A-level

Topic :Numerical Equation and Solution

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Question 1

$$V = \frac{1}{k}(80 - 80e^{-kt}).$$

It is observed that $V = 500$ when $t = 15$, so that k satisfies the equation

$$k = \frac{4 - 4e^{-15k}}{25}.$$

Use an iterative formula, based on this equation, to find the value of k correct to 2 significant figures. Use an initial value of $k = 0.1$ and show the result of each iteration to 4 significant figures. [3]

Question 2

The sequence of values given by the iterative formula

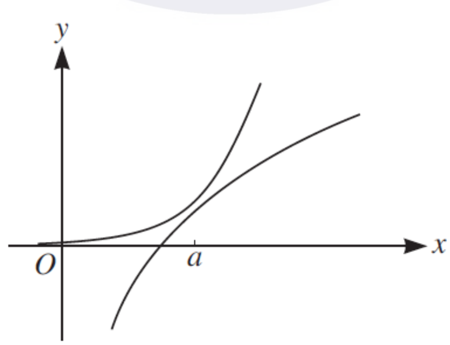
$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n(x_n^3 + 100)}{2(x_n^3 + 25)},$$

with initial value $x_1 = 3.5$, converges to α.

(i) Use this formula to calculate α correct to 4 decimal places, showing the result of each iteration to 6 decimal places. [3]

(ii) State an equation satisfied by α and hence find the exact value of α. [2]

Question 3



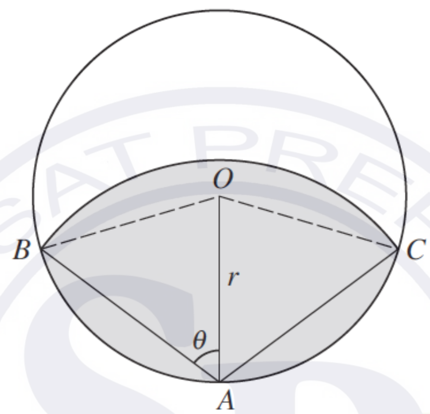
The diagram shows the curves $y = e^{2x-3}$ and $y = 2\ln x$. When $x = a$ the tangents to the curves are parallel.

(i) Show that a satisfies the equation $a = \frac{1}{2}(3 - \ln a)$. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that this equation has a root between 1 and 2. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(3 - \ln a_n)$ to calculate a correct to 2 decimal places, showing the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 4



In the diagram, A is a point on the circumference of a circle with centre O and radius r. A circular arc with centre A meets the circumference at B and C. The angle OAB is θ radians. The shaded region is bounded by the circumference of the circle and the arc with centre A joining B and C. The area of the shaded region is equal to half the area of the circle.

(i) Show that $\cos 2\theta = \dfrac{2\sin 2\theta - \pi}{4\theta}$. [5]

(ii) Use the iterative formula

$$\theta_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2\sin 2\theta_n - \pi}{4\theta_n}\right),$$

with initial value $\theta_1 = 1$, to determine θ correct to 2 decimal places, showing the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 5

It is given that $\int_0^p 4x\mathrm{e}^{-\frac{1}{2}x}\,\mathrm{d}x = 9$, where p is a positive constant.

(i) Show that $p = 2\ln\left(\frac{8p+16}{7}\right)$. [5]

(ii) Use an iterative process based on the equation in part **(i)** to find the value of p correct to 3 significant figures. Use a starting value of 3.5 and give the result of each iteration to 5 significant figures. [3]

Question 6

(i) By sketching each of the graphs $y = \operatorname{cosec} x$ and $y = x(\pi - x)$ for $0 < x < \pi$, show that the equation

$$\operatorname{cosec} x = x(\pi - x)$$

has exactly two real roots in the interval $0 < x < \pi$. [3]

(ii) Show that the equation $\operatorname{cosec} x = x(\pi - x)$ can be written in the form $x = \frac{1 + x^2 \sin x}{\pi \sin x}$. [2]

(iii) The two real roots of the equation $\operatorname{cosec} x = x(\pi - x)$ in the interval $0 < x < \pi$ are denoted by α and β, where $\alpha < \beta$.

(a) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1 + x_n^2 \sin x_n}{\pi \sin x_n}$$

to find α correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

(b) Deduce the value of β correct to 2 decimal places. [1]

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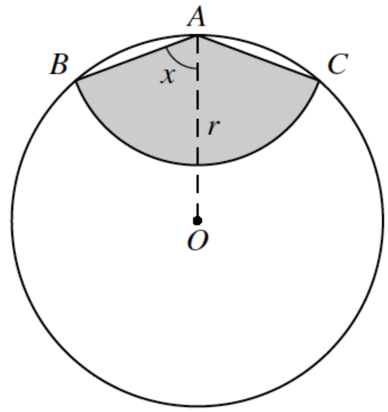


In the diagram, A is a point on the circumference of a circle with centre O and radius r. A circular arc with centre A meets the circumference at B and C. The angle OAB is equal to x radians. The shaded region is bounded by AB, AC and the circular arc with centre A joining B and C. The perimeter of the shaded region is equal to half the circumference of the circle.

