos(x-1).$$

- a) Sketch in the same set of axes the graph of  $C_1$  and the graph of  $C_2$ .

The sketch must include the coordinates.

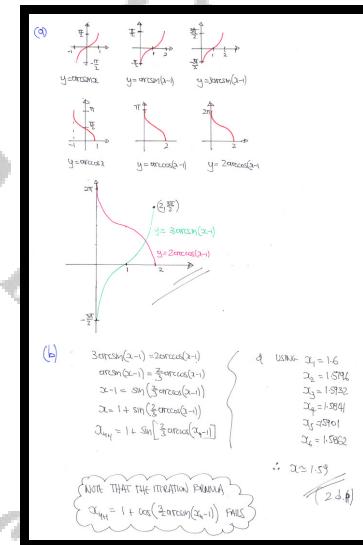
- ... of any points where each of the graphs meet the coordinate axes.
- ... of the endpoints of each of the graphs.

- b) Use a suitable iteration formula of the form

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) \text{ with } x_1 = 1.6,$$

to find an approximate value for the  $x$  coordinate of the point of intersection between the graph of  $C_1$  and the graph of  $C_2$ .

,  $x \approx 1.59$



**Question 22** (\*\*\*\*)

At the point  $P$  which lies on the curve with equation

$$x = \ln(y^3 - 4y),$$

the gradient is 2.

The point  $P$  is close to the point with coordinates  $(\frac{11}{2}, \frac{13}{2})$ .

- a) Show that the  $y$  coordinate of  $P$  is a solution of the equation

$$y = \frac{6y^2 - 8}{y^2 - 4}.$$

- b) By using an iterative formula based on the equation of part (a), determine the coordinates of  $P$  correct to three decimal places.

,  $P(5.480, 6.429)$

<p>(a) <math>x = \ln(y^3 - 4y)</math></p> $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{y^3 - 4y} \times (3y^2 - 4)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3y^2 - 4}{y^3 - 4y}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^3 - 4y}{3y^2 - 4}$ <p>NOW</p> $\frac{y^3 - 4y}{3y^2 - 4} = 2$ $y^3 - 4y = 6y^2 - 8$ $y^3 - 6y^2 + 8 = 0$ $y = \frac{6y^2 - 8}{y^2 - 4}$	<p>(b) <math>y_m = \frac{6y^2 - 8}{y^2 - 4}</math></p> <p>START with <math>y_1 = \frac{13}{2}</math></p> $y_1 = 6.4250$ $y_2 = 6.4207$ $y_3 = 6.4204$ $y_4 = 6.4204$ $y_5 = 6.4204$ <p>SOLN: <math>x = \ln(y^3 - 4y)</math></p> $x = \ln(6.4204^3 - 4(6.4204))$ $x = 5.48049...$ $\therefore P(5.480, 6.429)$
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**Question 23** (\*\*\*\*)

At the point  $P$  which lies on the curve with equation

$$y = \frac{x}{y + \ln y},$$

the gradient is 2.

The point  $P$  is close to the point with coordinates  $(-0.3, 0.3)$ .

- a) Show that the  $y$  coordinate of  $P$  is a solution of the equation

$$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(4y+1)}$$

- b) By using an iterative formula based on the equation of part (a), determine the coordinates of  $P$  correct to three decimal places.

,   $P(-0.262, 0.320)$

**a)** START BY REARRANGING THE EQUATION FOR  $x$  - THEN DIFFERENTIATE

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow y &= \frac{x}{y + \ln y} \\ \rightarrow y^2 + y \ln y &= x \\ \rightarrow x &= y^2 + y \ln y \\ \rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= 2y + \ln y + y \cdot \frac{1}{y} \\ \rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= 2y + \ln y + 1 \\ \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2y + \ln y + 1} \\ \text{SOLVING } \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 &= \frac{1}{2y + \ln y + 1} \\ \rightarrow 2 &= \frac{1}{2y + \ln y + 1} \\ \rightarrow 4y + 2\ln y + 2 &= 1 \\ \rightarrow 4y + 2\ln y + 1 &= 0 \\ \rightarrow 2\ln y &= -1 - 4y \\ \rightarrow \ln y &= -\frac{1}{2} - 2y \\ \rightarrow \ln y &= -\frac{1}{2}(4y+1) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(4y+1)}$  At  $x = 0$

**b)** USING THE ITERATIVE FORMULA  $y_1 = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(4y_0+1)}$

STARTING WITH  $y_0 = -0.3$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 0.316521... \\ y_2 &= 0.32051... \\ y_3 &= 0.32077... \\ y_4 &= 0.320793... \\ y_5 &= 0.320795... \\ y_6 &= 0.3207951... \\ y_7 &= 0.32079514... \\ y_8 &= 0.320795145... \\ y_9 &= 0.3207951454... \end{aligned}$$

THE CONVERGENCE IS BY OSCILLATION BUT VERY SLOW

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 0.316521... \\ y_2 &= 0.32051... \\ y_3 &= 0.32077... \\ y_4 &= 0.320793... \\ y_5 &= 0.320795... \\ y_6 &= 0.3207951... \\ y_7 &= 0.32079514... \\ y_8 &= 0.320795145... \\ y_9 &= 0.3207951454... \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y = 0.320$  (Correct to 3 d.p.)

ANSWER  $y = 0.320$  IN  $x = y^2 + y \ln y$  WE FIND  $x = -0.262$

$\therefore P(-0.262, 0.320)$

**Question 24** (\*\*\*\*)

A curve has equation

$$y = \frac{x+1}{x^3 + 2x + 1}.$$

It is given that the curve has a local maximum at the point  $M$ , whose approximate coordinates are  $(-1.7, 0.1)$ .

- a) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of  $M$  is a solution of the equation

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

- b) By using an iterative formula based on the equation of part (a), determine the coordinates of  $M$  correct to three decimal places.
- c) State, with a reason, whether the convergence taking place using the formula of part (b) is of the "cobweb" type or the "staircase" type.

 ,  $M(-1.678, 0.096)$

a) START BY DIFFERENTIATION

$$y = \frac{x+1}{x^3 + 2x + 1} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+1)(x^2 + 2x + 2) - (x^3 + 2x + 1)(2x+2)}{(x^3 + 2x + 1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 + x - (3x^4 + 5x^3 + 2x^2)}{(x^3 + 2x + 1)^2}$$

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

SOLVING FOR ZERO TO SEARCH FOR STATIONARY POINTS

$$\Rightarrow -2x^3 - 3x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3x^2 - 1 = 2x^3$$

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

As required

b) USING THE ABOVE FORMULA AS A RECURRANCE RELATION

$$x_{n+1} = -\frac{3x_n^2 + 1}{2x_n^3}, \quad x_1 = -1.7$$

$$x_2 = -1.67801\dots$$

$$x_3 = -1.67800\dots$$

$$x_4 = -1.67744\dots$$

$$x_5 = -1.67709$$

$$x_6 = -1.67704$$

$$x_7 = -1.67703$$

NOW USING  $x_7 = -1.67703$  ... we obtain

$$y = \frac{x+1}{(x_7)^3 + 2x_7 + 1} = 0.095758\dots$$

$$\therefore M(-1.678, 0.096)$$

3 d.p.

c) As convergence takes place by oscillations, we have a "cobweb" type diagram

**Question 25** (\*\*\*\*)

It is required to find the approximate coordinates of the points of intersection between the graphs of

$$y_1 = 9 - x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = \ln(x-1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > 1.$$

- a) Show that the two graphs intersect at a single point  $P$ .
- b) Explain why the  $x$  coordinate of  $P$  lies between 2 and 3.

The recurrence formula

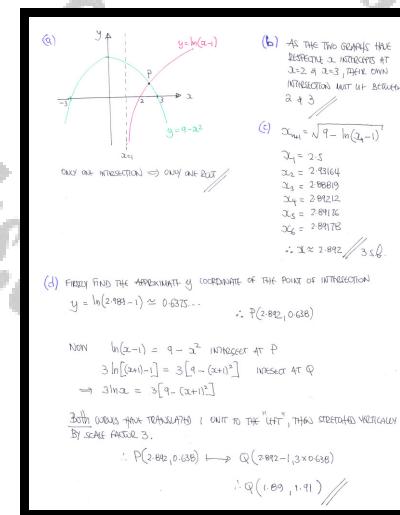
$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{9 - \ln(x_n - 1)},$$

starting with a suitable value for  $x_1$ , is to be used to find the  $x$  coordinate of  $P$ .

