

# Programming Assignment 2

## ENGG1003 Introduction to Procedural Programming

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### Question 1

5 marks

#### (a) (3 marks)

Consider the function

$$f(x) = x^2 \sin(x) + 2x - 3.$$

- (i) By writing a Python script to plot the function  $f(x)$  over the interval  $[0, 2]$ , visually confirm that  $f(x)$  has a single root in this interval.
- (ii) Using the `bisection()` function in the `rootfinding` module, estimate the root of  $f(x)$  in the interval  $[0, 2]$ . Display the root to 5 decimal place precision. Check the correctness of your answer by confirming that  $f(x) = 0$  is satisfied to at least 5 decimal places, where  $x$  is the solution computed numerically by `bisection()`.
- (iii) Using the `secant()` function in the `rootfinding` module, estimate the root of  $f(x)$  in the interval  $[0, 2]$ . Display the root to 5 decimal place precision. Check the correctness of your answer by confirming that  $f(x) = 0$  is satisfied to at least 5 decimal places, where  $x$  is the solution computed numerically by `secant()`.

**Rubric:**

- Correct Plot: 1 mark
- Partially Correct Plot: 0.5 mark
- 1 mark for correct calculation of root to 5dp precision for part ii and iii
- 1 mark for correctly checking accuracy of root by confirming  $f(x) = 0$  for part ii and iii

**(b) (2 marks)**

Water is discharged from a tank through a long pipe, as shown in Figure 1.

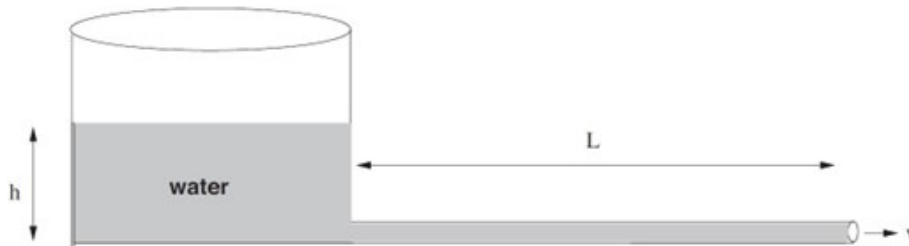


Figure 1: Water height for Question 1

The velocity  $v$  [units: m/s] of the water flowing from the pipe is given by

$$v = \sqrt{2gh} \times \tanh\left(\frac{2}{L} \sqrt{2gh}\right).$$

where:

- $h$  is the height of the water in the tank [m]
- $L$  is the length of the pipe [m]
- $g = 9.81$  is the acceleration due to gravity [ $\text{m/s}^2$ ]

Write a Python script to calculate the value of  $h$  necessary to achieve a velocity of  $v = 4$  m/s, when  $L = 5$  m. Display your answer to 2 decimal place precision.

**Hints:**

- To solve an equation  $f(h) = v$ , find a root of the equation  $f(h) - v = 0$ .
- The hyperbolic tangent function  $\tanh()$  is available in the numpy library as `numpy.tanh()`.

**Rubric:**

- 1 mark for correct definition of Python function which evaluates  $f(h) - v$  for suitable choices of  $f(h)$  and  $v$
- 0.5 mark for partially correct definition of Python function
- 1 mark for correctly calculating the root of the equation  $f(h) - v = 0$  and displaying the result (ie : `waterheight`) to 2dp precision
- 0.5 mark for partially correct calculation and display of water height  $h$

## Question 2

5 marks

### (a) (3 marks)

Write a Python script to evaluate each of the following expressions. Use either the *trapezoidal()* or *simpson()* functions in the *integration* module to numerically evaluate the integral in each expression.

In each case, the exact value of the expression is provided for reference. Determine how many sub-intervals are needed before the results of numerical integration agree with the exact value to five (5) decimal places.

It is not necessary to determine the precise number of sub-intervals; simply determine the required number of sub-intervals to the nearest 100, e.g., 100, 200, 300, etc. Nor is it necessary to code a solution which determines the required number of sub-intervals. Using trial and error to determine the required number of sub-intervals (to the nearest 100) is quite sufficient.