(i) Show that $x = \cos^{-1}\left(\dfrac{\pi}{4+4x}\right)$. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that x lies between 1 and 1.5. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\pi}{4+4x_n}\right)$$

to determine the value of x correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 8

The equation $x = \dfrac{10}{e^{2x}-1}$ has one positive real root, denoted by α.

(i) Show that α lies between $x = 1$ and $x = 2$. [2]

(ii) Show that if a sequence of positive values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \tfrac{1}{2}\ln\left(1 + \frac{10}{x_n}\right)$$

converges, then it converges to α. [2]

(iii) Use this iterative formula to determine α correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 9

It is given that $\int_1^a \ln(2x)\,dx = 1$, where $a > 1$.

(i) Show that $a = \frac{1}{2}\exp\left(1 + \frac{\ln 2}{a}\right)$, where $\exp(x)$ denotes e^x. [6]

(ii) Use the iterative formula

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\exp\left(1 + \frac{\ln 2}{a_n}\right)$$

to determine the value of a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 10

(i) Sketch the curve $y = \ln(x + 1)$ and hence, by sketching a second curve, show that the equation

$$x^3 + \ln(x + 1) = 40$$

has exactly one real root. State the equation of the second curve. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that the root lies between 3 and 4. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{(40 - \ln(x_n + 1))},$$

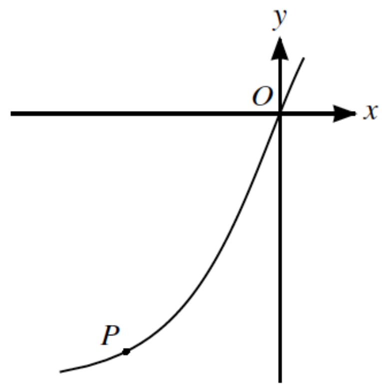
with a suitable starting value, to find the root correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

(iv) Deduce the root of the equation

$$(e^y - 1)^3 + y = 40,$$

giving the answer correct to 2 decimal places. [2]

Question 11



The diagram shows part of the curve with parametric equations

$$x = 2\ln(t + 2), \qquad y = t^3 + 2t + 3.$$

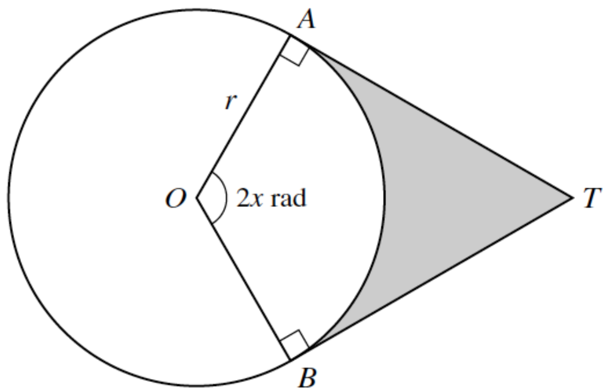
(i) Find the gradient of the curve at the origin. [5]

(ii) At the point P on the curve, the value of the parameter is p. It is given that the gradient of the curve at P is $\frac{1}{2}$.

(a) Show that $p = \dfrac{1}{3p^2 + 2} - 2$. [1]

(b) By first using an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(a)**, determine the coordinates of the point P. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places and each coordinate of P correct to 2 decimal places. [4]

Question 12



The diagram shows a circle with centre O and radius r. The tangents to the circle at the points A and B meet at T, and the angle AOB is $2x$ radians. The shaded region is bounded by the tangents AT and BT, and by the minor arc AB. The perimeter of the shaded region is equal to the circumference of the circle.

(i) Show that x satisfies the equation

$$\tan x = \pi - x.$$ [3]

(ii) This equation has one root in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. Verify by calculation that this root lies between 1 and 1.3. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \tan^{-1}(\pi - x_n)$$

to determine the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 13

It is given that $\int_0^a x \cos x \, dx = 0.5$, where $0 < a < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Show that a satisfies the equation $\sin a = \dfrac{1.5 - \cos a}{a}$. [4]

(ii) Verify by calculation that a is greater than 1. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula

$$a_{n+1} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1.5 - \cos a_n}{a_n}\right)$$

to determine the value of a correct to 4 decimal places, giving the result of each iteration to 6 decimal places. [3]

Question 14

The equation $x^3 - x^2 - 6 = 0$ has one real root, denoted by α.

