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**EM215 Numerical Methods (E/20 Semesters 4)**

**Tutorial 1**

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- (1) (a) Evaluate the polynomial,  $y = x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x - 0.35$  at  $x = 1.37$ . Use 3 - digit arithmetic with chopping. Evaluate the percent relative error.  
(b) Repeat (a) by expressing  $y$  as,  $y = ((x - 7)x + 8)x - 0.35$ . Evaluate the error and compare with part (a).
- (2)  Evaluate  $e^{-5}$  using two approaches:  $e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$  and  $e^{-x} = \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{1}{1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!}+\frac{x^3}{3!}+\dots}$ . Adding term by term estimate  $e^{-5}$  with each approach, and compute the true and the approximate relative errors. Take  $e^{-5} = 6.737946999085 \times 10^{-3}$  to calculate errors.
- (3) Consider the following function.  
$$f(x) = \ln x$$
  
(a) Approximate  $f(2)$  with the Taylor series expansions about  $x = 1$  up to,  
(i) First order, (ii) 3<sup>rd</sup> order.  
(b) Find the maximum possible truncation errors in the above two estimates.  
(c) Use the forward and the centered difference formulas to estimate the first derivative of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 2$  using a step sizes of  $h = 0.25$ .  
(d) Given that  $f'(2) = 0.5$ , for each estimate in part (c) calculate the absolute error and compare it with the corresponding maximum possible truncation error.
- (4) The Stefan-Boltzmann law can be employed to estimate the rate of radiation of energy  $H$  from a surface, as in  $H = Ae\sigma T^4$  where  $H$  is in watts,  $A$  = the surface area ( $m^2$ ),  $e$  = the emissivity that characterizes the emitting properties of the surface (dimensionless),  $\sigma$  = a universal constant called the Stefan-Boltzmann constant ( $= 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$ ), and  $T$  = absolute temperature (K). Determine the error of  $H$  for a copper sphere with radius  $= 0.15 \pm 0.01 \text{ m}$ ,  $e = 0.90 \pm 0.05$ , and  $T = 550 \pm 20$ .
- (5) Evaluate and interpret the condition numbers for  
(a)  $f(x) = \frac{e^{-x}-1}{x}$  for  $x = 0.001$   
(b)  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x}$  for  $x = 1.0001\pi$
- (6) Find the root of  $f(x) = e^{-x}(3.2 \sin x - 0.5 \cos x) = 0$  on the interval  $[3, 4]$  using the bisection method. Use the absolute error  $E_a = 0.05$  and the function value  $|f(x_r)| = 0.01$  as the stopping criteria.
- (7) Consider finding a root of  $x^4 - x - 10 = 0$ .  
(a) Write three fixed point iteration schemes to solve the problem.  
(b) Using an initial guess of 1.0 identify at least one iterative formulation that converges to a root.

- (8) (a) Find the root of  $5x + \ln x = 10000$ , correct to 4 decimal places using the Newton Raphson Method.  
 (b) Graphically show that  $e^{2x} = x + 6$  has two roots. Calculate the roots correct to 4 decimal places using the Newton Raphson Method.
- (9) The Babylonian method (around 1500 BC) for finding square roots by hand is  $x_{n+1} = (x_n + S/x_n)/2$ , for  $S > 0$ .  
 (a) Show that this is a fixed point iteration scheme for solving  $x^2 - S = 0$ .  
 (b) Use the method to calculate  $\sqrt{3}$  accurate to 4 decimal places.
- (10) Determine the real root of  $f(x) = 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 7x - 2.3 = 0$ ,  
 (a) using bisection method. Employ initial guesses of  $x_l = 0$  and  $x_u = 1.0$  and a percent relative error of 5% as the stopping criteria.  
 (b) using fixed point iteration method. Write five different fixed point iteration schemes to find the root. Using an initial guess of  $x_0 = 0$  and a percent relative error of 5% as the stopping criteria.  
 (c) using Newton Raphson method. Use the initial guess  $x_0 = -0.5$ , and a stopping criteria of 1% percent relative error.

- (11) The velocity  $v$  of a falling parachutist is given by

$$v = \frac{mg}{c} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{c}{m}t} \right)$$

where  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

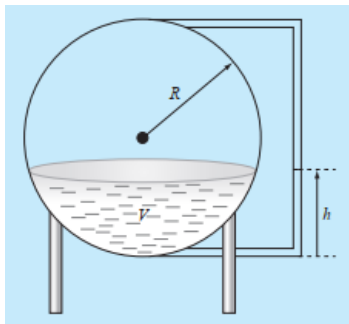
- (a) Use the bisection method with  $\varepsilon_a < 5\%$  to determine the mass  $m$  for a parachutist so that the velocity is  $v = 35 \text{ m/s}$  at  $t = 9 \text{ s}$ . with drag coefficient  $c = 15 \text{ kg/s}$ . Determine suitable  $x_l, x_u$  by trial and error.  
 (b) Using the Newton Raphson method, find the drag coefficient needed so that an 80-kg parachutist has a velocity of  $v = 36 \text{ m/s}$  at  $t = 14 \text{ s}$ . Use a suitable initial guess.
- (12) The Manning equation can be written for a rectangular open channel as

$$Q = \left( \sqrt{S} (BH)^{5/3} \right) / \left( n (B + 2H)^{2/3} \right)$$

where  $Q$  = flow [ $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ ],  $S$  = slope [ $\text{m/m}$ ],  $H$  = depth [ $\text{m}$ ], and  $n$  = the Manning roughness coefficient.

Develop a fixed-point iteration scheme to solve this equation for  $H$  given  $Q = 5$ ,  $S = 0.0002$ ,  $B = 20$ , and  $n = 0.03$ . Prove that your scheme converges for all initial guesses greater than or equal to zero.

- (13)



You are designing a spherical tank to hold water. The volume of liquid it can hold can be computed as,  $V = \pi h^2 (3R - h)/3$  where  $V$  = volume ( $\text{m}^3$ ),  $h$  = depth of water in tank ( $\text{m}$ ), and  $R$  = the tank radius ( $\text{m}$ ). If  $R = 3 \text{ m}$ , what depth must the tank be filled so that it holds  $30 \text{ m}^3$ ? Use three iterations of the Newton-Raphson method to determine your answer. Determine the approximate relative error after each iteration.

