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Math 4141

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Test I

Time: 70 minutes

Name: Key: Section: Number:

Important Instructions

- Make sure you write your name, number and section number on the exam paper and on the solution booklet.
- Solve all questions (**Q1** through **Q7**). Make sure you show your complete, mathematically correct and neatly written solution.
- You are NOT allowed to share calculators or any other material during the test under any circumstances.
- Cellular phones are NOT allowed to be used in class.

Q1: Write the correct definition of each of the following: *(2+2 points)*

- (i) A sequence $\{q_n\}$ is linearly convergent to q .
Solution: See Definition 2.6, page 78.
- (ii) A function $f(x)$ has a zero of multiplicity 5.
Solution: See Definition 2.9, page 82.

Q2: Write correct and complete statement for each of the following: *(3+3 points)*

- (i) Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.
Solution: See Theorem 2.15, page 91.
- (ii) Fixed Point Theorem.
Solution: See Theorem 2.3, page 61.

Q3: Let $f(x) = (x + 2)(x + 1)^2(x - 1)^3(x - 2)$. To which zero of f does the Bisection method converge when applied on the interval $[-3, 0]$. Justify your answer. *(4 points)*

Solution: Observe that f has two zeros in the interval $[-3, 0]$, namely $x = -2, -1$. However, when we use the Bisection method, we find $f(-3) < 0$, $f(0) > 0$, $f(-1.5) > 0$. Thus, we take $[-3, -1.5]$ as the new interval. Now, this new interval contains only one zero, and it is $x = -2$. Hence, the Bisection method must converge to -2 .

Q4: Let $f(x) = 1 - 5\frac{\ln(x)}{x}$. Answer each of the following: *(2+3 points)*

- (i) Show that $f(x)$ has a zero in the interval $[1, 20]$.
Solution: We have $f(1) = 1$ and $f(20) \approx 0.251$; however, these points do not help us to apply the I.V.T. So, we test f at a point inside the interval. For instance $f(10) \approx -0.151$. Now, since $f(x)$ is continuous on the interval $[10, 20]$ and $f(10)f(20) < 0$, then by the I.V.T., f has at least one zero in the interval $[10, 20] \subset [1, 20]$. Hence, f has a zero in the interval $[1, 20]$.

(ii) Use Newton's method with $p_0 = 20$ and find p_1, p_2 .

Solution: We have $f'(x) = \frac{5(-1+\ln(x))}{x^2}$. Therefore,

$$p_1 = p_0 - \frac{f(p_0)}{f'(p_0)} = 20 - \frac{(1 - (1/4)\ln(20))}{(-1/80 + (1/80)\ln(20))} \approx 9.9358.$$

and

$$p_2 = 9.9358 - \frac{f(9.9358)}{f'(9.9358)} \approx 12.304.$$

Q5: Let $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x + \frac{2}{x})$. Find an interval $[a, b]$ such that $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$. Justify your answer.

(4 points)

Solution: We take $a = 1, b = 2$ and show that $g : [1, 2] \rightarrow [1, 2]$. Since

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{2x^2}{x^2 - 2},$$

we obtain $g'(x) = 0$ at $x = \sqrt{2}$. Thus, the extreme values are

$$g(1) = \frac{3}{2}, \quad g(\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2}, \quad g(2) = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Since the extreme values are in the interval $[1, 2]$, we obtain $g : [1, 2] \rightarrow [1, 2]$.

Q6: Show that $f(x) = \sin(x) - x$ has a zero of multiplicity three at $x = 0$.

(3 points)

Solution: We use Theorem 2.11. Since

$$f'(x) = \cos(x) - 1, \quad f''(x) = -\sin(x), \quad f'''(x) = -\cos(x)$$

and

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f'(0) = 0, \quad f''(0) = 0, \quad f'''(0) = -1 \neq 0.$$

then f has a zero of multiplicity three at $x = 0$.

Q7: Consider the function $g(x) = 1 + \sin^2(x)$, and let $p_0^{(0)} = 1$. Use Steffensen's method to find $p_0^{(1)}$ and $p_0^{(2)}$.

(4 points)

Solution: We use

$$p_{j+1}^{(k)} = g(p_j^{(k)}), \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \quad \text{and} \quad p_0^{(k+1)} = p_0^{(k)} - \frac{(p_1^{(k)} - p_0^{(k)})^2}{p_2^{(k)} - 2p_1^{(k)} + p_0^{(k)}},$$

then summarize the computations in the following table:

k	$p_0^{(k)}$	$p_1^{(k)}$	$p_2^{(k)}$
0	1	1.708	1.981
1	2.153	1.698	1.984
2	1.873		

Hence $p_0^{(1)} \approx 2.153$ and $p_0^{(2)} \approx 1.873$.

Total: 30 points

Good Luck