(i) Find by calculation the pair of consecutive integers between which α lies. [2]

(ii) Show that, if a sequence of values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\left(x_n + \frac{6}{x_n}\right)}$$

converges, then it converges to α. [2]

(iii) Use this iterative formula to determine α correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 15

A curve has parametric equations

$$x = t^2 + 3t + 1, \qquad y = t^4 + 1.$$

The point P on the curve has parameter p. It is given that the gradient of the curve at P is 4.

(i) Show that $p = \sqrt[3]{(2p + 3)}$. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that the value of p lies between 1.8 and 2.0. [2]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(i)** to find the value of p correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 16

The equation $x^5 - 3x^3 + x^2 - 4 = 0$ has one positive root.

(i) Verify by calculation that this root lies between 1 and 2. [2]

(ii) Show that the equation can be rearranged in the form

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\left(3x + \frac{4}{x^2} - 1\right)}.$$ [1]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on this rearrangement to determine the positive root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 17

(i) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation

$$5e^{-x} = \sqrt{x}$$

has one root. [2]

(ii) Show that, if a sequence of values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{25}{x_n}\right)$$

converges, then it converges to the root of the equation in part **(i)**. [2]

(iii) Use this iterative formula, with initial value $x_1 = 1$, to calculate the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

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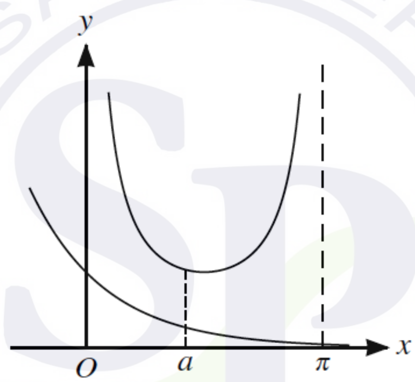

The diagram shows the curve $y = \operatorname{cosec} x$ for $0 < x < \pi$ and part of the curve $y = e^{-x}$. When $x = a$, the tangents to the curves are parallel.

(i) By differentiating $\frac{1}{\sin x}$, show that if $y = \operatorname{cosec} x$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$. [3]

(ii) By equating the gradients of the curves at $x = a$, show that

$$a = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{e^a}{\sin a}\right).$$ [2]

(iii) Verify by calculation that a lies between 1 and 1.5. [2]

(iv) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(ii)** to determine a correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 19

The curve with equation $y = x^2 \cos \frac{1}{2}x$ has a stationary point at $x = p$ in the interval $0 < x < \pi$.

(i) Show that p satisfies the equation $\tan \frac{1}{2}p = \frac{4}{p}$. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that p lies between 2 and 2.5. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula $p_{n+1} = 2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{p_n}\right)$ to determine the value of p correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 20

(i) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation

$$\operatorname{cosec} \tfrac{1}{2}x = \tfrac{1}{3}x + 1$$

has one root in the interval $0 < x \leqslant \pi$. [2]

(ii) Show by calculation that this root lies between 1.4 and 1.6. [2]

(iii) Show that, if a sequence of values in the interval $0 < x \leqslant \pi$ given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = 2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{x_n + 3}\right)$$

converges, then it converges to the root of the equation in part **(i)**. [2]

(iv) Use this iterative formula to calculate the root correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

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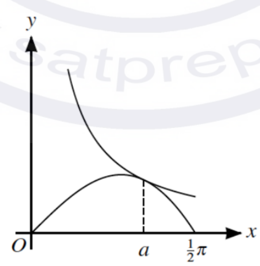

The diagram shows the curves $y = x\cos x$ and $y = \frac{k}{x}$, where k is a constant, for $0 < x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$. The curves touch at the point where $x = a$.

(i) Show that a satisfies the equation $\tan a = \frac{2}{a}$. [5]

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(ii) Use the iterative formula $a_{n+1} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{a_n}\right)$ to determine a correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

(iii) Hence find the value of k correct to 2 decimal places. [2]

Question 22

(i) By sketching suitable graphs, show that the equation $e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} = 4 - x^2$ has one positive root and one negative root. [2]

(ii) Verify by calculation that the negative root lies between -1 and -1.5. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = -\sqrt{(4 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_n})}$ to determine this root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

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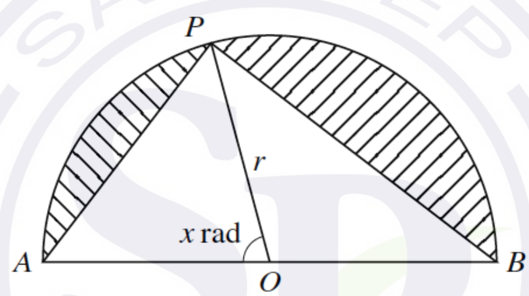

The diagram shows a semicircle with centre O, radius r and diameter AB. The point P on its circumference is such that the area of the minor segment on AP is equal to half the area of the minor segment on BP. The angle AOP is x radians.