(i)

$$\int_0^1 (7 + 14x^6) dx$$

Exact value: 9

(ii)

$$\int_0^1 \frac{2}{1+x^2} dx$$

Exact value:  $\pi/2$

(iii)

$$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} + 24 \int_0^{1/4} \sqrt{x-x^2} dx$$

Exact value:  $\pi$

**Hint:** the *trapezoidal()* and *simpson()* functions in the *integration* module each perform numerical integration using  $n = 100$  sub-intervals by default. Overriding the default number of sub-intervals can be done as follows:

```
import integration as integ
T = integ.trapezoidal(f, a, b, n=20) # 20 sub-intervals over [a, b]
S = integ.simpson(f, a, b, n=200)   # 200 sub-intervals over [a, b]
```

**Rubric:**

For each of parts i, ii and iii:

- 0.5 mark for correct evaluation and display of expression to 5dp precision
- 0.5 mark for correct evaluation of number of sub-intervals (to the nearest) 100

### (b)(2 marks)

For large  $N$ , we expect the fraction of random numbers  $X$  drawn from the standard normal distribution that fall in the interval  $[a, b]$  to be close to the exact result:

$$\Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_a^b e^{-x^2/2} dx. \quad (1)$$

- (i) Write a Python script which uses either the *trapezoidal()* or *simpson()* functions in the *integration* module with  $n = 1000$  sub-intervals to evaluate the expression on the right-hand side of the equation (1) when  $a = -1$  and  $b = 3$ . Display the result to a precision of 3 decimal places.
- (ii) Extend your script to create a numpy array  $X$  of  $N = 10^6$  random numbers drawn from the standard normal distribution. Initialise the random number generator using `numpy.random.seed(1)`. Compute the fraction of elements of array  $X$  which fall in the interval  $[-1, 3]$ . Confirm that your result matches the result from part (i) to at least 3 decimal places.

**Rubric:**

For each of parts i, ii and iii:

- 1 mark for correct evaluation and display of expression in (1) to 3 dp precision
- 0.5 mark for partially correct evaluation and display

## Question 3

5 marks

### (a) (3 marks)

- i. Write a Python script which loads a small dataset as follows:

```
import numpy as np
t = np.linspace(0, 100, num=11)
y = np.array([132, 138, 189, 229, 317, 304, 435, 435, 506, 545, 629])
```

Plot the  $y$ -data versus  $t$ -data using red circle linemarkers.

- ii. Use the *interp1d()* function in the *scipy.interpolate* module to linearly interpolate the data in the arrays  $t$  and  $y$ . Plot the linearly interpolated data on the same set of axes as the plot in part i. Your plot should appear as shown in Figure 2.
- iii. Extend your script to display the value of the linearly interpolated data at time  $t = 55$ .

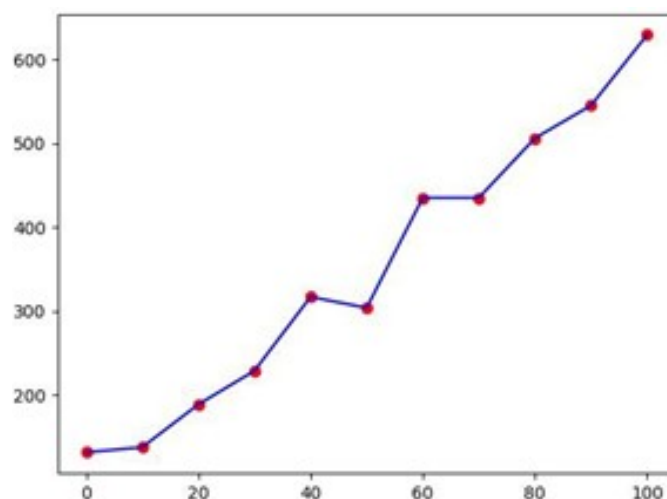


Figure 2: Linearly interpolated data for Question 3(a)

**Rubric:**

- 1 mark for correct plot
- 0.5 mark for partially correct plot
- 1 mark for correct interpolation and plot
- 0.5 mark for partially correct interpolation and plot
- 1 mark for correct interpolation and display to 1dp precision
- 0.5 mark for partially correct interpolation and display

**(b)(2 marks)**

The water volume in a tank of capacity 400 litres (L) is measured at 1-minute intervals. The measurement times and water volumes are available in a CSV file *level.csv*, which is available in Canvas.

1. Write a Python script which uses the *pandas* module to open *level.csv*, read the measurement time data into a numpy array  $t$ , and the water volume into a numpy array  $y$ . Plot the  $y$ -data versus  $t$ -data using red circle linemarkers.
2. Use the *curve\_fit()* function in the *scipy.optimize* module to fit a straight line to the  $(t, y)$  data, and plot the straight-line fit on the same set of axes as the data plot in part (i). Show that if the tank continues to fill at the rate predicted by the straight-line fit, then the tank volume will reach its capacity of 400 L at  $t = 87.7$  minutes.

**Rubric:**

- 1 mark for correct use of pandas and plot of data
- 0.5 mark for partially correct use of pandas plot of data
- 1 mark for correct straight-line fit, data plot and calculation of time  $t = 87.7$  minutes when water volume is 400 L
- 0.5 mark for partially correct straight-line fit, plot and time calculation