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**UNIT 2: AS 1 Solution of Nonlinear Equation (30 Points)**

*Note: All questions are of equal marks*

**Question 1:** (a) From Descartes's rule of signs, conclude that the equation  $x^{2n} - 1 = 0$  has  $2n-2$  imaginary roots.

(b) Without actually obtaining the roots, show that  $x^6 - 5x^5 - 7x^2 + 8x + 20 = 0$  possess imaginary roots.

**Question 2:** The equation  $f(x) = x^2 - 2e^x = 0$  has a solution in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ .

(a) With  $p_0 = -1$  and  $p_1 = 1$ , calculate  $p_2$  using the Secant method.

(b) With  $p_2$  from part (a), calculate  $p_3$  using Newton's method.

**Question 3:** The equation  $f(x) = 2 - x^2 \sin x = 0$  has a solution in the interval  $[-1, 2]$ .

(a) Verify that the Bisection method can be applied to the function  $f(x)$  on  $[-1, 2]$ .

(b) Using the error formula for the Bisection method, find the number of iterations needed for accuracy  $10^{-7}$ .

(c) Compute  $p_3$  for the Bisection method.

**Question 4:** The following refer to the fixed-point problem:

(a) State the theorem which gives conditions for a fixed-point sequence to converge to a unique fixed point.

(b) Given  $g(x) = \frac{2-x^3+2x}{3}$ , use the theorem to show that the fixed-point sequence will converge to the unique fixed-point of  $g(x)$  for any  $p_0$  in  $[-1, 1.1]$ .

(c) With  $p_0 = 0.5$  generate  $p_3$ .

**Question 5:** What is the main difference between secant and regula falsi method? Compute the root of the equation  $x^2 e^{-x/2} = 1$  in the interval  $[0, 2]$  correct to three decimal places using both secant method and regula falsi method.

**Question 6:** (a) Suppose the function  $f(x)$  has a unique zero  $p$  in the interval  $[a, b]$ . Further, suppose  $f''(x)$  exists and is continuous on the interval  $[a, b]$ . Under what conditions, Newton's method give a quadratically convergent sequence to  $p$ ?

(b) Using Newton's method, construct an iterative formula to find  $\sqrt[k]{N}$  i.e.  $k^{\text{th}}$  root of any number  $N$ .

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