(i) Show that x satisfies the equation $x = \frac{1}{3}(\pi + \sin x)$. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that x lies between 1 and 1.5. [2]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(i)** to determine x correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

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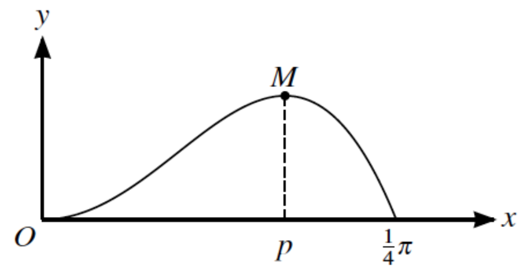

The diagram shows the curve $y = x^2 \cos 2x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{4}\pi$. The curve has a maximum point at M where $x = p$.

(i) Show that p satisfies the equation $p = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)$. [3]

(ii) Use the iterative formula $p_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{p_n}\right)$ to determine the value of p correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

(iii) Find, showing all necessary working, the exact area of the region bounded by the curve and the x-axis. [5]

Question 25

The equation $\cot x = 1 - x$ has one root in the interval $0 < x < \pi$, denoted by α.

(i) Show by calculation that α is greater than 2.5. [2]

(ii) Show that, if a sequence of values in the interval $0 < x < \pi$ given by the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1 - x_n}\right)$ converges, then it converges to α. [2]

(iii) Use this iterative formula to determine α correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 26

The equation $x^3 = 3x + 7$ has one real root, denoted by α.

(i) Show by calculation that α lies between 2 and 3. [2]

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Two iterative formulae, A and B, derived from this equation are as follows:

$$x_{n+1} = (3x_n + 7)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \qquad (A)$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^3 - 7}{3}. \qquad (B)$$

Each formula is used with initial value $x_1 = 2.5$.

(ii) Show that one of these formulae produces a sequence which fails to converge, and use the other formula to calculate α correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [4]

Question 27

It is given that $\int_1^a x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x \, dx = 2$, where $a > 1$.

(i) Show that $a^{\frac{3}{2}} = \dfrac{7 + 2a^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3 \ln a}$. [5]

(ii) Show by calculation that a lies between 2 and 4. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula

$$a_{n+1} = \left(\frac{7 + 2a_n^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3 \ln a_n} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

to determine a correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 28

(i) By sketching suitable graphs, show that the equation $e^{2x} = 6 + e^{-x}$ has exactly one real root. [2]

(ii) Verify by calculation that this root lies between 0.5 and 1. [2]

(iii) Show that if a sequence of values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \tfrac{1}{3} \ln\left(1 + 6e^{x_n}\right)$$

converges, then it converges to the root of the equation in part **(i)**. [2]

Question 29

The positive constant a is such that $\int_0^a x e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}\,dx = 2$.

(i) Show that a satisfies the equation $a = 2\ln(a + 2)$. [5]

(ii) Verify by calculation that a lies between 3 and 3.5. [2]

(iii) Use an iteration based on the equation in part **(i)** to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

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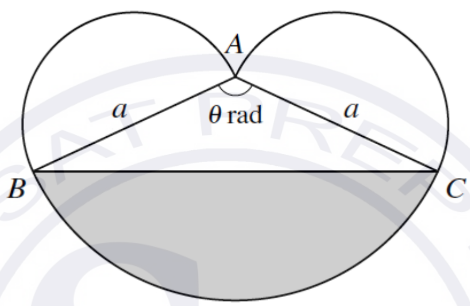

The diagram shows a triangle ABC in which $AB = AC = a$ and angle $BAC = \theta$ radians. Semicircles are drawn outside the triangle with AB and AC as diameters. A circular arc with centre A joins B and C. The area of the shaded segment is equal to the sum of the areas of the semicircles.

(i) Show that $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi + \sin\theta$. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that θ lies between 2.2 and 2.4. [2]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(i)** to determine θ correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 31

The curve with equation $y = \dfrac{\ln x}{3 + x}$ has a stationary point at $x = p$.

