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MASTER VERSION

1. Let $P_3(x)$ be the third Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = 2x \cos(2x) - (x - 2)^2$ about $x_0 = 0$. Then, the **least upper bound** for $|f(0.4) - P_3(0.4)|$ is

- (a) 0.05849 _____(correct)
(b) 0.01336
(c) 0.58546
(d) 0.03336
(e) 0.36320

2. Let $f(x) = x^3$, and let $P_2(x)$ be the degree-2 Taylor polynomial about $x_0 = 1$. Compute $f(0.5)$ and $P_2(0.5)$, and then use three-digit rounding arithmetic to approximate the relative error at $x = 0.5$.

- (a) 1.00 _____(correct)
(b) 0.125
(c) 0.015
(d) 1.12
(e) 1.15

3. The bound of number of iterations using Bisection method needed to achieve an approximation with accuracy 10^{-2} to the solution of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 6 = 0$ on the interval $[0, 1]$ is

(a) $n \geq 7$ _____(correct)

(b) $n \geq 3$

(c) $n \geq 5$

(d) $n \geq 9$

(e) $n \geq 4$

4. The approximation to $\sqrt{3}$ obtained after three iterations of the Bisection Method applied on the interval $[1.70, 1.78]$ is

(a) 1.73 _____(correct)

(b) 1.74

(c) 1.75

(d) 1.76

(e) 1.72

5. Using Fixed point iteration $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ to approximate a solution for $f(x) = x^5 - 7 = 0$, which of the following function converges to a fixed point $\alpha \in [1.3, 1.6]$. Assume $p_0 = 1$

(a) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{5x^4}$ _____(correct)

(b) $g(x) = x + \frac{7 - x^5}{x}$

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6. Let p_2 denote the approximation to a root of

$$f(x) = -x^3 - \cos x$$

obtained after two Newton iterations with initial guess $p_0 = -1$. Then p_2 , computed using *three-digit chopping arithmetic*, is

(a) -0.865 _____(correct)

(b) -0.866

(c) -0.867

(d) 0.866

(e) 0.858

7. The equation

$$x + 1 - 2 \sin(\pi x) = 0$$

has a root in the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Using the Secant Method with initial guesses $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = 0.5$, compute the third iterate p_3 .

- (a) $p_3 = -0.322781$ _____(correct)
(b) $p_3 = -0.398717$
(c) $p_3 = 0.228213$
(d) $p_3 = 0.311717$
(e) $p_3 = -0.292754$

8. Let $f(x) = \sin(e^x - 2)$ and let $P_2(x) = \sum_{i=0}^2 f(x_i)L_i(x)$ be the quadratic Lagrange polynomial interpolates $f(x)$ at the nodes

$$x_0 = 0.6, x_1 = 0.7, x_2 = 0.8.$$

If $L_2(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. Then, $a + b + c =$

- (a) 6 _____(correct)
(b) 3
(c) -4
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(e) 34

9. A natural cubic spline S is defined by

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} S_0(x) = 1 + B(x-1) - D(x-1)^3, & 1 \leq x < 2, \\ S_1(x) = 1 + b(x-2) - \frac{3}{4}(x-2)^2 + d(x-2)^3, & 2 \leq x \leq 3. \end{cases}$$

If S interpolates the data $(1, 1)$, $(2, 1)$, and $(3, 0)$, find $Bb + Dd =$.

- (a) $\frac{-1}{16}$ _____(correct)
- (b) $\frac{-1}{4}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{16}$
- (d) $\frac{1}{8}$
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10. Consider the following table of data:

x	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
$f(x)$	1.52918	1.64024	1.70470	1.71277

Let $\alpha = f'(1.1)$ and $\beta = f'(1.3)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point finite-difference formulas available from the table, and let $\gamma = f''(1.2)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point formula. Compute

$$\alpha - \beta + 2\gamma.$$

- (a) -8.339 _____(correct)
- (b) -0.3625
- (c) -6.8420
- (d) 3.7860
- (e) 5.1280

11. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Then, the upper bound for the error in approximating $f'(1.1)$ using the forward three-point finite-difference formula with step size $h = 0.1$ is

- (a) 0.359033 _____(correct)
- (b) 0.280322
- (c) 0.310322
- (d) 0.457023
- (e) 0.273103

12. Let

$$I = \int_3^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} dx.$$

Using $n = 4$ equal subintervals, let T be the composite trapezoidal approximation to I , and let S be the composite Simpson approximation to I . Compute $T - S$.

