

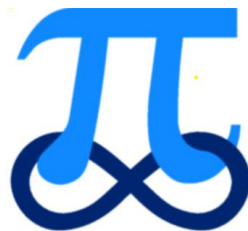
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Pure Mathematics

Year 2

Newton-Raphson Methods

Past paper questions from FP1 and IAL F1



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1.

$$f(x) = x^3 + x - 3.$$

The equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root, α , between 1 and 2.

(a) By considering $f'(x)$, show that α is the only real root of the equation $f(x) = 0$.

(3)

(b) Taking 1.2 as your first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

(2)

(c) Prove that your answer to part (b) gives the value of α correct to 3 significant figures.

(2)

[P4 January 2002 Qn 4]

2.

$$f(x) = x^3 + 8x - 19.$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has only one real root.

(3)

(b) Show that the real root of $f(x) = 0$ lies between 1 and 2.

(2)

(c) Obtain an approximation to the real root of $f(x) = 0$ by performing two applications of the Newton-Raphson procedure to $f(x)$, using $x = 2$ as the first approximation. Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

(4)

(d) By considering the change of sign of $f(x)$ over an appropriate interval, show that your answer to part (c) is accurate to 3 decimal places.

(2)

[FP1 June 2007 Qn 4]

3.

$$f(x) = 4 \cos x + e^{-x}.$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α between 1.6 and 1.7

(2)

(b) Taking 1.6 as your first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

(4)

[FP1 June 2008Qn 2]

4.
$$f(x) = 3\sqrt{x} + \frac{18}{\sqrt{x}} - 20.$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[1.1, 1.2]$. (2)

(b) Find $f'(x)$. (3)

(c) Using $x_0 = 1.1$ as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 significant figures. (4)

[FP1 January 2009 Qn 5]

5. Given that α is the only real root of the equation

$$x^3 - x^2 - 6 = 0,$$

(a) show that $2.2 < \alpha < 2.3$ (2)

(b) Taking 2.2 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 6$ to obtain a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 decimal places. (5)

(c) Use linear interpolation once on the interval $[2.2, 2.3]$ to find another approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 decimal places. (3)

[FP1 June 2009 Qn 4]

6.
$$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{7}{x} + 2, x > 0.$$

(a) Show that $f(x) = 0$ has a root α between 1.4 and 1.5. (2)

(b) Taking 1.45 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x) = x^3 - \frac{7}{x} + 2, x > 0$ to obtain a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 decimal places. (5)

[FP1 June 2010 Qn 3]

7.

$$f(x) = 5x^2 - 4x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 6, \quad x \geq 0.$$

The root α of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $[1.6, 1.8]$.

(a) Use linear interpolation once on the interval $[1.6, 1.8]$ to find an approximation to α .

Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

(4)

(b) Differentiate $f(x)$ to find $f'(x)$.

(2)

(c) Taking 1.7 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

(4)

[FP1 January 2011 Qn 3]

8.

$$f(x) = x^2 + \frac{5}{2x} - 3x - 1, \quad x \neq 0.$$

(a) Use differentiation to find $f'(x)$.

(2)

The root α of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $[0.7, 0.9]$.

(b) Taking 0.8 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

(4)

[FP1 June 2011 Qn 4]

9.

(a) Show that $f(x) = x^4 + x - 1$ has a real root α in the interval $[0.5, 1.0]$.

(2)

(b) Taking 0.75 as a first approximation, apply the Newton Raphson process twice to $f(x)$ to obtain an approximate value of α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

(5)

[FP1 January 2012 Qn 3]

10.
$$f(x) = x^2 + \frac{3}{4\sqrt{x}} - 3x - 7, \quad x > 0.$$

A root α of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $[3, 5]$.

Taking 4 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(6)

[FP1 June 2012 Qn 3]

11.
$$f(x) = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 5, \quad x > 0.$$

(a) Find $f'(x)$.

(2)

The equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[4.5, 5.5]$.

(b) Using $x_0 = 5$ as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 significant figures.

(4)

[FP1 Jan 2013 Qn 3]

12.
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^4 - x^3 + x - 3$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α between $x = 2$ and $x = 2.5$.

(2)

The equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root β in the interval $[-2, -1]$.

(b) Taking -1.5 as a first approximation to β , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to β .

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(5)

[FP1_R June 2013 Qn 3]

13.

$$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{5}{2x^2} + 2x - 3, \quad x > 0$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[1.1, 1.5]$.

(2)

(b) Find $f'(x)$.

(2)

(c) Using $x_0 = 1.1$ as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 decimal places.