(i) Show that p satisfies the equation $\ln x = 1 + \dfrac{3}{x}$. [3]

(ii) By sketching suitable graphs, show that the equation in part **(i)** has only one root. [2]

(iii) It is given that the equation in part **(i)** can be written in the form $x = \dfrac{3 + x}{\ln x}$. Use an iterative formula based on this rearrangement to determine the value of p correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 32

(i) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $x^3 = 3 - x$ has exactly one real root. [2]

(ii) Show that if a sequence of real values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{2x_n^3 + 3}{3x_n^2 + 1}$$

converges, then it converges to the root of the equation in part **(i)**. [2]

(iii) Use this iterative formula to determine the root correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 33

The equation of a curve is $y = x \ln(8 - x)$. The gradient of the curve is equal to 1 at only one point, when $x = a$.

(i) Show that a satisfies the equation $x = 8 - \dfrac{8}{\ln(8 - x)}$. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that a lies between 2.9 and 3.1. [2]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(i)** to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 34

(i) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $x^3 = 3 - x$ has exactly one real root. [2]

(ii) Show that if a sequence of real values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{2x_n^3 + 3}{3x_n^2 + 1}$$

converges, then it converges to the root of the equation in part **(i)**. [2]

(iii) Use this iterative formula to determine the root correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 35

The sequence of values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{2x_n^6 + 12x_n}{3x_n^5 + 8},$$

with initial value $x_1 = 2$, converges to α.

(i) Use the formula to calculate α correct to 4 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 6 decimal places. [3]

(ii) State an equation satisfied by α and hence find the exact value of α. [2]

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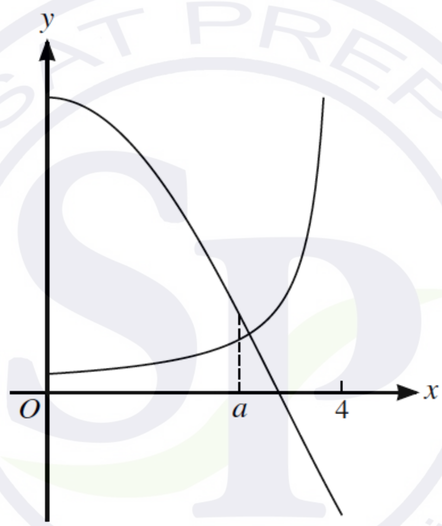

The diagram shows the curves $y = 4\cos\frac{1}{2}x$ and $y = \frac{1}{4-x}$, for $0 \leqslant x < 4$. When $x = a$, the tangents to the curves are perpendicular.

(i) Show that $a = 4 - \sqrt{(2\sin\frac{1}{2}a)}$. [4]

(ii) Verify by calculation that a lies between 2 and 3. [2]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(i)** to determine a correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

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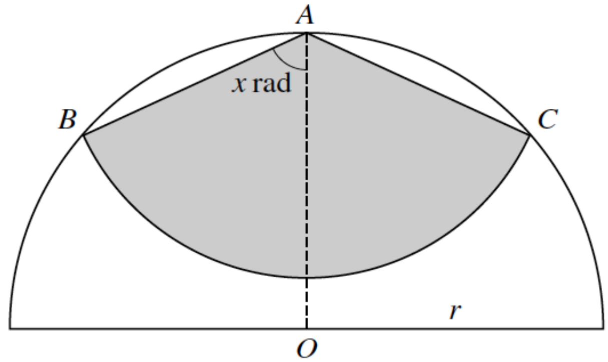

In the diagram, A is the mid-point of the semicircle with centre O and radius r. A circular arc with centre A meets the semicircle at B and C. The angle OAB is equal to x radians. The area of the shaded region bounded by AB, AC and the arc with centre A is equal to half the area of the semicircle.

(i) Use triangle OAB to show that $AB = 2r\cos x$. [1]

(ii) Hence show that $x = \cos^{-1}\sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{16x}\right)}$. [2]

(iii) Verify by calculation that x lies between 1 and 1.5. [2]

(iv) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(ii)** to determine x correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

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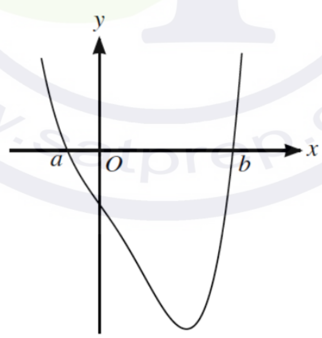


The diagram shows the curve $y = x^4 - 2x^3 - 7x - 6$. The curve intersects the x-axis at the points $(a, 0)$ and $(b, 0)$, where $a < b$. It is given that b is an integer.

