

# Solving equations numerically : Rearrange to form iterative equations

Maths

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1. Show that the equation  $x^2 + 2x = 3$  can be rearranged to each of the following equations.

a)  $x = \sqrt{3 - 2x}$

b)  $x = \frac{3 - x^2}{2}$

2. Show that the following iterative formulae can be rearranged from the equation  $x^2 - 5x + 9 = 0$

a)  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{5x_n - 9}$

b)  $x_{n+1} = 5 - \frac{9}{x_n}$



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3. Show that the equation  $x^3 + 2x = 1$  can be rearranged to each of the following equations.

a)  $x = \sqrt[3]{1 - 2x}$

b)  $x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x} - 2}$

c)  $x = \frac{1 - 2x}{x^2}$

4. Millie is solving the following equation.

$$x^3 + x^2 = 5$$

She wants to form an iterative equation to use.

Show that one possible iterative equation is

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{x_n} - x_n}$$



# Answers



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1. Show that the equation  $x^2 + 2x = 3$  can be rearranged to each of the following equations.

$$\text{a) } x = \sqrt{3 - 2x} \qquad \begin{array}{l} x^2 = 3 - 2x \\ x = \sqrt{3 - 2x} \end{array}$$

$$\text{b) } x = \frac{3 - x^2}{2} \qquad \begin{array}{l} 2x = 3 - x^2 \\ x = \frac{3 - x^2}{2} \end{array}$$

2. Show that the following iterative formulae can be rearranged from the equation  $x^2 - 5x + 9 = 0$

$$\text{a) } x_{n+1} = \sqrt{5x_n - 9} \qquad \begin{array}{l} x^2 = 5x - 9 \\ x = \sqrt{5x - 9} \end{array}$$

$$\text{b) } x_{n+1} = 5 - \frac{9}{x_n} \qquad \begin{array}{l} x - 5 + \frac{9}{x} = 0 \\ x = 5 - \frac{9}{x} \end{array}$$



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3. Show that the equation  $x^3 + 2x = 1$  can be rearranged to each of the following equations.

a)  $x = \sqrt[3]{1 - 2x}$       First step  
 $x^3 = 1 - 2x$

b)  $x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x} - 2}$       First step  
 $x^2 + 2 = \frac{1}{x}$

c)  $x = \frac{1 - 2x}{x^2}$       First step  
 $x^3 = 1 - 2x$

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Show that one possible iterative equation is

$$x^2 + x = \frac{5}{x}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{5}{x} - x$$

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{x_n} - x_n}$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{5}{x} - x}$$

