

**Numerical Methods - MA 207**  
**Numerical Solutions of Algebraic and Transcendental Equations**

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1. Find a root of the equation  $x^3 - 4x - 9 = 0$ , using bisection method correct to 3 decimal places.
2. Find the root of the equation  $\cos x = x e^x$  using bisection method correct to 4 decimal places.
3. Find a real root of the equation  $\cos x = 3x - 1$  correct to 3 decimal places using iterative method.
4. Using fixed point iterative method, find a root of the equation  $x^3 + x^2 - 100 = 0$  correct to 4 decimal places.
5. Apply method of iteration to find the negative root of the equation  $x^3 - 2x + 5 = 0$  correct to 4 decimal places.
6. Find a real root of  $2x - \log_{10} x = 7$  correct to 4 decimal places using iterative method.
7. Find the smallest root of the equation

$$1 - x + \frac{x^2}{(2!)^2} - \frac{x^3}{(3!)^2} + \frac{x^4}{(4!)^2} - \frac{x^5}{(5!)^2} + \dots = 0.$$

8. Find the positive root of  $x^4 - 4 = 0$  correct to 3 decimal places using Newton-Raphson method.
9. Find the root of the equation  $x e^x = \cos x$  using the secant method correct to 4 decimal places.
10. Find a real root of the equation  $x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0$  which lies between 2 and 3 by the method of false position correct to 3 decimal places.
11. Evaluate the following (correct to 4 decimal places) by Newton's iterative method.
  - (a)  $1/31$
  - (b)  $\sqrt{5}$
  - (c)  $1/\sqrt{14}$
  - (d)  $\sqrt[3]{24}$
  - (e)  $30^{-\frac{1}{5}}$
  - (f)  $22/7$ .

12. Find the real root of the equation

$$x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{10} - \frac{x^7}{42} + \frac{x^9}{216} - \frac{x^{11}}{1320} \dots = 0.4331135$$

correct to 4 places of decimals.

13. Using Newton-Raphson method, find correct to 4 decimal places, the root between 0 and 1 of the equation  $x^3 - 6x + 4 = 0$ .
14. Find, by Newton's method, the root of the equation  $e^x = 4x$ , which is approximately 2, correct to 3 places of decimals.
15. Using Newton-Raphson method, establish the formula  $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_n + \frac{N}{x_n})$  to calculate the square root of  $N$ . Hence find the square root of 5 correct to 4 places of decimals.
16. Show that the iterative formula for finding the reciprocal of  $N$  is  $x_{n+1} = x_n(2 - Nx_n)$  and hence find the value of  $1/31$ .
17. Apply Newton's formula to find the root of  $x^4 - x = 10$ , which is nearer to  $x = 2$ .

18. Solve the equation  $x = \frac{1}{2} + \sin x$  using iterative methods.
19. The equation  $x^6 - x^4 - x^3 - 1 = 0$  has one real root between 1.4 and 1.5. Find the root to 4 decimal places by false position method.
20. Apply Newton's method to obtain the real root of the equation  $x \log_{10} x = 4.7772393$ , correct to 6 places of decimals.
21. Find the root of the equation  $xe^x = 3$  using the regula-falsi method correct to 4 decimal places.
22. Find a positive real root of  $x \log_{10} x = 1.2$  using bisection method.
23. Find by Newton's method, the real root of the equation  $3x = \cos x + 1$ , correct to 4 decimal places.
24. Find a root of the equation  $x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0$  using secant method correct to 3 decimal places.
25. Using Newton's iterative method, find the real root of  $x \log_{10} x = 1.2$  correct to 5 decimal places.
26. Starting with  $x = 0.12$ , solve  $x = 0.21 \sin(0.5 + x)$  by using iterative method.
27. Obtain the more general formula for the root of  $f(x) = 0$ ,

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\{f(x_0)\}^2 f''(x_0)}{\{f'(x_0)\}^3}.$$

28. Show that the modified Newton-Raphson method

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{2f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

gives a quadratic convergence when the equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a pair of double roots in the neighbourhood of  $x = x_n$ .

