

# P6-Numerical Methods

The questions is from the review exercise of the Heinemann modular book for AS and Alevel Pure mathematics 6.

**113)** Given that  $y$  satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 20\frac{dy}{dx} - y^2 = x$$

use the approximations

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_0 \approx \frac{y_1 - y_{-1}}{2h}, \text{ and } \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_0 \approx \frac{y_1 - 2y_0 + y_{-1}}{h^2}$$

to find the value of  $y$  at  $x = 0.3$ , given also that  $y = 1$  at  $x = 0$  and  $y=2$  at  $x = 0.1$ . Give your final answer to 3 decimal places.