

Using the Binomial Expansion for bounds of accuracy [29 marks]

1. [Maximum marks: 8]

- (a) Find the binomial expansion for $\frac{1}{1+x}$ for $|x| < 1$. Give your answer in terms of an infinite summation. [3]

- (b) Hence show that:

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \quad |x| < 1 \quad [2]$$

- (c) By considering the approximation for $\ln(1+x)$, how many terms of the expansion are needed to find $\ln(1.1)$ correct to 4 decimal places? [3]

2. [Maximum marks: 9]

- (a) Find the full binomial expansion for $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$ for $|x| < 1$ and hence show that:

$$\arctan(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots \quad |x| < 1 \quad [4]$$

- (b) By considering $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$, and using the approximation for $\arctan(x)$ up to x^7 term, find a lower bound for π to 3 decimal places. [3]

- (c) Find an upper bound for π to 3 decimal places that would be accurate to 2 decimal places. [2]

3. [Maximum marks: 12]

- (a) By considering:

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \quad |x| < 1$$

Find a polynomial approximation for $\arcsin(x)$ up to and including the x^7 term. State clearly the constant of integration. [5]

- (b) Find a polynomial approximation for $\arccos(x)$ up to and including the x^7 term. [3]

(c) Use your answers to part (b) to find $2(\arccos(x) + \arcsin(x))$

[2]

(d) Use your answer to part (c) to explain why the following inequalities hold.

$$-\arccos(x) - \arcsin(x) < \arctan(x) < \arccos(x) + \arcsin(x)$$

[2]