

ME 209 NUMERICAL METHODS
2nd EXAM QUESTIONS

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1. (35p) The following data give the viscosity at several different temperatures:

$T (^{\circ}\text{C})$	5	20	30	50	55
$\mu \text{ (mPa.s)}$	80	15	9	6	5.5

- a) Find the corresponding viscosity μ at $T = 40 ^{\circ}\text{C}$ with linear interpolation.
b) Find the corresponding viscosity μ at $T = 40 ^{\circ}\text{C}$ with quadratic interpolation.

2. (30p) Fit a straight line to the x and y values in the given table:

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
y	0.5	2.5	2.0	4.0	3.5	6.0	5.5

3. (35p) A jet fighter's position on an aircraft carrier's runway was timed during landing:

$t \text{ (s)}$	0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
$x \text{ (m)}$	153	185	208	249	261	271	273

where x is the distance from the end of the carrier. Determine the value of

a) velocity (dx/dt), and

b) acceleration (dv/dt) at time $t=1.5$ s using numerical differentiation.

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT FORMULATIONS

$$f_2(x) = b_0 + b_1(x - x_0) + b_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1)$$

$$b_0 = f(x_0) \quad b_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \quad b_2 = \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}}{x_2 - x_0}$$

$$y = a_0 + a_1x \quad a_0 = \bar{y} - a_1\bar{x} \quad a_1 = \frac{n\sum x_i y_i - \sum x_i \sum y_i}{n\sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2}$$

\bar{y} and \bar{x} are the means of y and x , respectively.

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} \approx \frac{-f(x+2\Delta x) + 4f(x+\Delta x) - 3f(x)}{2\Delta x} \quad \frac{d^2f(x)}{dx^2} \approx \frac{f(x+2\Delta x) - 2f(x+\Delta x) + f(x)}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

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