

MTH5110

Introduction to Numerical Computing

Final exam (marking scheme)

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Problem 1

a)

[8 marks]

Evaluate the expression $114/9$ using arithmetic with 2 digits in the mantissa. Explain briefly the outcome.

```
> evalf[2](evalf[2](114)/evalf[2](9));  
12.
```

(1)

each evalf (2+2+2 marks) (one not needed)
result mathematically incorrect as 114 has 3 significant digits (2 marks)

b)

[8 marks]

When computing $\sqrt{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}-2}$ in Maple we seem to obtain a complex number

```
> sqrt(sqrt(2.0)*sqrt(2.0)-2.0);  
0.00003162277660 I
```

(2)

Explain this finding.

Floating point arithmetics involves truncation errors (4 marks).
 $\text{sqrt}(2.0)$ gives a result which is slightly too small (4 marks)

c)

[12 marks]

Trace the following piece of Maple code

```
> for k from 2 to 4 do  
  k:=(k-5)*(k-2):  
end do:
```

2 marks for each output, 4 marks for the last one (2+2+2+2+4)

```
> for k from 2 to 4 do  
  print(k):  
  k:=(k-5)*(k-2):  
  print(k):  
end do:  
print(k):
```

0
1
4
5

(3)

Problem 2

It can be shown that the integrals

$$I_n = \int_1^{\infty} x^{-3n} e^{-x^3} dx$$

obey the recurrence relation

$$I_n = \frac{1}{3e} - \left(n + \frac{2}{3}\right) I_{n+1}$$

a)

[8 marks]

State with a reason whether the forward iteration is stable or unstable, and state with a reason whether the backward iteration is stable or unstable.

Forward iteration is stable (2 marks) since $1/(n-2/3) < 1$ for large n (2 marks).
Backward iteration is unstable (2 marks) since $n-2/3 > 1$ for large n (2 marks).

b)

[8 marks]

Using a stable iteration scheme compute the value of I_{10} with about three significant digits.

Some seed (2 marks)
Correct iteration formula (2 marks)
Some loop with some limits (2 marks)
Consistent output (2 marks)

```
> In:=1.0;  
for n from 0 to 9 do  
  In:=(exp(-1.0)/3.0-In)/(n+2.0/3.0);  
end do;
```

```
In:= 1.0  
In:= -1.316060279  
In:= 0.8632120552  
In:= -0.2777195905  
In:= 0.1091852921  
In:= 0.002880254636  
In:= 0.02113168690  
In:= 0.01522421902
```

$In := 0.01400899062$

$In := 0.01253278728$

$In := 0.01138900273$

(4)

c)

[8 marks]

Using error propagation estimate the absolute error of the result you have computed in part b).

>

Estimate of seed error (2 marks)

Error propagation for each step (4 marks)

Final estimate (2 marks)

$$\prod_{n=0}^9 \frac{1}{\left(n + \frac{2}{3}\right)} < \frac{1}{9!} = \frac{1}{362880}$$

Problem 3

a)

[6 marks]

State a Newton Raphson map for solving the equation $e^x = x$.

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General NR map (2 marks)

Rearrange equation for rhs 0 (2 marks)

Correct map (2 marks)

> $x - (exp(x) - x) / (diff(exp(x) - x, x));$

$$x - \frac{e^x - x}{e^x - 1}$$

(5)

b)

[10 marks]

The inverse function of the function $f(x) = x e^x$ is called the Lambert W-function $W(y)$. Write a procedure which computes the value of $W(y)$ using a Newton Raphson scheme. Your procedure should have a single input, the value of y , and it should return the value of $W(y)$ with at least 3 significant digits.