- (a) 4.1943×10^{-3} _____(correct)
- (b) 4.7943×10^{-3}
- (c) 6.1342×10^{-3}
- (d) 2.4943×10^{-3}
- (e) 2.1846×10^{-3}

13. The minimum value of n required to approximate the integral

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to within 2×10^{-5} using composite Simpson's rule is

- (a) 18 _____(correct)
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- (c) 14
- (d) 15
- (e) 13

14. Let

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^2 - \ln x.$$

Which of the following intervals guarantees that $f(x) = 0$ has at least one solution in the interval?

- (a) $[e, 4]$ _____(correct)
- (b) $[2, 3]$
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obtained after two Newton iterations with initial guess $p_0 = -1$. Then p_2 , computed using *three-digit chopping arithmetic*, is

(a) 0.866

(b) -0.867

(c) -0.866

(d) 0.858

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3. The equation

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has a root in the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Using the Secant Method with initial guesses $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = 0.5$, compute the third iterate p_3 .

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7. The minimum value of n required to approximate the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos x \, dx$$

to within 2×10^{-5} using composite Simpson's rule is

- (a) 15
- (b) 14
- (c) 17
- (d) 18
- (e) 13

8. Let

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Using $n = 4$ equal subintervals, let T be the composite trapezoidal approximation to I , and let S be the composite Simpson approximation to I . Compute $T - S$.

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9. The approximation to $\sqrt{3}$ obtained after three iterations of the Bisection Method applied on the interval $[1.70, 1.78]$ is
- (a) 1.74
 - (b) 1.76
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 - (d) 1.75
 - (e) 1.73
10. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Then, the upper bound for the error in approximating $f'(1.1)$ using the forward three-point finite-difference formula with step size $h = 0.1$ is
- (a) 0.457023
 - (b) 0.359033
 - (c) 0.273103
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11. Let $f(x) = x^3$, and let $P_2(x)$ be the degree-2 Taylor polynomial about $x_0 = 1$. Compute $f(0.5)$ and $P_2(0.5)$, and then use three-digit rounding arithmetic to approximate the relative error at $x = 0.5$.

- (a) 1.12
- (b) 0.015
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- (e) 1.00

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- (c) 0.125
- (d) 0.015
- (e) 1.12

12. Let

$$I = \int_3^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} dx.$$

Using $n = 4$ equal subintervals, let T be the composite trapezoidal approximation to I , and let S be the composite Simpson approximation to I . Compute $T - S$.

- (a) 4.7943×10^{-3}
- (b) 6.1342×10^{-3}
- (c) 2.4943×10^{-3}
- (d) 4.1943×10^{-3}
- (e) 2.1846×10^{-3}

13. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Then, the upper bound for the error in approximating $f'(1.1)$ using the forward three-point finite-difference formula with step size $h = 0.1$ is

- (a) 0.457023
- (b) 0.280322
- (c) 0.359033
- (d) 0.310322
- (e) 0.273103

14. Let $P_3(x)$ be the third Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = 2x \cos(2x) - (x - 2)^2$ about $x_0 = 0$. Then, the **least upper bound** for $|f(0.4) - P_3(0.4)|$ is

- (a) 0.58546
- (b) 0.05849
- (c) 0.03336
- (d) 0.36320
- (e) 0.01336

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1. The approximation to $\sqrt{3}$ obtained after three iterations of the Bisection Method applied on the interval $[1.70, 1.78]$ is

- (a) 1.73
- (b) 1.74
- (c) 1.72
- (d) 1.75
- (e) 1.76

2. Let

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^2 - \ln x.$$

Which of the following intervals guarantees that $f(x) = 0$ has at least one solution in the interval?