- c) Calculate the  $x$  coordinate of  $P$ , correct to three decimal places.
- d) By considering two suitable transformations, determine correct to two decimal places the coordinates of the points of intersection between the graph of

$$y_3 = 3[9 - (x+1)^2], \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad y_4 = 3\ln x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > 0.$$

C1,  $x \approx 2.892$ ,  $(1.89, 1.91)$



**Question 26** (\*\*\*\*)

$$y = \arctan x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) By writing  $y = \arctan x$  as  $x = \tan y$  show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = \arctan x - 4\ln(1+x^2) - 3x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- b) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of the stationary point of  $C$  is a root of the equation

$$6x^3 + 14x - 1 = 0.$$

- c) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$  in the interval  $(0,1)$ .

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1-6x_n^3}{14} \quad \text{with } x_0 = 0,$$

is used to find this root.

- d) Find, correct to 6 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ .

- e) Hence write down the value of  $\alpha$ , correct to 5 decimal places.

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x_1 = 0.071429, \quad x_2 = 0.071272, \quad x_3 = 0.071273, \quad \boxed{\alpha = 0.07127}$$

Handwritten working for Question 26:

(a)  $y = \arctan x$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \tan y$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \sec^2 y$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+\tan^2 y}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

(b)  $y = \arctan x - 4\ln(1+x^2) - 3x^2$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} - 4\left(\frac{1}{1+x^2}\right) \times 2x - 6x$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{8x}{1+x^2} - 6x$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-8x^2-6x^3}{1+x^2}$

Find turning points  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1-8x^2-6x^3}{1+x^2}$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 1-8x^2-6x^3$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 1-8x^2$   
 $\Rightarrow 8x^2 = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{8}$   
 $\therefore 6x^3 + 14x - 1 = 0$

(c)  $x_n = \frac{1-6x_n^3}{14}$   
 $\alpha_0 = 0$   
 $\alpha_1 = 0.071429$   
 $\alpha_2 = 0.071272$   
 $\alpha_3 = 0.071273$

(d)  $x = 0.07127$  (5.d.p.)

(e)  $f(x) = 6x^3 + 14x - 1$   
 $f'(x) = 18x^2 + 14$   
 $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x$   
 $f(0) = -1 < 0$   
 $f(1) = 19 > 0$   
 $\therefore f(x) = 0$  has one root in the interval  $(0,1)$ .  
 $\therefore \alpha = 0.07127$

**Question 27** (\*\*\*\*)

$$y = \arctan x, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- a) By writing  $y = \arctan x$  as  $x = \tan y$  show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}.$$

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = 2\arctan x - 3\ln(1+x^2) - 7x^2, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- b) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of the stationary point of  $C$  is a solution of the cubic equation

$$7x^3 + 10x - 1 = 0.$$

- c) Hence show further that the  $x$  coordinate of the stationary point of  $C$  is 0.099314, correct to 6 decimal places.

, proof

a) PROCEED AS FOLLOWS

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow y &= \arctan x \\ \rightarrow \tan y &= x \\ \rightarrow x &= \tan y \\ \rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= \sec^2 y \\ \rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= 1 + \tan^2 y \\ \rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} &= 1 + x^2 \\ \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \end{aligned}$$

↑ REVERSE

b)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2\arctan x - 3\ln(1+x^2) - 7x^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{1+x^2} - 3\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right) - 14x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2}{1+x^2} - \frac{6x}{1+x^2} - 14x \\ \text{SOLVING FOR ZEROES} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2}{1+x^2} - \frac{6x}{1+x^2} - 14x &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2 - 6x - 14x(2^{\pm 1}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2 - 6x - 14x^2 - 14x &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0 = 14x^3 + 20x - 2 & \\ \Rightarrow 7x^3 + 10x - 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

✓ REQUIRED

c) WRITING THE ABOVE EQUATION IN FUNCTION FORM

- $f(x) = 7x^3 + 10x - 1$
- $f(0.099315) = -0.000008... < 0$
- $f(0.099316) = +0.000002... > 0$

• As  $f(x)$  is continuous and changes sign in the above interval,

$$0.099315 < \text{root} < 0.099316$$

Thus the root is 0.099314, to 6 decimal places

**Question 28**    (\*\*\*)

$$y = \arcsin x, -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

- a) By writing  $y = \arcsin x$  as  $x = \sin y$  show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = 3 \arcsin x - 4x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 5, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

- b) Show that the  $x$  coordinates of the stationary points of  $C$  are the solutions of the equation

$$4x^3 - 4x + 1 = 0$$

- c) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$  in the interval  $(0,0.5)$

The root  $\alpha$  can be found by using the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = x_n^3 + \frac{1}{4}, \text{ with } x_0 = 0.5$$

- d) Find, correct to 3 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$

- e) By considering the sign of an appropriate function  $f(x)$  in a suitable interval, show that  $\alpha = 0.2696$ , correct to 4 decimal places.

$[x_1 = 0.375, x_2 = 0.303, x_3 = 0.278, x_4 = 0.271], \alpha = 0.07127$

(2)  $y = \arcsin x$

$$\Rightarrow \sin y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \cos y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \pm 1 - \sin^2 y$$

But if  $y = \arcsin x$ , then  
 $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$   
 $\therefore \cos y \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = +\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

(3)  $y = \arcsin(x-a) - b^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(x-a)^2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Solve for zero to find turning points

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(x-a)^2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-a)^2 = \frac{1}{b^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (\text{square both sides})$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x_a = \frac{1}{b^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_a = \frac{1}{3b^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_a = 3x_a - b^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x_a - 3b^{\frac{1}{2}} + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^{\frac{1}{2}} - bx_a + 3 = 0$$

(4) Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 1$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 4$$

For  $f(x) = 0$ ,  
 $2x - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2$   
 $f(x) > 0$  for  $x < 2$  and changes sign  
 in the interval  $(0, 2)$ , hence must be  
 a root in this interval.

(5)  $Q_{n+1} = Q_n^3 + \frac{1}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = 0.5$$

$$x_1 = 0.25$$

$$x_2 = 0.363$$

$$x_3 = 0.218$$

$$x_4 = 0.211$$

(6)  $f(0.3153) = 0.02024$   
 $f(0.3176) = -0.00077$

for  $f(x) < 0$ ,  
 $0.3153 < x < 0.3176$   
 $\therefore x = 0.316$  to 3.s.f.

**Question 29    (\*\*\*)**

It is known that the cubic equation

$$x^3 - 2x = 5, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

has a single real solution  $\alpha$ , which is close to 2.1.

Four iterative formulas based on rearrangements of this equation are being considered for their suitability to approximate the value of  $\alpha$  to greater accuracy.

- $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_n^3 - 5)$

- $x_{n+1} = \frac{5}{x_n^2 - 2}$

- $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{2x_n + 5}$

- $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + \frac{5}{x_n}}$

- a) Use a differentiation method, and **without** carrying any direct iterations, briefly describe the suitability of these four formulas.

In these descriptions you must make a reference to rates of convergence or divergence, and cobweb or staircase diagrams.

- b) Use one of these four formulas to approximate the value of  $\alpha$ , correct to 6 decimal places