>

NR code from notes

(2 marks)

> **my_lambert:=proc(y)**

 # adjust input (2marks)

local xold,xnew,phi,f,tol;

 # tolerance in code (2 marks)

tol:=10.0^(-3);

 # adjust seed (2 marks)

xnew:=y;

 # fictitious old value for x to start the loop

xold:=xnew-tol-1;

```

# NR map for f(x)-y=0 (2 marks)
f:=x->x*exp(x)-y;
phi:=x->x-f(x)/D(f)(x);
# loop with termination condition
while abs(xnew-xold)>tol do
  # transcribe x value
  xold:=xnew;
  # NR iteration
  xnew:=phi(xold);
end do;
# output
return xnew;
end proc;

```

```
my_lambert := proc(y)
```

```
local xold, xnew, phi, f, tol;
```

```
tol := 10.0^( - 3);
```

```
xnew := y;
```

```
xold := xnew - tol - 1;
```

```
f := x -> x * exp(x) - y;
```

```
phi := x -> x - f(x) / D(f)(x);
```

```
while tol < abs(xnew - xold) do xold := xnew; xnew := phi(xold) end do;
```

```
return xnew
```

```
end proc
```

(6)

c)

[6 marks]

Use your procedure to compute the value of $W(2)e^{W(2)}$. What is the absolute error of your result?

>

evaluation (2 marks)

exact result 2 (2 marks)

absolute error (2 marks)

```
> res:=my_lambert(2.0)*exp(my_lambert(2.0));
```

```
res := 2.000000529
```

(7)

```
> res-2.0;
```

```
5.29 10-7
```

(8)

Problem 4

Consider the definite integral

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{1}{\pi}} \sqrt{x} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx \quad .$$

a)

[10 marks]

Write a Maple procedure which computes a numerical approximation of

the integral using the trapezoidal rule. Your procedure should have a single input, the number of subintervals n . Your procedure should return the numerical approximation of I and an estimate of the absolute error of the result (you may use any Maple command to derive the error estimate).

>

Algorithm from notes (2 marks)
 Kernel in code (2 marks)
 Correct limits in code (2 marks)
 Correct evaluation at endpoint 0 (2 marks)
 Absolute error in output (2 marks)

```
> my_int:=proc(n)
  local h,s,a,b,f;
  f:=x->sqrt(x)*cos(1.0/x);
  a:=0.0;
  b:=1.0/evalf(Pi);
  # stepsize
  h:=(b-a)/n;
  # boundary points
  s:=0.0-sqrt(1.0/evalf(Pi));
  # sum over nodes
  s:=s+2*add(f(a+k*h),k=1..n-1);
  # output and absolute error
  return s*h/2,abs(evalf(int(sqrt(x)*cos(1/x),x=0..1/Pi))-s*h/2)
;
```

(9)

```
my_int := proc(n)
  local h, s, a, b, f;
  f := x -> sqrt(x) * cos(1.0/x);
  a := 0.;
  b := 1.0 / evalf(pi);
  h := (b - a) / n;
  s := 0. - sqrt(1.0 / evalf(pi));
  s := s + 2 * add(f(a + k * h), k = 1 .. n - 1);
  return 1/2 * s * h, abs(evalf(int(sqrt(x) * cos(1/x), x = 0 .. 1/pi)) - 1/2 * s * h)
end proc
```

b)

[8 marks]

Produce a plot where you show the absolute error vs. n for $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 200$.
 How does the absolute error depend on n ?