- (a) $[4, 5]$
- (b) $[2, 3]$
- (c) $[1, 1.2]$
- (d) $[0.5, 1]$
- (e) $[e, 4]$

3. Using Fixed point iteration $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ to approximate a solution for $f(x) = x^5 - 7 = 0$, which of the following function converges to a fixed point $\alpha \in [1.3, 1.6]$. Assume $p_0 = 1$

(a) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{5x^4}$

(b) $g(x) = x + \frac{7 - x^5}{x}$

(c) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{x^2}$

(d) $g(x) = x^5 + x - 7$

(e) $g(x) = x - 0.1(x^5 - 7)$

4. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Then, the upper bound for the error in approximating $f'(1.1)$ using the forward three-point finite-difference formula with step size $h = 0.1$ is

(a) 0.273103

(b) 0.457023

(c) 0.310322

(d) 0.280322

(e) 0.359033

5. A natural cubic spline S is defined by

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} S_0(x) = 1 + B(x-1) - D(x-1)^3, & 1 \leq x < 2, \\ S_1(x) = 1 + b(x-2) - \frac{3}{4}(x-2)^2 + d(x-2)^3, & 2 \leq x \leq 3. \end{cases}$$

If S interpolates the data $(1, 1)$, $(2, 1)$, and $(3, 0)$, find $Bb + Dd =$.

- (a) $\frac{-1}{4}$
- (b) $\frac{-1}{8}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{16}$
- (d) $\frac{-1}{16}$
- (e) $\frac{1}{8}$

6. The equation

$$x + 1 - 2 \sin(\pi x) = 0$$

has a root in the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Using the Secant Method with initial guesses $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = 0.5$, compute the third iterate p_3 .

- (a) $p_3 = 0.311717$
- (b) $p_3 = -0.292754$
- (c) $p_3 = -0.398717$
- (d) $p_3 = 0.228213$
- (e) $p_3 = -0.322781$

7. The minimum value of n required to approximate the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos x \, dx$$

to within 2×10^{-5} using composite Simpson's rule is

- (a) 18
- (b) 17
- (c) 13
- (d) 15
- (e) 14

8. Consider the following table of data:

x	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
$f(x)$	1.52918	1.64024	1.70470	1.71277

Let $\alpha = f'(1.1)$ and $\beta = f'(1.3)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point finite-difference formulas available from the table, and let $\gamma = f''(1.2)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point formula. Compute

$$\alpha - \beta + 2\gamma.$$

- (a) -6.8420
- (b) 3.7860
- (c) -0.3625
- (d) -8.339
- (e) 5.1280

9. Let p_2 denote the approximation to a root of

$$f(x) = -x^3 - \cos x$$

obtained after two Newton iterations with initial guess $p_0 = -1$. Then p_2 , computed using *three-digit chopping arithmetic*, is

- (a) 0.858
 - (b) -0.867
 - (c) -0.866
 - (d) 0.866
 - (e) -0.865
10. Let $f(x) = x^3$, and let $P_2(x)$ be the degree-2 Taylor polynomial about $x_0 = 1$. Compute $f(0.5)$ and $P_2(0.5)$, and then use three-digit rounding arithmetic to approximate the relative error at $x = 0.5$.
- (a) 0.015
 - (b) 1.00
 - (c) 0.125
 - (d) 1.15
 - (e) 1.12

11. The bound of number of iterations using Bisection method needed to achieve an approximation with accuracy 10^{-2} to the solution of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 6 = 0$ on the interval $[0, 1]$ is

(a) $n \geq 9$

(b) $n \geq 7$

(c) $n \geq 4$

(d) $n \geq 3$

(e) $n \geq 5$

12. Let $f(x) = \sin(e^x - 2)$ and let $P_2(x) = \sum_{i=0}^2 f(x_i)L_i(x)$ be the quadratic Lagrange polynomial interpolates $f(x)$ at the nodes

$$x_0 = 0.6, x_1 = 0.7, x_2 = 0.8.$$

If $L_2(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. Then, $a + b + c =$

(a) 6

(b) -31

(c) 34

(d) 3

(e) -4

13. Let

$$I = \int_3^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} dx.$$

Using $n = 4$ equal subintervals, let T be the composite trapezoidal approximation to I , and let S be the composite Simpson approximation to I . Compute $T - S$.