,  $\alpha \approx 2.094551$

<p><b>WRITE EACH FORMULA IN <math>y</math> NOTATION &amp; DIFFERENTIATE</b></p> <p>• <math>y = \frac{1}{2}(x^3 - 5)</math>      <math>y = \left(2 + \frac{5}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}</math></p> $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^2$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}\left(2 + \frac{5}{x}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \left(-\frac{5}{x^2}\right)$ <p>• <math>y = (2x+5)^{\frac{1}{3}}</math></p> $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{3}(2x+5)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$ <p>• <math>y = 5(2-x)^{-1}</math></p> $\frac{dy}{dx} = -5(2-x)^{-2}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-10x}{(2-x)^2}$ <p><b>NOTE: EXCLUDED THESE INEQUALITIES IN THE INVESTIGATION ARE <math> x  &lt; 2</math></b></p> <p><math>\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 \quad \left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right _{x=2} = +6.615 &gt; 1</math>      <b>RAPID CONVERGENCE WITHOUT OSCILLATIONS (MOVE AWAY FROM <math>x_0</math>)</b></p> <p><math>\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{3}(2x+5)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \quad \left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right _{x=2} = +0.178...</math>      <b>RAPID CONVERGENCE WITH OSCILLATIONS AS THE STEPS IS BEING <math>&gt; 1</math> (MOVE TOWARDS <math>x_0</math>)</b></p> <p><math>\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{10x}{(2-x)^2} \quad \left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right _{x=2} = -3.615 &lt; -1</math>      <b>OSCILLATIONS AT THIS POINT IS BEING <math>-1</math> (MOVE AWAY FROM <math>x_0</math>)</b></p> <p><math>\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}\left(2 + \frac{5}{x}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times \left(-\frac{5}{x^2}\right) \quad \left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right _{x=2} = -0.2708</math>      <b>(RAPID) CONVERGENCE WITH OSCILLATIONS AS THIS POINT IS PRECISELY EQUAL TO <math>0</math> (MOVE TOWARDS <math>x_0</math>)</b></p>	<p><b>CRUCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE VALUE OF THE ITERATION CLOSE TO THE ROOT</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">+</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NEGATIVE <math>\Rightarrow</math> COULD DIVIDE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">CONVERGE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">POSITIVE <math>\Rightarrow</math> STUCK IN A CYCLE</td> </tr> </table> <p>PICK THE FORMULA WHICH PRODUCED THE CLOSEST TO ZERO</p> <p><math>y_{0,0} = (2+5)^{\frac{1}{3}}</math></p> <p><math>y_1 = 2.1</math>  <math>y_2 = 2.095319106</math>  <math>y_3 = 2.09467239</math>  <math>y_4 = 2.094570591</math>  <math>y_5 = 2.094551585</math>  <math>y_6 = 2.094551423</math>  <math>y_7 = 2.094551409</math>  <math>y_8 = 2.094551407</math></p> <p><math>\therefore \alpha \approx 2.094551</math>      C &amp; P</p>	-	0	+	NEGATIVE $\Rightarrow$ COULD DIVIDE	CONVERGE	POSITIVE $\Rightarrow$ STUCK IN A CYCLE
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**Question 30** (\*\*\*\*+)

A function  $f$  is defined in the largest real domain by the equation

$$f(x) \equiv \frac{50x^2 - 142x + 95}{2x - 5}.$$

- a) State the domain of  $f$ .
- b) Evaluate  $f(1)$ ,  $f(2)$  and  $f(3)$ , and hence briefly discuss the number of possible intersections of  $f$  with the coordinate axes, ...
  - i. ... in the interval  $[1, 2]$ .
  - ii. ... in the interval  $[2, 3]$ .
- c) Express  $f(x)$  in the form  $Ax + B + \frac{C}{2x - 5}$ , where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are constants.
- d) Calculate, correct to 3 decimal places, the  $x$  coordinates of the stationary points of  $f$ .

$$\boxed{\text{Domain}}, \quad \boxed{x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \frac{5}{2}}, \quad \boxed{f(x) \equiv 25x - 8.5 + \frac{52.5}{2x - 5}}, \quad \boxed{x \approx 3.525, x \approx 1.475}$$

**3**

$f(x) = \frac{50x^2 - 142x + 95}{2x - 5}$

a)  $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \frac{5}{2}$  (denominator not zero)  $\swarrow$

b) i)  $f(1) = -1 < 0$   
 $f(2) = -11 < 0$   
 NO CHANGE OF SIGN

ii)  $f(2) = -11 < 0$   
 $f(3) = 19 > 0$   
 CHANGE OF SIGN

AS THE FUNCTION HAS NO DISCONTINUITIES BETWEEN 1 & 2, EITHER THERE ARE NO SOLUTIONS IN THIS INTERVAL OR THREE IS AN EVEN NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS (SEE DIAGRAM)

iii)  $f(2) = 19 > 0$   
 $f(3) = 49 > 0$   
 THE FUNCTION HAS A DISCONTINUITY AT  $x=2.5$  (ASYMPTOTE)  
 EITHER THERE ARE NO SOLUTIONS IN THE INTERVAL OR THREE IS AN ODD NUMBER OF ROOTS (SEE DIAGRAM)

**4** BY LONG DIVISION

$2x - 5$	$\overline{)50x^2 - 142x + 95}$	$25x - \frac{17}{2}$
	$-50x^2 + 125x$	
	$+17x + 95$	
	$+17x - \frac{85}{2}$	
	$\frac{105}{2}$	

$\therefore f(x) = 25x - \frac{17}{2} + \frac{105}{2(2x - 5)}$   $\therefore A = 25$   
 $B = -\frac{17}{2}$   $C = \frac{105}{2}$

d)  $f(x) = 25x - \frac{17}{2} + \frac{105}{2(2x - 5)}$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 25 - \frac{105}{2(2x - 5)^2} \times 2$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 25 - \frac{105}{(2x - 5)^2}$

SOLVING FOR  $25x - \frac{17}{2} + \frac{105}{2(2x - 5)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{105}{(2x - 5)^2} &= 25 \\ \Rightarrow (2x - 5)^2 &= \frac{21}{25} \\ \Rightarrow 2x - 5 &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{21}{25}} \\ \Rightarrow 2x &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 5 \pm \sqrt{\frac{21}{25}} \right] = \begin{cases} 3.525 \\ 1.475 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 31** (\*\*\*)+

$$y = \arcsin x, -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

- a) By writing  $y = \arcsin x$  as  $x = \sin y$  show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = 2\arcsin x - 4x^{\frac{3}{2}}, 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

- b) Show that the  $x$  coordinates of the stationary points of  $C$  are the solutions of the equation

$$9x^3 - 9x + 1 = 0.$$

- c) Show further that one of the roots,  $\alpha$ , of the equation of part (b) is 0.9390, correct to 4 decimal places.

It is further given that the equation of part (b) has 2 more real roots,  $\beta \approx -1.0515$ , and  $\gamma$ .

- d) Determine the value of  $\gamma$ , correct to 3 places.

$\gamma \approx 0.112$

a) Proceed as follows noting  $-1 \leq x \leq 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$y = \arcsin x$$

$$x = \sin y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos y$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{\cos y}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \pm \sqrt{1-\sin^2 y}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

As  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $0 \leq \cos y \leq 1$

b)  $y = 2\arcsin x - 4x^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - 6x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

FOR STATIONARY VALUES

$$0 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} - 6x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 36x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^3 - 9x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^3 - 9x + 1 = 0$$

Let  $f(x) = 9x^3 - 9x + 1$

- $f(0.9390) = 0.0016 > 0$
- $f(0.9390) = -0.0002 < 0$

As  $f(x)$  is continuous and changes sign in the interval  $[0.9390, 0.9395]$

$0.9390 < \alpha < 0.9395$

$\therefore \alpha = 0.9390$  correct to 3 d.p.

d) ASSUMING NO KNOWLEDGE OF "OR BY"  $= -\frac{d}{dx}$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 - 9x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x + \frac{1}{9} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 0.9390)(x + 0.0515)(x - \gamma) = 0$$

This  $(-0.9390)(0.0515)(-\gamma) = \frac{1}{9}$

$$0.9390 \times 0.0515 \times \gamma = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\gamma = 0.112$$

3 d.p.

**Question 32    (\*\*\*)+**

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$f(x) \equiv 3x^4 + 8x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x - 6, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The curve has a single stationary point whose  $x$  coordinate lies in the interval  $[n, n+1]$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- a) Determine with full justification the value of  $n$ .

A suitable equation is rearranged to produce three recurrence relations, each of which may be used to find the  $x$  coordinate of the stationary point of  $C$ .

These recurrence relations, all starting with  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}n$  are shown below.

$$(i) x_{n+1} = \frac{2}{2x_n^2 + 4x_n + 1} \quad (ii) x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{x_n^2} - \frac{1}{2x_n} - 2 \quad (iii) x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{2-x_n}{4+2x_n}}$$

- b) Use a differentiation method, to investigate the result in attempting to find an approximate value for the  $x$  coordinate of the stationary point of  $f(x)$ , with each of these three recurrence relations.

The method must include ...

- ... whether the attempt is successful
- ... whether the convergence or divergence is a "cobweb" case or a "staircase" case.
- ... which recurrence relation converges at the fastest rate.

You may not answer part (b), by simply generating sequences.

, [0,1]

a) START BY DIFFERENTIATION TO LOCATE THE STATIONARY POINT.