29. Show that following two sequences, both have convergence of the second order with the same limit  $\sqrt{a}$ .

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}x_n \left(1 + \frac{a}{x_n^2}\right) \text{ and } x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}x_n \left(3 - \frac{x_n^2}{a}\right).$$

30. Given that the equation  $x^{2.2} = 69$  has a root between 5 and 8. Use the method of regula-falsi to determine it.
31. Find a real root by iteration method of the equation  $x^3 + x^2 - 1 = 0$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$  with an accuracy of  $10^{-4}$ .
32. Prove that the order of convergence of the Newton-Raphson's method is 2.
33. Find a real root of the equation  $x \log_{10} x = 1.2$  by regula-falsi method correct to 4 decimal places.
34. Solve the equations  $x = x^2 + y^2$ ,  $y = x^2 - y^2$  using Newton-Raphson method with the approximation  $(0.8, 0.4)$ .
35. Use Newton-Raphson method to solve the equations  $x^2 - y^2 = 4$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  with  $x_0 = y_0 = 2.828$ .
36. Find a root of the system of nonlinear equations by Newton-Raphson method,  $x^2 + y = 11$ ,  $y^2 + x = 7$  with  $x_0 = 3.5$  and  $y_0 = -1.8$ .
37. Solve the system of equations  $\sin xy + x - y = 0$   $y \cos xy + 1 = 0$  with  $x_0 = 1$  and  $y = 2$ , by Newton-Raphson's method.
38. Find the root of  $\tan x + x = 0$  upto 2 decimal places, which lies between 2 and 2.1.

39. Show that the order of convergence of the secant method is 1.618 approximately.
40. Determine the order of convergence of the regula-falsi method. (Answer : 1.618, same as the order of convergence of the secant method.)
41. Use the method of false position, to find the fourth root of 32 correct to 3 decimal places.
42. Find the roots of the equation

$$2e^{-x} = \frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x+1}$$

which has 2 roots greater than  $-1$ . Find these roots correct to 5 decimal places.

43. By using the Newton-Raphson method, find a root of the equation  $1 - \cosh x \cdot \cos x = 0$ , correct to 4 decimal places, with  $x_0 = 0.15$  as an initial approximation.
44. Using bisection method, find the negative root of the equation  $x^2 + \cos x - 2 = 0$ .
45. Using the Newton-Raphson method, find the real root of the equation  $x \sin x + \cos x = 0$  near  $x = \pi$ . Carry out 4 iterations. Here  $x$  is in radians.
46. Newton-Raphson method for solving the equation  $f(x) = c$ , where  $c$  is a real-valued constant, is applied to the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x & \text{when } |x| \leq 1 \\ \cos x + (x^2 - 1)^2 & \text{when } |x| \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

For which  $c$  is  $x_i = (-1)^i$ , when  $x_0 = 1$ , and the calculation is carried out with no error 1.

47. Verify the equation

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} e^{0.3x}$$

has a root between 2 and 3. Find this root correct to 3 decimal places.

48. Solve  $x^2 + 3x - y - 1 = 0$   $xy + 3y + 9 = 0$  starting with the approximation  $x_0 = -4, y_0 = 6$ .
49. Solve  $x = 1 + \tan^{-1} x$  by the method of iteration.
50. By the fixed point iteration process, find the root correct to 3 decimal places, of the equation  $x = \cos x$  near  $x = \pi/4$ .
51. Using bisection method, find an approximate root of the equation  $\sin x = 1/x$ , that lies between  $x = 1$  and  $x = 1.5$  (measured in radians). Carry out computations upto 7th stage.
52. Solve the Kepler's equation iteratively for  $m = 0.8, E = 0.2$  by writing in the form  $x = m + E \sin x$  and starting with  $x_0 = m = 0.8$ .
53. Find a double root of the equation  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ .

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