- (a) 2.4943×10^{-3}
- (b) 2.1846×10^{-3}
- (c) 4.1943×10^{-3}
- (d) 6.1342×10^{-3}
- (e) 4.7943×10^{-3}

14. Let $P_3(x)$ be the third Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = 2x \cos(2x) - (x - 2)^2$ about $x_0 = 0$. Then, the **least upper bound** for $|f(0.4) - P_3(0.4)|$ is

- (a) 0.03336
- (b) 0.01336
- (c) 0.58546
- (d) 0.05849
- (e) 0.36320

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1. Let p_2 denote the approximation to a root of

$$f(x) = -x^3 - \cos x$$

obtained after two Newton iterations with initial guess $p_0 = -1$. Then p_2 , computed using *three-digit chopping arithmetic*, is

- (a) -0.866
 - (b) 0.858
 - (c) -0.865
 - (d) 0.866
 - (e) -0.867
2. Consider the following table of data:

x	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
$f(x)$	1.52918	1.64024	1.70470	1.71277

Let $\alpha = f'(1.1)$ and $\beta = f'(1.3)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point finite-difference formulas available from the table, and let $\gamma = f''(1.2)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point formula. Compute

$$\alpha - \beta + 2\gamma.$$

- (a) -6.8420
- (b) 3.7860
- (c) 5.1280
- (d) -0.3625
- (e) -8.339

3. The approximation to $\sqrt{3}$ obtained after three iterations of the Bisection Method applied on the interval $[1.70, 1.78]$ is

- (a) 1.72
- (b) 1.76
- (c) 1.75
- (d) 1.74
- (e) 1.73

4. The minimum value of n required to approximate the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos x \, dx$$

to within 2×10^{-5} using composite Simpson's rule is

- (a) 18
- (b) 17
- (c) 14
- (d) 13
- (e) 15

5. The equation

$$x + 1 - 2 \sin(\pi x) = 0$$

has a root in the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Using the Secant Method with initial guesses $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = 0.5$, compute the third iterate p_3 .

(a) $p_3 = -0.292754$

(b) $p_3 = -0.322781$

(c) $p_3 = 0.228213$

(d) $p_3 = 0.311717$

(e) $p_3 = -0.398717$

6. Let $f(x) = \sin(e^x - 2)$ and let $P_2(x) = \sum_{i=0}^2 f(x_i)L_i(x)$ be the quadratic Lagrange polynomial interpolates $f(x)$ at the nodes

$$x_0 = 0.6, x_1 = 0.7, x_2 = 0.8.$$

If $L_2(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. Then, $a + b + c =$

(a) 3

(b) -4

(c) 6

(d) 34

(e) -31

7. Let $f(x) = x^3$, and let $P_2(x)$ be the degree-2 Taylor polynomial about $x_0 = 1$. Compute $f(0.5)$ and $P_2(0.5)$, and then use three-digit rounding arithmetic to approximate the relative error at $x = 0.5$.

- (a) 1.12
- (b) 1.15
- (c) 1.00
- (d) 0.015
- (e) 0.125

8. Let

$$I = \int_3^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} dx.$$

Using $n = 4$ equal subintervals, let T be the composite trapezoidal approximation to I , and let S be the composite Simpson approximation to I . Compute $T - S$.

- (a) 4.7943×10^{-3}
- (b) 2.1846×10^{-3}
- (c) 4.1943×10^{-3}
- (d) 6.1342×10^{-3}
- (e) 2.4943×10^{-3}

9. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Then, the upper bound for the error in approximating $f'(1.1)$ using the forward three-point finite-difference formula with step size $h = 0.1$ is

- (a) 0.457023
- (b) 0.310322
- (c) 0.273103
- (d) 0.280322
- (e) 0.359033

10. A natural cubic spline S is defined by

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} S_0(x) = 1 + B(x - 1) - D(x - 1)^3, & 1 \leq x < 2, \\ S_1(x) = 1 + b(x - 2) - \frac{3}{4}(x - 2)^2 + d(x - 2)^3, & 2 \leq x \leq 3. \end{cases}$$

If S interpolates the data $(1, 1)$, $(2, 1)$, and $(3, 0)$, find $Bb + Dd =$.