(i) Find the value of b. [1]

(ii) Hence show that a satisfies the equation $a = -\frac{1}{3}(2 + a^2 + a^3)$. [4]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(ii)** to determine a correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 39

The curve with equation $y = e^{-2x}\ln(x-1)$ has a stationary point when $x = p$.

(i) Show that p satisfies the equation $x = 1 + \exp\left(\frac{1}{2(x-1)}\right)$, where $\exp(x)$ denotes e^x. [3]

(ii) Verify by calculation that p lies between 2.2 and 2.6. [2]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(i)** to determine p correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 40

It is given that $\int_0^a x\cos\frac{1}{3}x\,dx = 3$, where the constant a is such that $0 < a < \frac{3}{2}\pi$.

(i) Show that a satisfies the equation

$$a = \frac{4 - 3\cos\frac{1}{3}a}{\sin\frac{1}{3}a}.$$ [5]

(ii) Verify by calculation that a lies between 2.5 and 3. [2]

(iii) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(i)** to calculate a correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 41

(i) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $\ln(x+2) = 4e^{-x}$ has exactly one real root. [2]

(ii) Show by calculation that this root lies between $x = 1$ and $x = 1.5$. [2]

(iii) Use the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = \ln\left(\frac{4}{\ln(x_n + 2)}\right)$ to determine the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

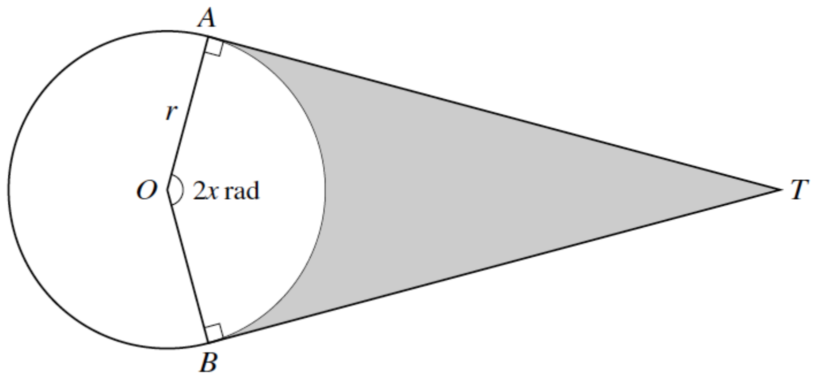
Question 42

(a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $\sec x = 2 - \frac{1}{2}x$ has exactly one root in the interval $0 \leqslant x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. [2]

(b) Verify by calculation that this root lies between 0.8 and 1. [2]

(c) Use the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{4 - x_n}\right)$ to determine the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 43



The diagram shows a circle with centre O and radius r. The tangents to the circle at the points A and B meet at T, and angle AOB is $2x$ radians. The shaded region is bounded by the tangents AT and BT, and by the minor arc AB. The area of the shaded region is equal to the area of the circle.

(a) Show that x satisfies the equation $\tan x = \pi + x$. [3]

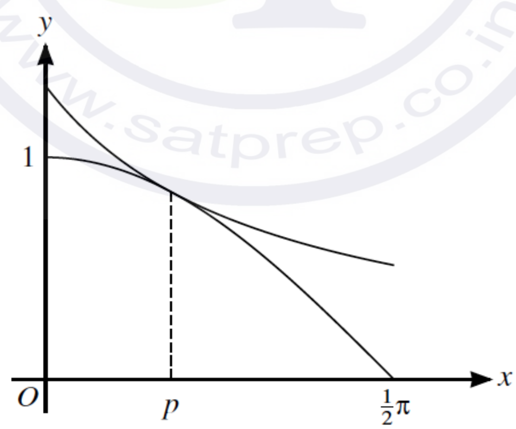
(b) This equation has one root in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. Verify by calculation that this root lies between 1 and 1.4. [2]

(c) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \tan^{-1}(\pi + x_n)$$

to determine the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 44



The diagram shows the curves $y = \cos x$ and $y = \dfrac{k}{1+x}$, where k is a constant, for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$. The curves touch at the point where $x = p$.

(a) Show that p satisfies the equation $\tan p = \dfrac{1}{1+p}$. [5]

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(b) Use the iterative formula $p_{n+1} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1+p_n}\right)$ to determine the value of p correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

(c) Hence find the value of k correct to 2 decimal places. [2]

Question 45

(a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $x^5 = 2 + x$ has exactly one real root. [2]

(b) Show that if a sequence of values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{4x_n^5 + 2}{5x_n^4 - 1}$$

converges, then it converges to the root of the equation in part **(a)**. [2]

(c) Use the iterative formula with initial value $x_1 = 1.5$ to calculate the root correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

Question 46

(a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $\operatorname{cosec} x = 1 + e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$ has exactly two roots in the interval $0 < x < \pi$. [2]

(b) The sequence of values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \pi - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_n} + 1}\right),$$

with initial value $x_1 = 2$, converges to one of these roots.