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 8x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x - 6$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 + 24x^2 + 6x - 12$$

$$f'(x) = 6(2x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 2)$$

BY INSPECTION

$$f'(x) < -12 < 0$$

$$f'(x) = 3x > 0$$

AS  $f'(x)$  IS CONTINUOUS AND CHANGES SIGN IN THE INTERVAL  $[0,1]$   
THERE IS AT LEAST 1 ROOT OF  $f'(x)=0$  IN THIS INTERVAL

b) INVESTIGATE EACH OF THE THREE RELATIONS, USING THE ALGORITHM OF THE INTERVAL  $[0,0.5]$

- $x_{n+1} = \frac{2}{2x_n^2 + 4x_n + 1} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{2}{2x^2 + 4x + 1} \right] = -\frac{2(4x+6)}{(2x+1)^2}$   
EVALUATE AT  $x=0.5$  (GIVES  $\approx -49$ )
- $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{x_n^2} - \frac{1}{2x_n} - 2, \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{2x} - 2 \right] = -\frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^2}$   
EVALUATE AT  $x=0.5$  (GIVES  $\approx -14$ )
- $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{2-x_n}{4+2x_n}} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{2-x}{4+2x}} \right] = \dots$

... =  $-\frac{1}{2}(2-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(4+2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (2-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(4+2x)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

EVALUATE AT  $x=0.5$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \frac{1}{5}^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{20}} = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{20}}$$

$$= -0.25211$$

HENCE WE DIVIDE

- $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{x_n^2} - \frac{1}{2x_n} - 2$  DIVIDES BY OSCILLATION (COBWEB)  
AS  $|f''(x)| > 1$  A STAIRCASE ↑  
RATE OF DIVISION AND BY RATIO ( $\approx 2.2$ )
- $x_{n+1} = \frac{2}{2x_n^2 + 4x_n + 1}$  DIVIDES BY OSCILLATION (COBWEB)  
AS  $|\frac{d}{dx} f(x)| < 1$  A COBWEB ↑  
SLOW CONVERGENCE AS IT IS ALMOST 1
- $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{2-x_n}{4+2x_n}}$  DIVIDES BY OSCILLATION (COBWEB)  
AS  $|-2x_n| < 1$  A COBWEB ↑  
DIVIDES FAST AS  $0.2521$  IS CLOSER TO ZERO THAN  $0.5$

**Question 33    (\*\*\*)+**The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = \sqrt{e^{2x} - 2x}, \quad e^{2x} > 2x.$$

The tangent to  $C$  at the point  $P$ , where  $x = p$ , passes through the origin.

- a) Show that  $x = p$  is a solution of the equation

$$(1-x)e^{2x} = x.$$

- b) Show further that the equation of part (a) has a root between 0.8 and 1.

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = 1 - x_n e^{-2x_n}$$

with  $x_0 = 0.8$  is used to find this root.

- c) Find, correct to 3 decimal places, the value of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$ .

- d) Hence show that the value of  $p$  is 0.8439, correct to 4 decimal places.

	, $x_1 = 0.838, \quad x_2 = 0.843, \quad x_3 = 0.844, \quad x_4 = 0.844$
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(a)  $y = (e^{2x} - 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(e^{2x} - 2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2e^{2x} - 2) = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{\sqrt{e^{2x} - 2x}}$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=p} = \frac{e^{2p} - 1}{\sqrt{e^{2p} - 2p}}$$

when  $x=p$   $y = \sqrt{e^{2p} - 2p}$  i.e.  $(p, \sqrt{e^{2p} - 2p})$

• EQUATIONS OF TANGENT

$$y - \sqrt{e^{2p} - 2p} = \frac{e^{2p} - 1}{\sqrt{e^{2p} - 2p}}(x-p)$$

• TAKING PAPER THROUGH (0,0)

$$\rightarrow -\sqrt{e^{2p} - 2p} = \frac{e^{2p} - 1}{\sqrt{e^{2p} - 2p}}(-p)$$

$$\rightarrow -(e^{2p} - 2p) = -pe^{2p} + p$$

$$\rightarrow -e^{2p} + 2p = -pe^{2p} + p$$

$$\rightarrow p = \frac{e^{2p} - 2p}{e^{2p} - p}$$

$$\rightarrow p = \frac{e^{2p}}{e^{2p} - p}$$

(b)  $(1-x)e^{2x} = x$

$$(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - x = 0$$

$$\text{let } f(x) = (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - x$$

$f(0) = 0.41$   
 $f(1) = -1$   
 $\therefore f(x)$  is continuous & changes sign, there must be a root between 0 & 1

(c)  $x_{n+1} = 1 - x_n e^{-2x_n}$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 0.8 \\ x_1 &= 0.838 \\ x_2 &= 0.843 \\ x_3 &= 0.844 \\ x_4 &= 0.844 \end{aligned}$$

$f(0.838) = 0.00046$   
 $f(0.843) = -0.00044$   
 $\therefore p = 0.8439$  to 4.d.p.

**Question 34** (\*\*\*\*\*)

The point  $P$  lies on the curve  $C$  with equation

$$y = \sqrt{1 + 2e^{2x^2}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Given that the tangent to  $C$  at  $P$  passes through the origin, determine the coordinates of  $P$ , correct to 3 significant figures.

,  $P(\pm 0.761, 2.71)$

• Firstly let us note that  $y = \sqrt{1 + 2e^{2x^2}}$  is even, so there are two such points with identical  $y$ -coordinates & "opposite"  $x$ -ordinates.

• Let the point  $P$  have coordinates  $(P, \sqrt{1+2e^{2P^2}})$ .

• Differentiate and find the equation of the tangent at  $P$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= (1+2e^{2x^2})^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2}(1+2e^{2x^2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2e^{2x^2} \times 4x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{4xe^{2x^2}}{\sqrt{1+2e^{2x^2}}} \\ \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_P &= \frac{4Pe^{2P^2}}{\sqrt{1+2e^{2P^2}}} \end{aligned}$$

EQUATION OF TANGENT IS

$$\Rightarrow y - \sqrt{1+2e^{2P^2}} = \frac{4Pe^{2P^2}}{\sqrt{1+2e^{2P^2}}} (x - P)$$

BUT THIS LINE PASSES THROUGH THE ORIGIN (0,0)

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{1+2e^{2P^2}} = \frac{4Pe^{2P^2}}{\sqrt{1+2e^{2P^2}}} (-P)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+2e^{2P^2} = 4P^2 e^{2P^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^{2P^2} + 2 = 4P^2}$$

• Rearrange the equation as

$$\begin{aligned} f(P) &= 4P^2 - e^{2P^2} - 2 & \text{or} & \quad P = \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2 + e^{-2P^2}} \\ f(0) &= -2 < 0 \\ f'(0) &= 2 - e^0 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

• As curve is continuous, start say with  $\alpha = P = 0.5$

$\alpha_{\text{new}} = \frac{1}{2}(2 + e^{-2\alpha^2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$
$\alpha_1 = 0.5$
$\alpha_2 = 0.8074...$
$\alpha_3 = 0.7356...$
$\alpha_4 = 0.76177...$
$\alpha_5 = 0.76048...$
$\alpha_6 = 0.76068...$
$\alpha_7 = 0.76065...$

$\therefore \alpha \approx 0.761$  to 3 s.f.  
And using  $y = \sqrt{1+2e^{2x^2}}$  we obtain  $y \approx 2.71$  to 3 s.f.

$\therefore \boxed{P(0.761, 2.71)}$

**Question 35** (\*\*\*\*\*)

A curve  $C$  is defined in the largest real domain by the equation

$$y = \log_x 2.$$

- a) Sketch a detailed graph of  $C$ .

The point  $P$ , where  $x=2$  lies on  $C$ .

The normal to  $C$  at  $P$  meets  $C$  again at the point  $Q$ .

- b) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of  $Q$  is a solution of the equation

$$[1 + x \ln 4 - \ln 16] \ln x = \ln 2.$$

- c) Use an iterative formula of the form  $x_{n+1} = e^{f(x_n)}$ , with a suitable starting value, to find the coordinates of  $Q$ , correct to 3 decimal places.