- (a) $\frac{-1}{4}$
- (b) $\frac{1}{16}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{8}$
- (d) $\frac{-1}{16}$
- (e) $\frac{-1}{8}$

11. The bound of number of iterations using Bisection method needed to achieve an approximation with accuracy 10^{-2} to the solution of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 6 = 0$ on the interval $[0, 1]$ is

(a) $n \geq 9$

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(c) $n \geq 7$

(d) $n \geq 4$

(e) $n \geq 3$

12. Using Fixed point iteration $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ to approximate a solution for $f(x) = x^5 - 7 = 0$, which of the following function converges to a fixed point $\alpha \in [1.3, 1.6]$. Assume $p_0 = 1$

(a) $g(x) = x - 0.1(x^5 - 7)$

(b) $g(x) = x^5 + x - 7$

(c) $g(x) = x + \frac{7 - x^5}{x}$

(d) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{x^2}$

(e) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{5x^4}$

13. Let

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^2 - \ln x.$$

Which of the following intervals guarantees that $f(x) = 0$ has at least one solution in the interval?

- (a) $[0.5, 1]$
- (b) $[e, 4]$
- (c) $[2, 3]$
- (d) $[4, 5]$
- (e) $[1, 1.2]$

14. Let $P_3(x)$ be the third Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = 2x \cos(2x) - (x - 2)^2$ about $x_0 = 0$. Then, the **least upper bound** for $|f(0.4) - P_3(0.4)|$ is

- (a) 0.05849
- (b) 0.01336
- (c) 0.58546
- (d) 0.36320
- (e) 0.03336

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1. Consider the following table of data:

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Let $\alpha = f'(1.1)$ and $\beta = f'(1.3)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point finite-difference formulas available from the table, and let $\gamma = f''(1.2)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point formula. Compute

$$\alpha - \beta + 2\gamma.$$

- (a) 5.1280
- (b) 3.7860
- (c) -0.3625
- (d) -8.339
- (e) -6.8420

2. The equation

$$x + 1 - 2 \sin(\pi x) = 0$$

has a root in the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Using the Secant Method with initial guesses $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = 0.5$, compute the third iterate p_3 .

- (a) $p_3 = -0.292754$
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- (c) $p_3 = -0.322781$
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- (e) $p_3 = -0.398717$

3. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Then, the upper bound for the error in approximating $f'(1.1)$ using the forward three-point finite-difference formula with step size $h = 0.1$ is
- (a) 0.273103
 - (b) 0.280322
 - (c) 0.310322
 - (d) 0.359033
 - (e) 0.457023
4. The bound of number of iterations using Bisection method needed to achieve an approximation with accuracy 10^{-2} to the solution of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 6 = 0$ on the interval $[0, 1]$ is
- (a) $n \geq 4$
 - (b) $n \geq 9$
 - (c) $n \geq 3$
 - (d) $n \geq 5$
 - (e) $n \geq 7$

5. Let p_2 denote the approximation to a root of

$$f(x) = -x^3 - \cos x$$

obtained after two Newton iterations with initial guess $p_0 = -1$. Then p_2 , computed using *three-digit chopping arithmetic*, is

- (a) 0.866
- (b) -0.867
- (c) -0.865
- (d) -0.866
- (e) 0.858

6. The minimum value of n required to approximate the integral

$$\int_0^\pi \cos x \, dx$$

to within 2×10^{-5} using composite Simpson's rule is

- (a) 14
- (b) 15
- (c) 18
- (d) 13
- (e) 17

7. Let $f(x) = \sin(e^x - 2)$ and let $P_2(x) = \sum_{i=0}^2 f(x_i)L_i(x)$ be the quadratic Lagrange polynomial interpolates $f(x)$ at the nodes

$$x_0 = 0.6, \quad x_1 = 0.7, \quad x_2 = 0.8.$$

If $L_2(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. Then, $a + b + c =$

- (a) 3
 - (b) -31
 - (c) 34
 - (d) -4
 - (e) 6
8. A natural cubic spline S is defined by

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If S interpolates the data $(1, 1)$, $(2, 1)$, and $(3, 0)$, find $Bb + Dd =$.