(3)

[FP1 June 2014 Qn 2]

14. $f(x) = 3x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 25x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 125x > 0.$

(a) Find $f'(x)$

(2)

The equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[12, 13]$.

(b) Using $x_0 = 12.5$ as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 decimal places.

(4)

[FP1 June 2016 Qn 2]

15.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2} - 2x - 1, \quad x > 0$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[6, 7]$

(2)

(b) Taking 6 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

(5)

[FP1 June 2017 Qn 1]

16.
$$f(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{4}{3x} + 2x - 5, \quad x < 0$$

The equation $f(x) = 0$ has a single root α .

- (a) Show that α lies in the interval $[-3, -2.5]$ (2)
- (b) Taking -3 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places. (5)

[FP1 June 2018 Qn 2]

17. (i)
$$f(x) = 3x^2 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - 5x, \quad x > 0$$

- (a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[1, 2]$. (2)
- (b) Find $f'(x)$. (2)
- (c) Using $x_0 = 2$ as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 2 decimal places. (2)

[FP1 June 2019 Qn 4]

18.
$$f(x) = 6\sqrt{x} - x^2 - \frac{1}{2x}, \quad x > 0$$

- (a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[3, 4]$. (2)
- (b) Taking 3 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places. (5)

[IAL F1 Jan 2014 Qn 1]

19.
$$f(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3, \quad x > 0$$

Given that α is the only real root of the equation $f(x) = 0$,

- (a) show that $4 < \alpha < 5$. (2)
- (b) Taking 4.5 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 decimal places. (5)

[IAL F1 June 2014 Qn 4]

20.
$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^5}} + 2, \quad x > 0$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[2,3]$. (2)

(b) Taking 3 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places. (5)

[IAL F1 Jan 2015 Qn 2]

21.
$$f(x) = x^2 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{4}{3x^2}, \quad x > 0$$

(a) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root α in the interval $[1.6, 1.7]$ (2)

(b) Taking 1.6 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places. (5)

[IAL F1 Jan 2016 Qn 2]

22.

$$f(x) = x^2 + \frac{3}{x} - 1, \quad x < 0$$

The only real root, α , of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $[-2, -1]$.

(a) Taking -1.5 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 2 decimal places. (5)

(b) Show that your answer to part (a) gives α correct to 2 decimal places. (2)

[IAL F1 May 2016 Qn 3]

23.

$$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{1}{2x} + x^{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad x > 0,$$

The root α of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $[0.6, 0.7]$.

(a) Taking 0.6 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places. (5)

(b) Show that your answer to part (a) is correct to 3 decimal places. (2)

[IAL F1 Jan 2017 Qn 6]

24.

$$f(x) = 30 + \frac{7}{\sqrt{x}} - x^5, \quad x > 0$$

Taking 2 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 2 decimal places.

(5)

[IAL F1 May 2017 Qn 5]

25.

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - \frac{5}{3\sqrt{x}} - 6, \quad x > 0$$

The single root α of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $[1.5, 1.6]$.

(a) Taking 1.5 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

(4)

26.

$$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{1}{2x} + x^{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad x > 0,$$

The root α of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $[0.6, 0.7]$.

(a) Taking 0.6 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

(5)

(b) Show that your answer to part (a) is correct to 3 decimal places.

(2)

[IAL F1 Jan 2018 Qn 6]

27.

$$f(x) = \frac{2(x^3 + 3)}{\sqrt{x}} - 9, \quad x > 0$$

The equation $f(x) = 0$ has two real roots α and β , where $0.4 < \alpha < 0.5$ and $1.2 < \beta < 1.3$

(a) Taking 0.45 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α , giving your answer to 3 decimal places.

(5)

[IAL F1 May 2018 Qn 6]

28.

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - \frac{7}{x^2} + 16, \quad x \neq 0$$

The equation $f(x) = 0$ also has a single root β in the interval $[0.6, 0.7]$.

Taking 0.65 as a first approximation to β , apply the Newton-Raphson procedure once to $f(x)$ to obtain a second approximation to β , giving your answer to 4 decimal places.

(4)

[IAL F1 Jan 2019 Qn 4]

29.

$$f(x) = 5 + 4x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 - \frac{7}{2x} \quad x > 0$$

(a) Find $f'(x)$

(2)

A root α of the equation $f(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $[0.5, 0.6]$.

(b) Using 0.5 as a first approximation to α , apply the Newton-Raphson process once to $f(x)$ to find a second approximation to α . Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

(3)

(c) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a root β in the interval $[3, 3.5]$.

(2)

[IAL F1 May 2019 Qn 1]