

### QUESTION 3 SECANT METHOD AND THE METHOD OF FALSE POSITION

$$f(x) = -x^3 - \cos(x)$$

*The Secant Method*

$$p_n = p_{n-1} - \frac{f(p_{n-1})(p_{n-1} - p_{n-2})}{f(p_{n-1}) - f(p_{n-2})}$$

$$p_0 = -1 \quad p_1 = 0$$

$$p_2 = 0 - \frac{f(0)(0 - (-1))}{f(0) - f(-1)} = -0.685073$$

$$p_3 = -0.685073 - \frac{f(-0.685073)(-0.685073 - 0)}{f(-0.685073) - f(0)} = -1.252076$$

*The Method of False Position*

*The only difference is*

*if  $(f(p_2) * f(p_1) < 0)$   $p_0 = p_1$  ;*

*Otherwise  $p_0$  stays same*

$$p_1 = p_2$$

$$f(p_2) = f(-0.685073) = -0.452850 \quad f(p_1) = f(0) = -1$$

$$\text{then } p_3 = -0.685073 - \frac{f(-0.685073)(-0.685073 - (-1))}{f(-0.685073) - f(-1)} = -0.841355$$