- (a) $\frac{-1}{8}$
- (b) $\frac{-1}{4}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{16}$
- (d) $\frac{-1}{16}$
- (e) $\frac{1}{8}$

9. Let

$$I = \int_3^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} dx.$$

Using $n = 4$ equal subintervals, let T be the composite trapezoidal approximation to I , and let S be the composite Simpson approximation to I . Compute $T - S$.

- (a) 2.1846×10^{-3}
- (b) 4.7943×10^{-3}
- (c) 2.4943×10^{-3}
- (d) 6.1342×10^{-3}
- (e) 4.1943×10^{-3}

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11. The approximation to $\sqrt{3}$ obtained after three iterations of the Bisection Method applied on the interval $[1.70, 1.78]$ is

- (a) 1.75
- (b) 1.76
- (c) 1.74
- (d) 1.72
- (e) 1.73

12. Let

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^2 - \ln x.$$

Which of the following intervals guarantees that $f(x) = 0$ has at least one solution in the interval?

- (a) $[2, 3]$
- (b) $[4, 5]$
- (c) $[e, 4]$
- (d) $[1, 1.2]$
- (e) $[0.5, 1]$

13. Let $f(x) = x^3$, and let $P_2(x)$ be the degree-2 Taylor polynomial about $x_0 = 1$. Compute $f(0.5)$ and $P_2(0.5)$, and then use three-digit rounding arithmetic to approximate the relative error at $x = 0.5$.

- (a) 1.00
- (b) 1.12
- (c) 0.125
- (d) 1.15
- (e) 0.015

14. Let $P_3(x)$ be the third Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = 2x \cos(2x) - (x - 2)^2$ about $x_0 = 0$. Then, the **least upper bound** for $|f(0.4) - P_3(0.4)|$ is

- (a) 0.58546
- (b) 0.03336
- (c) 0.05849
- (d) 0.36320
- (e) 0.01336

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1. The minimum value of n required to approximate the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos x \, dx$$

to within 2×10^{-5} using composite Simpson's rule is

- (a) 15
- (b) 13
- (c) 18
- (d) 17
- (e) 14

2. Let

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^2 - \ln x.$$

Which of the following intervals guarantees that $f(x) = 0$ has at least one solution in the interval?

- (a) $[e, 4]$
- (b) $[1, 1.2]$
- (c) $[4, 5]$
- (d) $[0.5, 1]$
- (e) $[2, 3]$

3. Let p_2 denote the approximation to a root of

$$f(x) = -x^3 - \cos x$$

obtained after two Newton iterations with initial guess $p_0 = -1$. Then p_2 , computed using *three-digit chopping arithmetic*, is

- (a) -0.865
- (b) 0.858
- (c) -0.867
- (d) 0.866
- (e) -0.866

4. Let

$$I = \int_3^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} dx.$$

Using $n = 4$ equal subintervals, let T be the composite trapezoidal approximation to I , and let S be the composite Simpson approximation to I . Compute $T - S$.

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$$\alpha - \beta + 2\gamma.$$

- (a) -0.3625
- (b) 5.1280
- (c) -8.339
- (d) 3.7860
- (e) -6.8420

6. Using Fixed point iteration $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ to approximate a solution for $f(x) = x^5 - 7 = 0$, which of the following function converges to a fixed point $\alpha \in [1.3, 1.6]$. Assume $p_0 = 1$

- (a) $g(x) = x - 0.1(x^5 - 7)$
- (b) $g(x) = x + \frac{7 - x^5}{x}$
- (c) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{5x^4}$
- (d) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{x^2}$
- (e) $g(x) = x^5 + x - 7$

7. The equation

$$x + 1 - 2 \sin(\pi x) = 0$$

has a root in the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Using the Secant Method with initial guesses $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = 0.5$, compute the third iterate p_3 .