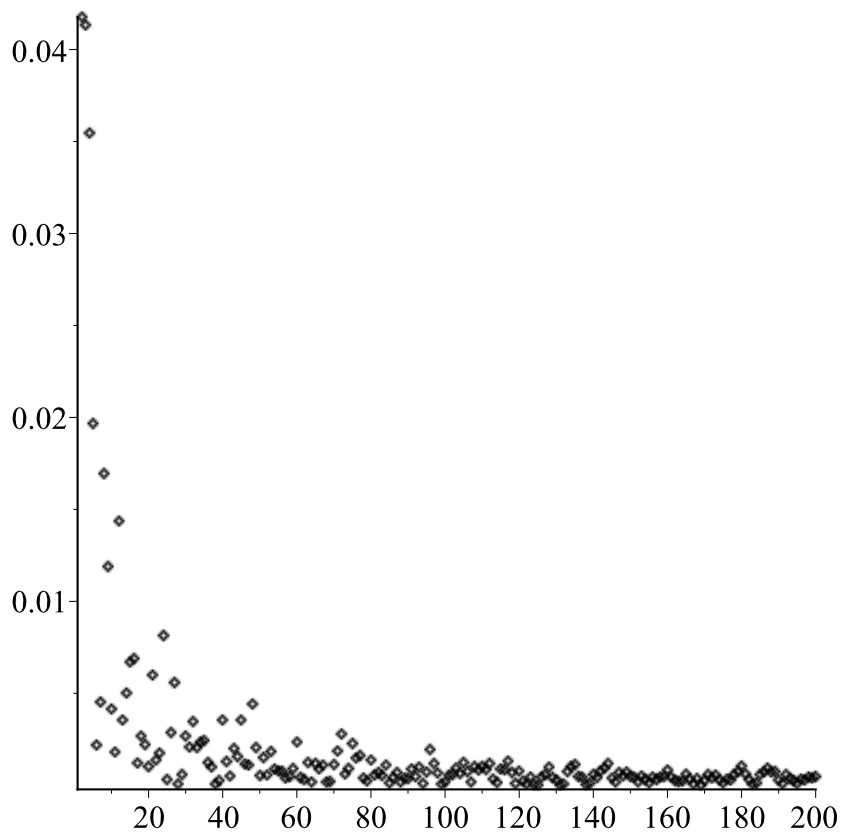
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Create list/sequence, e.g. in a loop which contains correct data format, n and error (2 marks)

```
> lst:=NULL:
  for k from 2 to 200 do
    lst:=lst,[k,my_int(k)[2]];
  end do:
```

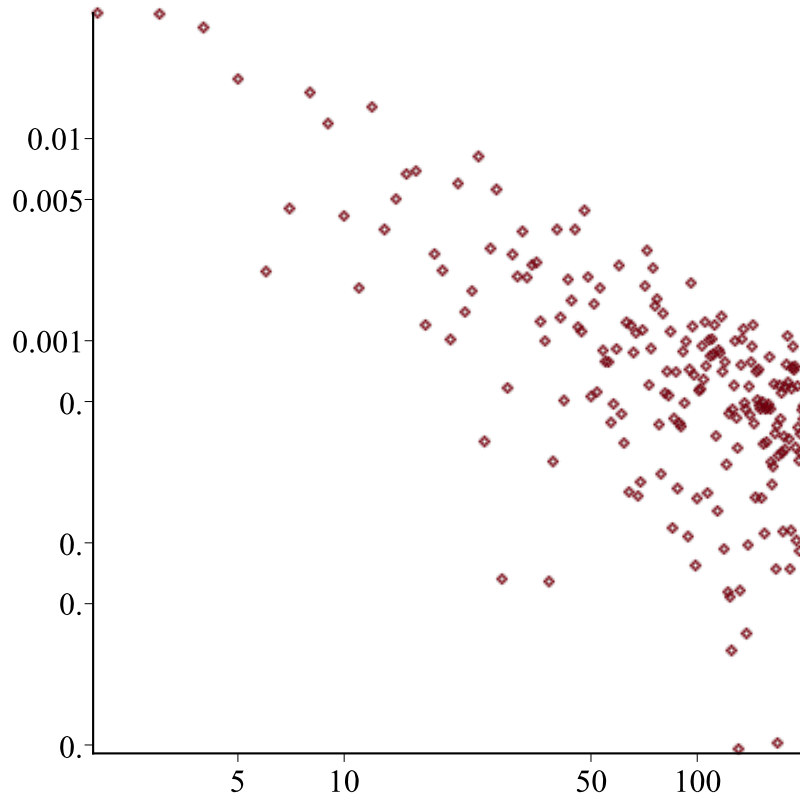
Plot using e.g. listplot (2 marks)

```
> plots[listplot]([lst],style=point);
```



Decays like n^{-1} (4 marks), e.g. logarithmic plot (kernel not smooth and strongly oscillating - full marks for this statement as well).

```
> plots[loglogplot]([lst],style=point);
```

c) Use your procedure to determine the value of I with at least 6 significant digits. **[8 marks]**

At about 200000 nodes are needed, correct input (4 marks)
 Run the program (4 marks)

```
> my_int(200000);
-0.02316479862, 7.0459 10-7
```

(10)