

**UMC 202**  
**PROBLEM SET 1**

- (1) Use the bisection method to find the solutions accurate to within  $1e-4$  for  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 6 = 0$  on  $[0, 1]$ .
- (2) Use the bisection method to find the root of  $x = \exp(-x)$  with an accuracy of  $10^{-4}$ . How many iteration did you need?
- (3) Use fixed point iteration method to determine a solution accurate to within  $10^{-2}$  for  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 3$  on  $[1, 2]$ .
- (4) Determine an interval  $[a, b]$  on which fixed point iteration will converge. Estimate the number of iterations necessary to obtain approximations accurate to within  $10^{-5}$  and perform the calculations.
  - (a)  $x = \frac{2 - \exp(x) + x^2}{3}$ ,
  - (b)  $x = \frac{5}{x^2} + 2$ ,
  - (c)  $x = 5^{-x}$ ,
  - (d)  $x = 0.5(\sin(x) + \cos(x))$ .
- (5) Write down the code for computing a root of a given function  $f(x) = 0$  using Newton Raphson's method.
- (6) Let  $f(x) = -x^3 - \cos x$  and  $p_0 = -1$ . Use Newton's method to find  $p_2$ . Could  $p_0 = 0$  be used?
- (7) Use Newton's method to approximate to within  $10^{-4}$ , the value of  $x$  that produces the point on the graph of  $y = x^2$  that is closet to  $(1, 0)$ .
- (8) Apply Newton's method to find the approximation of the root of  $x = \tan x$ , starting with initial guess  $x_0 = 4$  and  $x_0 = 4.6$ . Compare the results obtained from these two initial guesses. Does the method converge?
- (9) Obtain an estimation (accurate till 4 decimal point) of the point of intersection of the curves  $y = x^2 - 2$  and  $y = \cos x$ .
- (10) Apply Newton's method to the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{2/3}, & x \geq 0 \\ -x^{2/3}, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

with the root  $x^* = 0$ . What is the behavior of the iterates? Do they converge, if yes, at what order?