(a) $p_3 = -0.322781$

(b) $p_3 = 0.228213$

(c) $p_3 = 0.311717$

(d) $p_3 = -0.398717$

(e) $p_3 = -0.292754$

8. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Then, the upper bound for the error in approximating $f'(1.1)$ using the forward three-point finite-difference formula with step size $h = 0.1$ is

(a) 0.280322

(b) 0.273103

(c) 0.359033

(d) 0.457023

(e) 0.310322

9. Let $f(x) = \sin(e^x - 2)$ and let $P_2(x) = \sum_{i=0}^2 f(x_i)L_i(x)$ be the quadratic Lagrange polynomial interpolates $f(x)$ at the nodes

$$x_0 = 0.6, \quad x_1 = 0.7, \quad x_2 = 0.8.$$

If $L_2(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. Then, $a + b + c =$

- (a) -31
 - (b) -4
 - (c) 3
 - (d) 34
 - (e) 6
10. Let $f(x) = x^3$, and let $P_2(x)$ be the degree-2 Taylor polynomial about $x_0 = 1$. Compute $f(0.5)$ and $P_2(0.5)$, and then use three-digit rounding arithmetic to approximate the relative error at $x = 0.5$.
- (a) 0.125
 - (b) 1.00
 - (c) 1.15
 - (d) 0.015
 - (e) 1.12

11. The approximation to $\sqrt{3}$ obtained after three iterations of the Bisection Method applied on the interval $[1.70, 1.78]$ is

- (a) 1.74
- (b) 1.73
- (c) 1.75
- (d) 1.76
- (e) 1.72

12. A natural cubic spline S is defined by

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} S_0(x) = 1 + B(x - 1) - D(x - 1)^3, & 1 \leq x < 2, \\ S_1(x) = 1 + b(x - 2) - \frac{3}{4}(x - 2)^2 + d(x - 2)^3, & 2 \leq x \leq 3. \end{cases}$$

If S interpolates the data $(1, 1)$, $(2, 1)$, and $(3, 0)$, find $Bb + Dd =$.

- (a) $\frac{1}{8}$
- (b) $\frac{-1}{4}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{16}$
- (d) $\frac{-1}{8}$
- (e) $\frac{-1}{16}$

13. The bound of number of iterations using Bisection method needed to achieve an approximation with accuracy 10^{-2} to the solution of $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 6 = 0$ on the interval $[0, 1]$ is

- (a) $n \geq 4$
- (b) $n \geq 3$
- (c) $n \geq 9$
- (d) $n \geq 5$
- (e) $n \geq 7$

14. Let $P_3(x)$ be the third Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = 2x \cos(2x) - (x - 2)^2$ about $x_0 = 0$. Then, the **least upper bound** for $|f(0.4) - P_3(0.4)|$ is

- (a) 0.58546
- (b) 0.03336
- (c) 0.01336
- (d) 0.05849
- (e) 0.36320

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1. The minimum value of n required to approximate the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos x \, dx$$

to within 2×10^{-5} using composite Simpson's rule is

- (a) 18
 - (b) 15
 - (c) 17
 - (d) 13
 - (e) 14
2. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Then, the upper bound for the error in approximating $f'(1.1)$ using the forward three-point finite-difference formula with step size $h = 0.1$ is
- (a) 0.457023
 - (b) 0.273103
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 - (e) 0.280322

3. Let

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^2 - \ln x.$$

Which of the following intervals guarantees that $f(x) = 0$ has at least one solution in the interval?

- (a) $[0.5, 1]$
- (b) $[4, 5]$
- (c) $[e, 4]$
- (d) $[2, 3]$
- (e) $[1, 1.2]$

4. Consider the following table of data:

x	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
$f(x)$	1.52918	1.64024	1.70470	1.71277

Let $\alpha = f'(1.1)$ and $\beta = f'(1.3)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point finite-difference formulas available from the table, and let $\gamma = f''(1.2)$ be approximated using the most accurate three-point formula. Compute

$$\alpha - \beta + 2\gamma.$$

- (a) -0.3625
- (b) 3.7860
- (c) -8.339
- (d) -6.8420
- (e) 5.1280

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(e) $n \geq 7$

6. Let $f(x) = x^3$, and let $P_2(x)$ be the degree-2 Taylor polynomial about $x_0 = 1$. Compute $f(0.5)$ and $P_2(0.5)$, and then use three-digit rounding arithmetic to approximate the relative error at $x = 0.5$.

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7. The equation

$$x + 1 - 2 \sin(\pi x) = 0$$

has a root in the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$. Using the Secant Method with initial guesses $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = 0.5$, compute the third iterate p_3 .