,  $Q(0.518, -1.054)$

a) To sketch, we employ the rules of logarithms.  
 $y = \log_x 2 = \frac{1}{\log_2 x}$ . Reciprocating the graph we obtain  
  
 DIFFERENTIATING USING LOGARITHM RULE  
 $y = \log_x 2 = \frac{\log_2 2}{\log_2 x} = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln x}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -(\ln 2)(\ln x)^{-2} \times \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{\ln 2}{x(\ln x)^2}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=2} = -\frac{\ln 2}{2(\ln 2)^2} = -\frac{1}{2\ln 2} = -\frac{1}{\ln 4}$   
 NORMAL gradient is  $\ln 4$  & the point has full coordinates  $(2, 1)$

EQUATION OF THE NORMAL IS GIVEN BY  
 $y - 1 = (\ln 4)(x - 2)$   
 SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE EQUATION OF THE CURVE USING THE FORM  
 $y = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln x}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\ln 2}{\ln x} - 1 = 2\ln 4 - 2\ln 4$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln 2 - \ln x = 2\ln 4 \ln 4 - 2\ln 4$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln 2 = \ln x + \ln \cancel{\ln 4} - 2\ln \cancel{\ln 4}$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln 2 = \ln x [1 + \ln 4 - 2\ln 4]$   
 $\Rightarrow [1 + 2\ln 4 - \ln 16] \ln x = \ln 2$   
 c) EXPONENTIALISING BOTH SIDES  
 $\Rightarrow \ln x = \frac{\ln 2}{1 + 2\ln 4 - \ln 16}$   
 $\Rightarrow x = e^{\frac{\ln 2}{1 + 2\ln 4 - \ln 16}}$   
 $\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = e^{\frac{\ln 2}{1 + 2\ln 4 - \ln 16}}$   
 SAYING SAY WITH  $x_0 = 0.5$

AND USING  
 $y = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln(x)} \quad y \approx -1.054$   
 $\therefore Q(0.518, -1.054)$

# LINEAR INTERPOLATION

**Question 1** (\*\*\*)

The following cubic equation is to be solved numerically.

$$x^3 = 8x - 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- Show that the equation has a root  $\alpha$ , in the interval  $[2, 3]$ .
- Use linear interpolation three successive times, to find  $\alpha$  correct to an appropriate degree of accuracy.

,  $\alpha \approx 2.76$

<p><b>a) Rewrite the equation as a function</b></p> $\Rightarrow x^3 = 8x - 1$ $\Rightarrow x^3 - 8x + 1 = 0$ $f(x) = x^3 - 8x + 1$ <p><math>f(2) = 8 - 16 + 1 = -7 &lt; 0</math></p> <p><math>f(3) = 27 - 24 + 1 = 4 &gt; 0</math></p> <p>At <math>f(x)</math> is continuous and changes sign in <math>[2, 3]</math>, there is at least one root <math>x</math> in <math>[2, 3]</math></p> <p><b>b) Proceed to interpolate (CUNNILL TRIANGLES)</b></p> $\Rightarrow \frac{3 - x_1}{x_1 - 2} = \frac{4}{0.2394}$ $\Rightarrow 2 - 4x_1 = -4x_1 - 8$ $\Rightarrow 24 = 11x_1$ $\Rightarrow x_1 = 2.186\ldots$ <p><b>CHECK THE SIGN OF <math>f(x_1)</math></b></p> $f(2.186\ldots) = -0.2394 \ldots < 0 \Rightarrow 2.186 < x < 3$ <p>LEAST ONE ROOT <math>x</math> IN <math>(2.186, 3)</math></p> <p><b>INTERPOLATE AGAIN</b></p> $\Rightarrow \frac{3 - x_2}{x_2 - 2.186} = \frac{4}{0.1767}$ $\Rightarrow 5.861\ldots - 1.767x_2 = 4x_2 - 10.544\ldots$ $\Rightarrow 15.845\ldots = 5.767x_2$ $\Rightarrow x_2 = 2.768\ldots$	<p><b>CHECK THE SIGN OF <math>f(x_2)</math></b></p> $f(2.768\ldots) = -0.2394\ldots < 0 \Rightarrow 2.768 < x < 3$ <p>LEAST ONE ROOT <math>x</math> IN <math>(2.768, 3)</math></p> <p><b>FINAL INTERPOLATION</b></p> $\Rightarrow \frac{3 - x_3}{x_3 - 2.768} = \frac{4}{0.0492}$ $\Rightarrow 0.711\ldots - 0.2394 x_3 = 4x_3 - 10.492\ldots$ $\Rightarrow 11.710\ldots = 4 - 2.394\ldots x_3$ $\Rightarrow x_3 = 2.7622\ldots$ <p><b>ANSWER</b> <math>\alpha = 2.76</math> (2 d.p.) AFTER 3 INTERPOLATIONS</p>
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**Question 2** (\*\*\*)

The following quartic equation is to be solved numerically.

$$x^4 + 7x - 15 = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Given that the above quartic has a real root  $\alpha$  in the interval  $[1.4, 1.5]$ , use linear interpolation twice, to find  $\alpha$  correct to an appropriate degree of accuracy.

,  $\alpha \approx 1.472$

WRITE THE EQUATION AS A FUNCTION & EVALUATE IT AT THE ENDPOINTS OF THE INTERVAL GIVEN

$$f(x) = x^4 + 7x - 15$$

- $f(1.4) = -1.3584 < 0$
- $f(1.5) = 0.5625 > 0$

INTERPOLATING ONCE (SIMILAR TRIANGLES)

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{1.5 - x_1}{x_1 - 1.4} = \frac{0.5625}{-1.3584} \\ &\Rightarrow x_1 = 1.47815 \approx 2.0376 - 1.3584 \cdot x_1 \\ &\Rightarrow 1.4209x_1 = 2.0351 \\ &\Rightarrow x_1 = 1.4707... \end{aligned}$$

FIND THE SIGN OF  $f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow f(1.4707...) = -0.0264 < 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 1.4707 < \text{root} < 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

THE SECOND INTERPOLATION YIELDS

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{1.5 - x_2}{x_2 - 1.4707} = \frac{0.5625}{-0.0264} \\ &\Rightarrow 0.0396... = 0.0264 \cdot x_2 = 0.5625x_2 - 0.13273... \\ &\Rightarrow 0.5625... = 0.5894x_2 \\ &\Rightarrow x_2 = 1.47206... \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \alpha \approx 1.472$  (3 d.p.)

**Question 3** (\*\*\*)

$$e^x - 2x^2 = 0.$$

- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$ , which lies between 1 and 2.
- b) Use linear interpolation three times, starting in the interval  $[1, 2]$  to find, correct to 2 decimal places the value of  $\alpha$ .

$x_1 \approx 1.540, \quad x_2 \approx 1.486, \quad x_3 \approx 1.488, \quad \alpha \approx 1.49$
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a)

$f(x) = e^x - 2x^2$

- $f(1) = e - 2 = 0.71828 \dots > 0$
- $f(2) = e^2 - 8 = -6.918 \dots < 0$
- $f(x)$  is continuous &  $f'(x) > 0$
- $\exists x \in (1, 2) : f(x) = 0$

b)

Now  $\frac{2-x_1}{x_1-1} = \frac{0.6094}{0.71828} \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 0.6094x_1 - 0.6094 = 1.4366 - 0.71828x_1 \\ &\Rightarrow 1.32122x_1 = 2.045 \dots \\ &\Rightarrow x_1 \approx 1.540 \dots \end{aligned}$$

$f(1.540) = -0.07917 \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1.540 - x_2}{x_2 - 1} = \frac{0.07917}{0.71828} \\ &\Rightarrow 1.0615 - 0.71828x_2 = 0.07917x_2 - 0.07917 \\ &\Rightarrow 1.1853 = 0.79715x_2 \\ &\Rightarrow x_2 \approx 1.486 \dots \end{aligned}$$

$f(1.486) = 0.002428$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1.540 - x_3}{x_3 - 1.486} = \frac{0.002428}{0.002428} \\ &\Rightarrow 0.005754 - 0.002428x_3 = 0.07917x_3 - 0.07917 \\ &\Rightarrow 0.4214 \dots = 0.06668x_3 \\ &\Rightarrow x_3 \approx 1.4876 \dots \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x_3 \approx 1.49$

Question 4    (\*\*\*)

$$\tan x = 4x^2 - 1.$$

- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$ , which lies between 1.4 and 1.5.
- b) Use linear interpolation twice, starting in the interval [1.4,1.5] to find, correct to 3 decimal places two approximations for  $\alpha$ .

$$x_1 \approx 1.415, \quad x_2 \approx 1.423$$

a)  $f(x) = \tan x + 1 - 4x^2$

- $f(1.4) = -1.0421 < 0$
- $f(1.5) = 6.1049 > 0$
- $f$  is continuous and  $f(1.4)f(1.5) < 0$   
 $\therefore \alpha \in (1.4, 1.5) \therefore f(\alpha) = 0$

b)

$$\frac{1.5 - x_1}{x_1 - 1.4} = \frac{6.1049}{1.0421}$$
$$\Rightarrow 1.5x_1 - 1.0421 = 6.1049x_1 - 6.1049$$
$$\Rightarrow 10.0515x_1 = 7.1433x_1$$
$$x_1 = 1.415$$

$\bullet f(1.415) = -0.6566\dots$

Then

$$\frac{1.5 - x_2}{x_2 - 1.415} = \frac{6.1049}{0.6566}$$
$$\Rightarrow 6.1049x_2 - 6.1049 = 0.6566 - 0.6566x_2$$
$$6.752x_2 = 9.429$$
$$x_2 = 1.423$$

# NEWTON RAPHSON METHOD

**Question 1** (\*\*)

$$x^3 + 10x - 4 = 0.$$

- a) Show that the above equation has a root  $\alpha$ , which lies between 0 and 1.
- b) Use the Newton-Raphson method **twice**, starting with  $x_1 = 0.5$  to find, correct to 4 decimal places, an approximation for  $\alpha$ .

