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- 93 One approximate solution of the equation $f(x) = 4x^3 - 15x^2 + 22x - 12$ is $x = 1.3$. What is another approximation to this solution using one application of Newton's method?
- (A) $x = 1.2884$
 (B) $x = 1.2885$
 (C) $x = 1.2886$
 (D) $x = 1.2887$
- 94 The polynomial equation $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$ has a root near $x = 0.5$. What is an approximation to the root using one application of Newton's method?
- (A) $x = 0.7141$
 (B) $x = 0.7142$
 (C) $x = 0.7143$
 (D) $x = 0.7144$
- 95 The polynomial $P(x) = 5x^3 + 3x^2 + 1$ has one real root in the interval $-1 < x < 0$. Let $x = -0.25$ be a first approximation to the root. Which of the following statements is correct?
- (A) $x = 1.72$ is a better approximation using Newton's method.
 (B) Maximum stationary point is between $x = -0.25$ and the actual root.
 (C) $x = 0.58$ is a better approximation using Newton's method.
 (D) Maximum stationary point is between $x = -0.25$ and the actual root.
- 96 The function $f(x) = \sin x - \frac{2x}{3}$ has a real root close to $x = 1.5$. Let $x = 1.5$ be a first approximation to the root. What is the second approximation to the root using Newton's method?
- (A) 1.495
 (B) 1.496
 (C) 1.503
 (D) 1.504

- 97 One approximate solution of the equation $\cos x - \frac{x}{3} = 0$ is $x = 1.1$. What is another approximation to this solution using one application of Newton's method?
- (A) $x = 1.052$
 (B) $x = 1.171$
 (C) $x = 1.198$
 (D) $x = 2.896$
- 98 Let $x = 3.4$ be a first approximation to the root of the equation $\log_e x + x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$. What is a better approximation to the root using Newton's method?
- (A) 3.3406
 (B) 3.3712
 (C) 3.3891
 (D) 3.5042
- 99 Let $x = 1$ be a first approximation to the root of the equation $\cos x = \log_e x$. What is a better approximation to the root using Newton's method?
- (A) 1.28
 (B) 1.29
 (C) 1.30
 (D) 1.31
- 100 One approximate solution of the equation $\frac{\pi}{4} + \tan^{-1} x - x^2 = 0$ is $x = 1$. What is another approximation to this solution using one application of Newton's method?
- (A) $x = 1.3805$
 (B) $x = 1.3914$
 (C) $x = 1.4125$
 (D) $x = 1.4156$
- 101 Taking $\theta = 1.7$ radians as an approximation for the solution to the equation $f(\theta) = 2\sin \theta - \theta$. What is another approximation to this solution using one application of Newton's method?
- (A) $\theta = 1.73$
 (B) $\theta = 1.83$
 (C) $\theta = 1.93$
 (D) $\theta = 2.03$

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	Solution	Criteria
93	$f(x) = 4x^3 - 15x^2 + 22x - 12$ and $f'(x) = 12x^2 - 30x + 22$ $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$ $= 1.3 - \frac{0.038}{3.28}$ $= 1.288414634... \approx 1.2884$	1 Mark: A
94	$f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$ and $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1$ $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$ $= 0.5 - \frac{-0.375}{1.75}$ $= 0.71428571... \approx 0.7143$	1 Mark: C
95	<p>Newton's method is calculating the x-intercept from the tangent to the curve at the approximation $x = -0.25$. However there is a maximum stationary point at $(-\frac{2}{5}, \frac{29}{25})$ between $x = -0.25$ and the actual root.</p> <p>This results in the second approximation ($x = 1.7\dot{2}$) further from the actual root.</p>	1 Mark: B
96	$f(x) = \sin x - \frac{2x}{3}$ $f'(x) = \cos x - \frac{2}{3}$ $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$ $= 1.5 - \frac{\sin 1.5 - \frac{2}{3} \times 1.5}{\cos 1.5 - \frac{2}{3}}$ $= 1.49579... \approx 1.496$	1 Mark: B
97	$f(x) = \cos x - \frac{x}{3}$ $f'(x) = -\sin x - \frac{1}{3}$ $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$ $= 1.1 - \frac{\cos 1.1 - \frac{1.1}{3}}{-\sin 1.1 - \frac{1}{3}}$ $= 1.170989437...$ $= 1.171$	1 Mark: B

98	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 2x - 4$ $f'(3.4) = \frac{1}{3.4} + 2 \times 3.4 - 4$ $= \frac{263}{85}$ (or 3.0941176...) $f(3.4) = \log_e 3.4 + 3.4^2 - 4 \times 3.4 + 1$ $= \log_e 3.4 - \frac{26}{25}$ (or 0.18377543...) $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$ $= 3.4 - \frac{\log_e 3.4 - \frac{26}{25}}{\frac{263}{85}}$ $= 3.340604899... \approx 3.3406$	1 Mark: A
99	$f(x) = \cos x - \log_e x$ and $f'(x) = -\sin x - \frac{1}{x}$ $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$ $= 1 - \frac{\cos 1 - \log_e 1}{-\sin 1 - 1}$ $= 1.293407993... \approx 1.29$	1 Mark: B
100	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} - 2x$ $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$ $f'(1) = \frac{1}{1+1} - 2$ $= -1.5$ $f(1) = \frac{\pi}{2} - 1$ $= 1 - \frac{2}{-1.5} = 1.3805$	1 Mark: A
101	$f(\theta) = 2 \sin \theta - \theta$ $\theta_1 = \theta_0 - \frac{f(\theta_0)}{f'(\theta_0)}$ $f(1.7) = 2 \sin 1.7 - 1.7$ $\approx 0.2833296209...$ $f'(\theta) = 2 \cos \theta - 1$ $f'(1.7) = 2 \cos 1.7 - 1$ $\approx -1.257688989...$ $= 1.7 - \frac{2 \sin(1.7) - 1.7}{2 \cos(1.7) - 1}$ $\approx 1.925277969...$ ≈ 1.93	1 Mark: C