(a) $p_3 = -0.322781$

(b) $p_3 = 0.228213$

(c) $p_3 = -0.292754$

(d) $p_3 = -0.398717$

(e) $p_3 = 0.311717$

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(a) 6

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(c) 34

(d) 3

(e) -4

9. Let p_2 denote the approximation to a root of

$$f(x) = -x^3 - \cos x$$

obtained after two Newton iterations with initial guess $p_0 = -1$. Then p_2 , computed using *three-digit chopping arithmetic*, is

- (a) -0.867
- (b) 0.858
- (c) 0.866
- (d) -0.866
- (e) -0.865

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11. Let

$$I = \int_3^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} dx.$$

Using $n = 4$ equal subintervals, let T be the composite trapezoidal approximation to I , and let S be the composite Simpson approximation to I . Compute $T - S$.

- (a) 2.1846×10^{-3}
- (b) 4.1943×10^{-3}
- (c) 4.7943×10^{-3}
- (d) 6.1342×10^{-3}
- (e) 2.4943×10^{-3}

12. Using Fixed point iteration $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ to approximate a solution for $f(x) = x^5 - 7 = 0$, which of the following function converges to a fixed point $\alpha \in [1.3, 1.6]$. Assume $p_0 = 1$

- (a) $g(x) = x + \frac{7 - x^5}{x}$
- (b) $g(x) = x^5 + x - 7$
- (c) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{5x^4}$
- (d) $g(x) = x - \frac{x^5 - 7}{x^2}$
- (e) $g(x) = x - 0.1(x^5 - 7)$

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2	A	E ₆	E ₁₂	E ₄	E ₁₄	E ₁₀	C ₇	A ₁₄	D ₁₁
3	A	B ₇	B ₅	E ₇	A ₅	E ₄	D ₁₁	A ₆	C ₁₄
4	A	B ₁₀	D ₇	C ₉	E ₁₁	A ₁₃	E ₃	D ₁₂	C ₁₀
5	A	C ₁₄	A ₁₃	A ₁₄	D ₉	B ₇	C ₆	C ₁₀	E ₃
6	A	A ₅	A ₁₁	D ₁₀	E ₇	C ₈	C ₁₃	C ₅	D ₂
7	A	D ₁₃	D ₈	B ₃	A ₁₃	C ₂	E ₈	A ₇	A ₇
8	A	A ₁₂	E ₃	E ₆	D ₁₀	C ₁₂	D ₉	C ₁₁	A ₈
9	A	E ₄	E ₁₄	E ₈	E ₆	E ₁₁	E ₁₂	E ₈	E ₆
10	A	B ₁₁	B ₉	B ₅	B ₂	D ₉	C ₅	B ₂	E ₉
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12	A	A ₈	B ₄	D ₁₂	A ₈	E ₅	C ₁₄	E ₉	C ₅
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4	4	2	1	3	4
5	2	2	5	1	4
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8	3	3	3	2	3

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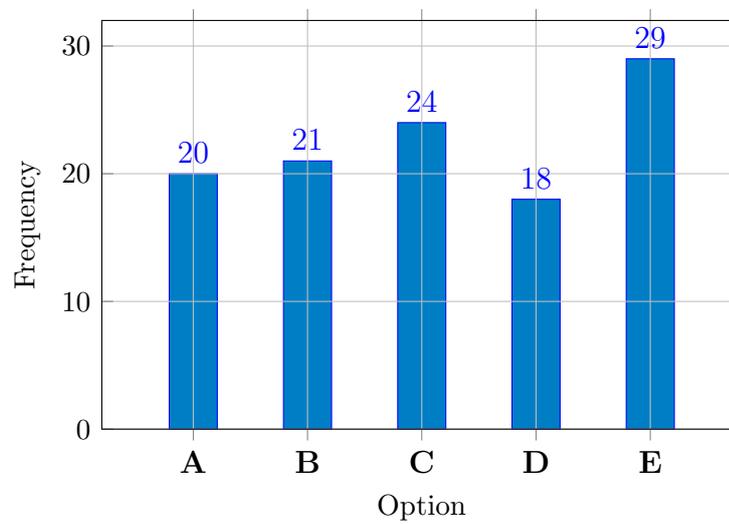


Figure 1: Frequency of Each Answer Option (Excluding MASTER)