Use the formula to determine this root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

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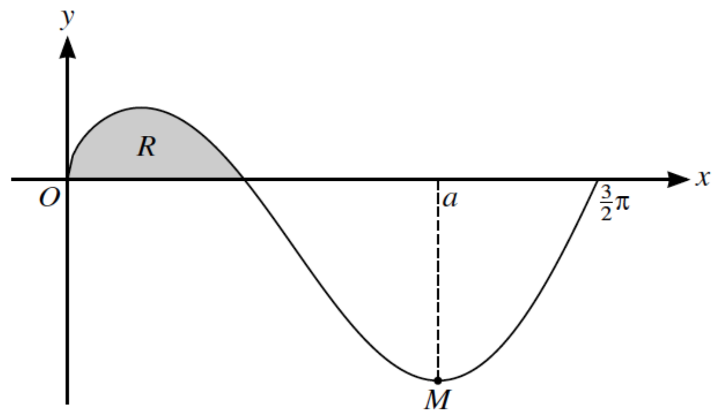
Question 47



The diagram shows the curve $y = \sqrt{x}\cos x$, for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{3}{2}\pi$, and its minimum point M, where $x = a$. The shaded region between the curve and the x-axis is denoted by R.

(a) Show that a satisfies the equation $\tan a = \dfrac{1}{2a}$. [3]

(b) The sequence of values given by the iterative formula $a_{n+1} = \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\dfrac{1}{2a_n}\right)$, with initial value $x_1 = 3$, converges to a.

Use this formula to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

(c) Find the volume of the solid obtained when the region R is rotated completely about the x-axis. Give your answer in terms of π. [6]

Question 48

(a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $\operatorname{cosec} x = 1 + e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$ has exactly two roots in the interval $0 < x < \pi$. [2]

(b) The sequence of values given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \pi - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_n} + 1}\right),$$

with initial value $x_1 = 2$, converges to one of these roots.

Use the formula to determine this root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

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Question 49

Let $f(x) = \dfrac{e^{2x} + 1}{e^{2x} - 1}$, for $x > 0$.

(a) The equation $x = f(x)$ has one root, denoted by a.

Verify by calculation that a lies between 1 and 1.5. [2]

(b) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(a)** to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

(c) Find $f'(x)$. Hence find the exact value of x for which $f'(x) = -8$. [6]

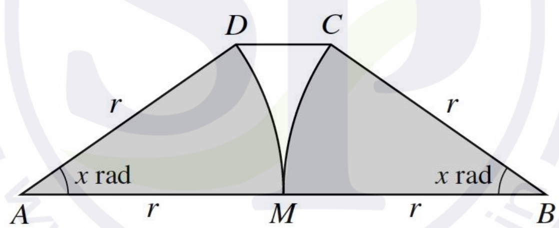
Question 50

(a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $\cot \frac{1}{2}x = 1 + e^{-x}$ has exactly one root in the interval $0 < x \leqslant \pi$. [2]

(b) Verify by calculation that this root lies between 1 and 1.5. [2]

(c) Use the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = 2\tan^{-1}\left(\dfrac{1}{1 + e^{-x_n}}\right)$ to determine the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 51



The diagram shows a trapezium $ABCD$ in which $AD = BC = r$ and $AB = 2r$. The acute angles BAD and ABC are both equal to x radians. Circular arcs of radius r with centres A and B meet at M, the midpoint of AB.

(a) Given that the sum of the areas of the shaded sectors is 90% of the area of the trapezium, show that x satisfies the equation $x = 0.9(2 - \cos x)\sin x$. [3]

(b) Verify by calculation that x lies between 0.5 and 0.7. [2]

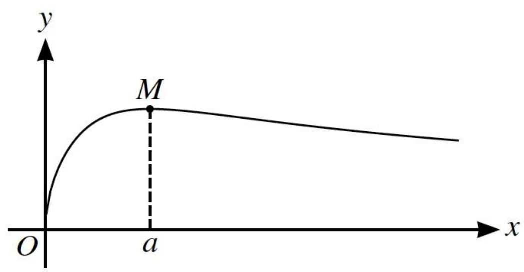
(c) Show that if a sequence of values in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ given by the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \cos^{-1}\left(2 - \frac{x_n}{0.9\sin x_n}\right)$$

converges, then it converges to the root of the equation in part **(a)**. [2]

(d) Use this iterative formula to determine x correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 52



The diagram shows the curve $y = \dfrac{\tan^{-1} x}{\sqrt{x}}$ and its maximum point M where $x = a$.