,  $x = 0.3939$

a) WRITE IN FUNCTION NOTATION

$$f(x) = x^3 + 10x - 4$$

$$f(0) = -4 < 0$$

$$f(1) = 7 > 0$$

If  $f(x)$  is continuous in  $(0,1)$  & changes sign, there is at least one root in  $(0,1)$

b) PREPARE THE NEWTON-RAPHSON TERMS

$$f(x) = x^3 + 10x - 4$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 10$$

$$\alpha_{n+1} = \alpha_n - \frac{f(\alpha_n)}{f'(\alpha_n)}$$

$$\alpha_{n+1} = \alpha_n - \frac{x_n^3 + 10x_n - 4}{3x_n^2 + 10}$$

SIMPLIFY WITH  $\alpha_1 = 0.5$

$$\alpha_2 = 0.5 - \frac{0.5^3 + 10(0.5) - 4}{3(0.5)^2 + 10} \approx 0.39534 \dots \quad \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)$$

REPEAT, ONCE MORE

$$\alpha_3 = 0.39391145 \dots$$

$\approx 0.3939$  4.d.p.

**Question 2** (\*\*\*)+

It is known that the cubic equation below has a root  $\alpha$ , which is close to 1.25.

$$x^3 + x = 3.$$

Use an iterative formula based on the Newton Raphson method to find the value of  $\alpha$ , correct to 6 decimal places.

,  $\alpha \approx 1.213411$

REARRANGE THE EQUATION, AND WRITE IT AS A FRACTION

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + x - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x^3 + x - 3$$

SET UP A RECURRANCE RELATION BASED ON NEWTON RAPHSON

- $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1$
- $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3 + x_n - 3}{3x_n^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = \frac{3x_n^3 + 2x_n - (x_n^4 + 3x_n - 3)}{3x_n^2 + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = \boxed{\frac{2x_n^3 + 3}{3x_n^2 + 1}}$$

PERFORMING ITERATIONS, STARTING WITH  $x_1 = 1.25$ , USING THIS FORMULA

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 1.25$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = 1.214285714$$

$$\Rightarrow x_3 = 1.213412176$$

$$\Rightarrow x_4 = 1.213411663$$

$$\Rightarrow x_5 = 1.213411663$$

$\therefore \alpha = 1.213411 \text{ to 6 d.p.}$

**Question 3** (\*\*\*)+

The curve with equation  $y = 2^x$  intersects the straight line with equation  $y = 3 - 2x$  at the point  $P$ , whose  $x$  coordinate is  $\alpha$ .

- Show that  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .
- Starting with  $x = 0.5$ , use the Newton Raphson method to find the value of  $\alpha$ , correct to 3 decimal places.

$\alpha \approx 0.692$

a) SOLVING SIMULTANEOUS

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow 3 - 2x = 2^x \\ &\rightarrow 2^x + 2x - 3 = 0 \\ &\rightarrow f(x) = 2^x + 2x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$f(x)$  is continuous and changes sign in the interval  $(0, 1)$ . There must be at least one root in  $(0, 1)$

b) PERIODIC FOR NEWTON-RAPHSON METHOD

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2^x + 2x - 3 \\ f'(x) &= 2^x \ln 2 + 2 \\ a_{n+1} &= a_n - \frac{f(a_n)}{f'(a_n)} = a_n - \frac{2^x + 2a_n - 3}{2^x \ln 2 + 2} \\ &= \frac{2^x \ln 2 + 2a_n - 2^x - 2a_n + 3}{2^x \ln 2 + 2} \\ \therefore a_{n+1} &= \frac{3 + 2^x(a_n/2 - 1)}{2^x \ln 2 + 2} \end{aligned}$$

USING ABOVE FORMULA WITH  $a_1 = 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 0.5 \\ a_2 &= 0.695566034... \\ a_3 &= 0.692157681... \\ a_4 &= 0.6921533549... \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore a \approx 0.692$  (3 d.p.)

**Question 4** (\*\*\*)

A curve has equation

$$x^3 + xy + y^3 = 10.$$

The straight line with equation  $y = x + 2$  meets this curve at the point A.

- a) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of A lies in the interval  $(0.1, 0.2)$ .
- b) Use the Newton Raphson method once, starting with  $x = 0.1$ , to find a better approximation for the  $x$  coordinate of A.

,  $x \approx 0.134$

**a) SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY TO FIND "A"**

$$\begin{cases} x^3 + xy + y^3 = 10 \\ y = x + 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x^3 + x(x+2) + (x+2)^3 = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + x^2 + 2x - 10 + (x+2)^2 = 0$$

↑  
NO NEED TO EXPAND

LET  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 2x - 10 + (x+2)^2$

$$f(0) = -0.528 < 0$$

$$f(0.2) = 1.056 > 0$$

AS  $f(x)$  IS CONTINUOUS AND CHANGES SIGN IN  $(0, 0.2)$  THERE IS AT LEAST ONE ZERO IN THE INTERVAL

**b) PERFORM THE "N-R" ITERATION**

- $f(x_1) = -0.528$
- $f'(x_1) = 3x^2 + 2x + 2 + 3(x+2)^2$
- $f'(x_1) = 15.46$

HENCE WE HAVE

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

$$x_1 = 0.1 - \frac{-0.528}{15.46}$$

$$x_1 = 0.1341526\dots$$

$\therefore$  APPROXIMATELY 0.134

**Question 5 (\*\*\*\*)**

A curve has equation

$$x^3 + y = xy.$$

The straight line with equation  $y + 3x + 1 = 0$  meets this curve at the point  $A$ .

- a) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of  $A$  lies in the interval  $(-0.4, -0.3)$ .
- b) If  $P$  and  $Q$  are integers, use an iterative procedure based on the formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} [Px^3 + Qx^2 - 1], \quad x_1 = -0.35,$$

to find the  $x$  coordinate of  $A$ , correct to 2 decimal places.

The straight line with equation  $y + 3x + 1 = 0$  meets the above mentioned curve at another point  $B$ , whose the  $x$  coordinate lies in the interval  $(0.8, 0.9)$ .

- c) Use the Newton Raphson method twice, starting with  $x = 0.8$ , to find a better approximation for the  $x$  coordinate of  $B$ .

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}}, \quad x_A \approx 0.34, \quad x_B \approx 0.834$$

a) SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY TO FIND INTERSECTIONS

$$\begin{cases} y = -3x - 1 \\ x^3 + y = xy \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^3 + (-3x - 1) = -3x^2 - x \\ x^3 - 3x - 1 + 3x^2 + x = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0}$$

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

$$\begin{cases} f(-0.3) = -0.157 < 0 \\ f(-0.2) = +0.216 > 0 \end{cases}$$

$f(-0.3) < 0$  AND  $f(-0.2) > 0$ . THERE IS AT LEAST ONE ROOT IN THE INTERVAL

b) REARRANGE  $f(x) = 0$  FOR  $x$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x = 0$$

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

L.C.  $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} [x_n^3 + 3x_n^2 - 1] \quad (n=1, 2, 3)$

$x_1 = -0.35$	$x_2 \approx -0.340473804...$
$x_2 = -0.340473804...$	$x_3 \approx -0.3422485...$
$x_3 = -0.3422485...$	$\therefore x_3 \approx -0.34$

c) FINDING THE "N-N-2" METHOD

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x - 1 \\ f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 2 \end{cases}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3 + 3x_n^2 - 2x_n - 1}{3x_n^2 + 6x_n - 2}, \quad x_1 = 0.8$$

$$x_2 \approx 0.8 - \frac{0.8^3 + 3(0.8)^2 - 2(0.8) - 1}{3(0.8)^2 + 6(0.8) - 2} \approx 0.8333...$$

$$x_3 \approx 0.8333...$$

$\therefore x_3 \approx 0.834$

**Question 6    (\*\*\*\*)**

A curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = e^{-x} \ln x, \quad x > 0.$$

- a) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of the stationary point of  $C$  lies between 1 and 2.
- b) Use an iterative formula based on the Newton Raphson method to find the  $x$  coordinate of the stationary point of  $C$ , correct to 8 decimal places.

