



Iteration



REVISE THIS
TOPIC

- 1 A sequence of numbers is formed by the iterative process

$$u_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{u_n}{10} + 2} \quad u_1 = 42.5$$

Work out the values of u_2 and u_3

[2 marks]

$$u_2 = \sqrt{\frac{42.5}{10} + 2}$$

$$u_3 = \sqrt{\frac{2.5}{10} + 2}$$

$$u_2 = 2.5$$

$$u_3 = 1.5$$

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- 2 A sequence of numbers is formed by the iterative process

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{(u_n)^2 + 3}{5} \quad u_1 = \sqrt{3}$$

Work out the values of u_2 and u_3

[2 marks]

$$u_2 = \frac{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 3}{5}$$

$$u_3 = \frac{1.2^2 + 3}{5}$$

$$u_2 = 1.2$$

$$= 0.888$$

$$u_2 = 1.2$$

$$u_3 = 0.888$$





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A sequence of numbers is formed by the iterative process

$$u_{n+1} = \sqrt{80 - 5u_n}$$

$$u_1 = 12.8$$

Work out the values of u_2 and u_3

[2 marks]

$$u_2 = \sqrt{80 - 5(12.8)}$$

$$u_3 = \sqrt{80 - 5(4)}$$

$$u_2 = 4$$

$$u_3 = 7.74596...$$

$$u_2 = 4$$

$$u_3 = 7.745966692$$

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A sequence of numbers is formed by the iterative process

$$u_{n+1} = 4u_n - (u_n)^2$$

$$u_1 = 0.3$$

Work out the values of u_2 and u_3

[2 marks]

$$u_2 = 4(0.3) - 0.3^2$$

$$u_3 = 4(1.1) - 1.1^2$$

$$u_2 = 1.1$$

$$u_3 = 3.2079$$

$$u_2 = 1.1$$

$$u_3 = 3.2079$$





- 5 An approximate solution to an equation is found using the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{x_n + 4}$$

with $x_1 = 2$

- 5 (a) Work out the values of x_2 and x_3
Write down all the figures on your calculator display. [2 marks]

$$x_2 = \sqrt[3]{2 + 4}$$

$$x_3 = \sqrt[3]{1.817... + 4}$$

$$x_2 = 1.817120593$$

$$x_3 = 1.798467893$$

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$$x_3 = 1.798467893$$

- 5 (b) Work out the solution to the equation to 5 decimal places. [1 mark]

Continue iterations

$$x = 1.796321903$$

$$x = 1.79632$$



- 6 An approximate solution to an equation is found using the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{13 - x_n}$$

with $x_1 = 3$

- 6 (a) Work out the values of x_2 and x_3
Write down all the figures on your calculator display. [2 marks]

$$x_2 = \sqrt{13 - 3}$$

$$x_3 = \sqrt{13 - 3.16...}$$

$$x_2 = 3.16227766$$

$$x_3 = 3.136514361$$

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$$x_3 = 3.136514361$$

- 6 (b) Work out the solution to the equation to 3 decimal places. [1 mark]

Continue iterations

$$x = 3.140054945$$

$$x = 3.140$$





- 7 An approximate solution to an equation is found using the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{(x_n)^2 + 6}{10}$$

with $x_1 = 1$

- 7 (a) Work out the values of x_2 and x_3

[2 marks]

$$x_2 = \frac{1^2 + 6}{10} \quad x_3 = \frac{0.7^2 + 6}{10}$$

$$x_2 = 0.7 \quad x_3 = 0.649$$

$$x_2 = 0.7$$

$$x_3 = 0.649$$

- 7 (b) Work out the solution to the equation to 4 decimal places.

[1 mark]

Continue iterations

$$x = 0.6411010565$$

$$x = 0.6411$$





- 8 An approximate solution to an equation is found using the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = 10 - \sqrt{\frac{8}{x_n}}$$

with $x_1 = 2$

- 8 (a) Work out the values of x_2 and x_3

[2 marks]

$$x_2 = 10 - \sqrt{\frac{8}{2}}$$

$$x_3 = 10 - \sqrt{\frac{8}{8}}$$

$$x_2 = 8$$

$$x_3 = 9$$

$$x_2 = 8$$

$$x_3 = 9$$

- 8 (b) Work out the solution to the equation to 5 decimal places.

[1 mark]

Continue iterations

$$x = 9.060335423$$

$$x = 9.06034$$