(a) Show that a satisfies the equation

$$a = \tan\left(\frac{2a}{1 + a^2}\right).$$ [4]

(b) Verify by calculation that a lies between 1.3 and 1.5. [2]

(c) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(a)** to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 53

A large plantation of area $20\,\text{km}^2$ is becoming infected with a plant disease. At time t years the area infected is $x\,\text{km}^2$ and the rate of increase of x is proportional to the ratio of the area infected to the area not yet infected.

When $t = 0$, $x = 1$ and $\dfrac{dx}{dt} = 1$.

(a) Show that x and t satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{19x}{20 - x}.$$ [2]

(b) Solve the differential equation and show that when $t = 1$ the value of x satisfies the equation $x = e^{0.9+0.05x}$. [5]

(c) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(b)**, with an initial value of 2, to determine x correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

(d) Calculate the value of t at which the entire plantation becomes infected. [1]

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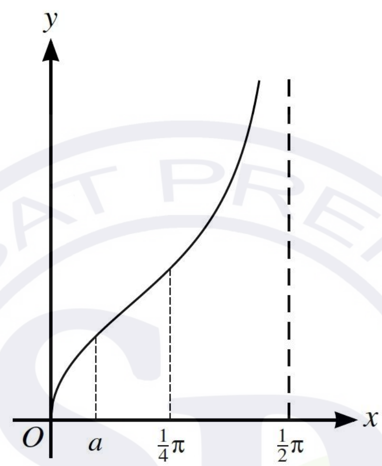
Question 54

The equation of a curve is $y = \sqrt{\tan x}$, for $0 \leqslant x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(a) Express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of $\tan x$, and verify that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ when $x = \frac{1}{4}\pi$. [4]

The value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is also 1 at another point on the curve where $x = a$, as shown in the diagram.



(b) Show that $t^3 + t^2 + 3t - 1 = 0$, where $t = \tan a$. [4]

(c) Use the iterative formula

$$a_{n+1} = \tan^{-1}\left(\tfrac{1}{3}(1 - \tan^2 a_n - \tan^3 a_n)\right)$$

to determine a correct to 2 decimal places, giving the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

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Question 55

The constant a is such that $\int_1^a \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}}\,dx = 6$.

(a) Show that $a = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} + 2\right)$. [5]

[$\exp(x)$ is an alternative notation for e^x.]

(b) Verify by calculation that a lies between 9 and 11. [2]

(c) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(a)** to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 56

(a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $4 - x^2 = \sec \frac{1}{2}x$ has exactly one root in the interval $0 \leqslant x < \pi$. [2]

(b) Verify by calculation that this root lies between 1 and 2. [2]

(c) Use the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{4 - \sec \frac{1}{2}x_n}$ to determine the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 57

The constant a is such that $\int_1^a x^2 \ln x\,dx = 4$.

(a) Show that $a = \left(\frac{35}{3\ln a - 1}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$. [5]

(b) Verify by calculation that a lies between 2.4 and 2.8. [2]

(c) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(a)** to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

Question 58

(a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $\ln x = 3x - x^2$ has one real root. [2]

(b) Verify by calculation that the root lies between 2 and 2.8. [2]

(c) Use the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{3x_n - \ln x_n}$ to determine the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

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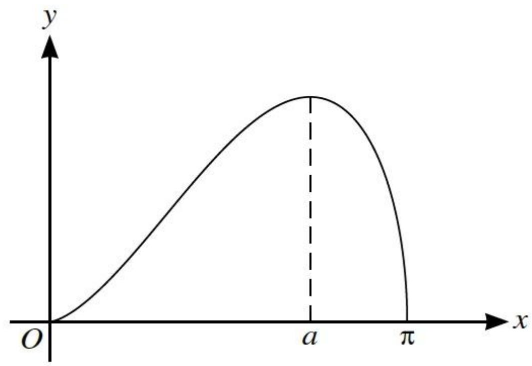
Question 59



The curve $y = x\sqrt{\sin x}$ has one stationary point in the interval $0 < x < \pi$, where $x = a$ (see diagram).

(a) Show that $\tan a = -\frac{1}{2}a$. [4]

(b) Verify by calculation that a lies between 2 and 2.5. [2]

(c) Show that if a sequence of values in the interval $0 < x < \pi$ given by the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = \pi - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n\right)$ converges, then it converges to a, the root of the equation in part **(a)**. [2]

(d) Use the iterative formula given in part **(c)** to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]