,  $x \approx 1.76322283$

<p>a) <math>y = e^{-x} \ln x, \quad x &gt; 0</math></p> $\frac{dy}{dx} = -e^{-x} \ln x + e^{-x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-x} \left[ \frac{1}{x} - \ln x \right]$ <p>SOLVING FOR ZERO TO FIND STATIONARY POINT</p> $\rightarrow \frac{1}{x} - \ln x = 0 \quad e^{-x} \neq 0$ $\Rightarrow 1 - x \ln x = 0$ $\Rightarrow f(x) = 1 - x \ln x$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>f(1) = 1 - 1 \ln 1 = 1 &gt; 0</math></li> <li>• <math>f(2) = 1 - 2 \ln 2 = -0.386 \dots &lt; 0</math></li> </ul> <p>As <math>f(x)</math> IS CONTINUOUS AND CHANGES SIGN IN THE INTERVAL <math>(1, 2)</math> THERE IS AT LEAST ONE ROOT IN THE INTERVAL, i.e. ONE STATIONARY POINT</p>	<p>b) • <math>f(x) = 1 - x \ln x</math></p> $\bullet f'(x) = -[x \ln x + x \cdot \frac{1}{x}] = -[\ln x + 1] = -1 - \ln x$ <p>By THE NEWTON RAPHSON METHOD</p> $\rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ $\rightarrow x_{2+1} = x_2 - \frac{1 - x_2 \ln x_2}{-1 - \ln x_2}$ $\rightarrow x_{3+1} = x_3 + \frac{1 - x_3 \ln x_3}{1 + \ln x_3}$ $\rightarrow x_{4+1} = \frac{x_4 + x_3 \ln x_3 + 1 - x_3 \ln x_3}{1 + \ln x_3}$ $\rightarrow x_{4+1} = \frac{x_4 + 1}{1 + \ln x_4}$ <p>NOW USING AS A STARTING VALUE <math>x_1 = 1.5</math> &amp; A VALUE THIRTEEN IN THE INTERVAL WE OBTAIN</p> $x_2 = 1.787768190\dots$ $x_3 = 1.763229367\dots$ $x_4 = 1.763222835\dots$ $x_5 = 1.76322283\dots$ $\therefore x \approx 1.76322283 \quad 8 \text{ d.p.}$
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**Question 7    (\*\*\*\*\*)**

At the point  $P$ , which lies on the curve with equation

$$x = \ln(y^3 - y),$$

the gradient is 4.

The point  $P$  is close to the point with coordinates  $(7.5, 12)$ .

- a) Show that the  $y$  coordinate of  $P$  is a solution of the equation

$$y^3 - 12y^2 - y + 4 = 0.$$

- b) Use the Newton Raphson method once on the equation of part (a), in order to determine the coordinates of  $P$ , correct to two decimal places.

,  $P(7.46, 12.06)$

a) SOLVE BY DIFFERENTIATION

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow y = \ln(y^3 - y) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3y^2 - 1}{y^2 - y} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3y^2 - y}{y^2 - 1} \\ &\text{SETTING } \frac{dy}{dx} = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3y^2 - y}{y^2 - 1} = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow y^3 - y = 12y^2 - 4 \\ &\Rightarrow y^3 - 12y^2 - y + 4 = 0 \quad \text{AS REQUIRED} \end{aligned}$$

b) LET  $f(y) = y^3 - 12y^2 - y + 4$

- $f'(y) = 3y^2 - 24y - 1$
- $f(12) = -8$
- $f'(12) = 143$

BY THE NEWTON RAPHSON METHOD

$$\Rightarrow y_{\text{new}} = y_r - \frac{f(y_r)}{f'(y_r)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow y = 12 - \frac{f(12)}{f'(12)} \\ &\Rightarrow y = 12 - \frac{-8}{143} \\ &\Rightarrow y = \frac{1724}{143} \\ &\Rightarrow y \approx 12.05594... \\ &\text{q.4met 2 = 7.46716...} \\ &\therefore P(7.46, 12.06) \quad \text{AS REQUIRED} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 8** (\*\*\*\*\*)

It is required to find the single real root  $\alpha$  of the following equation

$$x^2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{3}{x^2}, \quad x > 0.$$

- Show that the  $\alpha$  lies between 1 and 2.
- Use the Newton Raphson method to show that  $\alpha$  can be found by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^5 + 3x_n^{\frac{5}{2}} + 9x_n}{2x_n^4 + x_n^{\frac{3}{2}} + 6},$$

starting with a suitable value for  $x_1$ .

- Hence find the value of  $\alpha$ , correct to 8 decimal places.

$$\boxed{\alpha}, \quad \boxed{\alpha \approx 1.63756623\dots}$$

<p>a) Rewrite the equation in function form</p> $f(x) = x^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{3}{x^2}$ $f'(x) = 2x - \frac{2}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{3}{x^3}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>f(1) = 1 - 2 - 3 = -4 &lt; 0</math></li> <li>• <math>f(2) = 4 - \sqrt{2} - \frac{3}{4} = 1.237\dots &gt; 0</math></li> </ul> <p>As <math>f(x)</math> is continuous on <math>(1, 2)</math>, and changes sign on <math>(1, 2)</math>. THERE EXISTS AT LEAST A VALUE OF <math>x</math> IN <math>(1, 2)</math> SO THAT <math>f(x)=0</math></p> <p>b) <math>f(x) = x^2 - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3x^{-2}</math></p> $f'(x) = 2x + x^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 6x^{-3}$ <p>NEWTON RAPHSON STATES</p> $\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$ $\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 2x_n^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3x_n^{-2}}{2x_n + x_n^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 6x_n^{-3}}$ $\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^{\frac{5}{2}} - 2x_n^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3x_n}{2x_n^4 + x_n^{\frac{3}{2}} + 6}$ $\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = \frac{-2x_n^5 + 3x_n^{\frac{5}{2}} + 9x_n}{2x_n^4 + x_n^{\frac{3}{2}} + 6}$ <p style="text-align: right;"><i>As Required</i></p>	<p>c) Using any value in the interval AND THE RECURRENCE OF PART (b)</p> $x_{n+1} = \frac{-2x_n^5 + 3x_n^{\frac{5}{2}} + 9x_n}{2x_n^4 + x_n^{\frac{3}{2}} + 6}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>x_1 = 1.5</math></li> <li>• <math>x_2 = 1.638594486\dots</math></li> <li>• <math>x_3 = 1.637565406\dots</math></li> <li>• <math>x_4 = 1.637566228\dots</math></li> <li>• <math>x_5 = 1.637566228\dots</math></li> </ul> <p><math>\therefore</math> Required Root is <math>1.63756623</math></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Correct to 8 d.p.</i></p>
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**Question 9 (\*\*\*\*\*)**

It is required to find the approximate coordinates of the points of intersection between the graphs of

$$y_1 = 1 - x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = \ln(x+1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > -1.$$

- Show that the two graphs intersect at a single point  $P$ , explaining further why the  $x$  coordinate of  $P$  lies between 0 and 1.
- Use the Newton Raphson method once, starting  $x = 0.7$ , to calculate the  $x$  coordinate of  $P$ , giving the answer correct to 3 decimal places.
- By considering two suitable transformations, determine correct to 2 decimal places the coordinates of the points of intersection between the graph of

$$y_3 = 2[1 - (2x+1)^2], \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad y_4 = 2\ln(2x+2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x > -\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad x \approx 0.690, \quad \boxed{(-0.16, 1.05)}$$

**a) Using a quick sketch of the two graphs**

ONE INTERSECTION AT  $x > -1$  AS THE  $x$  INTECEPTS OF  $y_1 = 1 - x^2$  &  $y_2 = \ln(x+1)$  ARE  $1 < 0$ , THE  $x$  COORDINATE OF  $P$  MUST LIE BETWEEN THEM

**b) Form an equation & write it as a function**

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \ln(x+1) &= 1 - x^2 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 + \ln(x+1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= x^2 - 1 + \ln(x+1) \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= 2x + \frac{1}{x+1} \\ \therefore x_{\text{int}} &= x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} \\ x_0 &\approx 0.7 - \frac{(0.7)^2 - 1 + \ln(0.7+1)}{2(0.7) + \frac{1}{0.7+1}} \approx 0.690 \end{aligned}$$

**c) Looking at the two graphs, they have both undergone identical transformations**

- TRANSLATION 1 UNIT, 'left'
- HORIZONTAL STRETCH, SCALE FACTOR  $\frac{1}{2}$
- VISUAL STRETCH, SCALE FACTOR 2

IF  $x \approx 0.690 \Rightarrow y \approx 0.524$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (0.690, 0.524) &\downarrow \\ &\rightarrow (-0.31, 0.524) \\ &\downarrow \\ &\rightarrow (0.155, 0.524) \\ &\downarrow \\ &\rightarrow (-0.16, 1.05) \end{aligned} \quad \therefore \boxed{(-0.16, 1.05)}$$

**Question 10** (\*\*\*)

An arithmetic series has first term 2 and common difference  $X$ .

A geometric series has first term 2 and common ratio  $X$ .

The sum of the 11<sup>th</sup> term of the arithmetic series and the 11<sup>th</sup> term of the geometric series is 900.

- a) Show that  $X$  is a solution of the equation

$$X^{10} + 5X = 449.$$

- b) Show further that

$$1.8 < X < 1.9.$$

- c) Use the Newton Raphson approximation method **twice**, with a starting value of 1.8, to find an approximate value for  $X$ , giving the answer correct to 3 decimal places.

,  $X \approx 1.838$

**a) ARITHMETIC SERIES**

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

$$U_{11} = 2 + 10X$$

**GEOMETRIC SERIES**

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

$$U_{11} = 2 \times X^{10}$$

**NOW THE SUM**

$$\Rightarrow (2 + 10X) + 2X^{10} = 449$$

$$\Rightarrow 2X^{10} + 10X - 447 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X^{10} + 5X - 223.5 = 0$$

**b) USING FUNCTION NOTATION**

$$f(x) = X^{10} + 5X - 449$$

$$f(1.8) = -42.53 \dots < 0$$

$$f(1.9) = +173.66 \dots > 0$$

As  $f(x)$  is continuous and changes sign in the interval  $(1.8, 1.9)$  there is at least one solution of the equation in  $(1.8, 1.9)$

**c) DIFFERENTIATING FIRST**

$$f(x) = 10x^9 + 5$$

BY THE N-R FORMULA

$$X_2 = X_1 - \frac{f(X_1)}{f'(X_1)}$$

$$X_2 = 1.8 - \frac{1.8^{10} + 5 \times 1.8^9 - 449}{10 \times 1.8^9 + 5}$$

$$\approx 1.837 \dots$$

$$X_3 \approx 1.838$$

**Question 11** (\*\*\*)+

The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = \sqrt{e^{2x} + 1}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The tangent to the curve at the point  $P$ , where  $x = p$ , passes through the origin.

- a) Show that  $x = p$  is a solution of the equation

$$(x-1)e^{2x} = 1.$$

- b) Show further that the equation of part (a) has a root between 1 and 2.  
 c) By using the Newton Raphson method once, starting with  $x=1$ , find an approximation for this root, correct to 1 decimal place.

It is further given that the Newton Raphson method fails on this occasion.

- d) Use an appropriate method to verify that the root of the equation of part (a) is 1.10886 correct to 5 decimal places.

$$\boxed{P}, \quad \boxed{\alpha \approx 1.1}$$

a) START BY OBTAINING THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT AT  $(p, \sqrt{e^{2p} + 1})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= (e^{2x} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{2x} + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2e^{2x}) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{e^{2x}}{(e^{2x} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}|_p &= \frac{e^{2p}}{(e^{2p} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow y &= (e^{2p} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{e^{2p}}{(e^{2p} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}(x-p) \end{aligned}$$

NOW IT IS SHOWN THAT THE ABOVE TANGENT PASSES THROUGH  $(0,0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow - (e^{2p} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{e^{2p}}{(e^{2p} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}(-p) \\ \Rightarrow - (e^{2p} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{-pe^{2p}}{(e^{2p} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ \Rightarrow e^{2p} + 1 &= pe^{2p} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= pe^{2p} - e^{2p} \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= e^{2p}(p-1) \\ \text{OR WRITTEN IN } x, \text{ AS } 2 = & \\ \Rightarrow (x-1)e^{2x} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

b) REWRITE THE EQUATION AS A FUNCTION

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-1)e^{2x} - 1 \\ f(1) &= -1 < 0 \\ f(2) &= e^4 - 1 > 0 \\ \text{AS } f(x) \text{ IS CONTINUOUS AND CHANGES SIGN IN } [1,2] \\ \text{THERE IS AT LEAST ONE SOLUTION IN THE INTERVAL} \end{aligned}$$

c)  $f(x) = (x-1)e^{2x} + 2(x-1)^2 = e^{2x}[1+2x-2] = (2x-1)e^{2x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\text{NR}} &= x_t - \frac{f(x_t)}{f'(x_t)} \\ x &= 1 - \frac{f(1)}{f'(1)} = 1 - \frac{-1}{e^2} = 1.1 \end{aligned}$$

d) USING THE GRAPH OF THE ABOVE FUNCTION

$f(1.10885) = -0.000003 < 0$   
 $f(1.10886) = 0.000003 > 0$   
 AS THERE IS A CHANGE OF SIGN IN THE ABOVE INTERVAL  
 $1.10885 < \text{root} < 1.10886$   
 $\therefore \text{root} \approx 1.10886 \text{ CORRECT TO 5 d.p.}$

**Question 12** (\*\*\*\*+)

The point  $P$  has  $x$  coordinate 2 and lies on the curve with equation

$$xy = e^x, \quad xy > 0.$$

- a) Determine an equation of the tangent to the curve at  $P$ .

The tangent to the curve found in part (a) meets the curve again at the point  $Q$ .

- b) Show that the  $x$  coordinate of  $Q$  is  $-0.6$ , correct to one significant figure.
- c) Use the Newton Raphson method **twice** to find a better approximation for the  $x$  coordinate of  $Q$ , giving the answer correct to 4 significant figures.

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}}, \quad \boxed{4y = e^2 x}, \quad \boxed{\approx -0.5569}$$

a) By implicit differentiation or generalisation and using the quotient rule

$$2y = e^x \Rightarrow y = \frac{e^x}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2e^x - e^x}{4} = \frac{e^x(2-1)}{4} = \frac{e^x}{4}$$

When  $x=2$ ,  $y = \frac{e^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}e^2$  &  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{4}e^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y - y_0 &= m(x-x_0) \\ \Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{2}e^2 &= \frac{1}{4}e^2(x-2) \\ \Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{2}e^2 &= \frac{1}{4}e^2x - \frac{1}{2}e^2 \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{1}{4}e^2x \end{aligned}$$

b) Solve simultaneously "Tangent" & "Curve"

$$\begin{cases} xy = e^x \\ y = \frac{1}{4}e^2x \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x(\frac{1}{4}e^2x) &= e^x \\ \frac{1}{4}e^2x^2 &= e^x \\ \Rightarrow e^{2x^2} &= 4e^x \\ \Rightarrow e^{2x^2-4e^x} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f(x) = x^2e^2 - 4e^x$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-0.45) &= 1.0338... > 0 \\ f(-0.55) &= -0.076... < 0 \end{aligned}$$

As  $f(x)$  is continuous, and changes sign in the interval  $[-0.45, -0.55]$ , there exists at least a solution in this interval.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -0.45 < x < -0.55 \\ \Rightarrow x = -0.6 \quad \text{correct to 1 s.f.} \end{aligned}$$

c) Using the "function" of part (b)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^2 - 4e^x \\ f'(x) &= 2x - 4e^x \end{aligned}$$

By Newton Raphson

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \\ x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 4e^{x_n}}{2x_n - 4e^{x_n}} \end{aligned}$$

This is optional as modern calculators can handle this.

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= \frac{2x_n^2 - 4x_ne^{x_n} - x_n^2 + 4e^{x_n}}{2x_n^2 - 4e^{x_n}} \\ x_{n+1} &= \frac{x_n^2 + 4e^{x_n}(1-x_n)}{2x_n^2 - 4e^{x_n}} \end{aligned}$$

Using  $x_1 = -0.6$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= -0.5579... \\ x_3 &= -0.55692... \\ x_4 &= -0.5569129... \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_3 = -0.5569129...$  is correct to 4 s.f.  
 $\therefore$  requires 3 decimal places  $\rightarrow -0.5569$

**Question 13    (\*\*\*)+**

It is required to find the real solutions of the equation

$$x^2 = 2^x.$$

- State the 2 integer solutions of the equation.
- Sketch in the same set of axes the graph of  $y = x^2$  and the graph of  $y = 2^x$ .
- Use the Newton Raphson method, with a suitable function and an appropriate starting value, to find the third real root of this equation correct to 4 decimal places.

You may use as many steps as necessary in part (c), to obtain the required accuracy.

$$\boxed{x_1 = 2} \cup \boxed{x_2 = 4}, \boxed{x_3 \approx -0.7667}$$

