

# Math Functions Without `<cmath>`

Recall the Babylonian Algorithm from chapter 2:

## Algorithm 1.1 The Babylonian Algorithm for Computing the Square Root of 2

1. Input A
2. Set  $x = A/2$ .
3. Replace  $x$  with the average of  $x$  and  $A/x$ .
4. Repeat Step 3 until its effect upon  $x$  is insignificant.
5. Return  $x$ .

This is easily adapted to compute the square root of any real number, like so:

```
//G. Hagopian
//Implement the babylonian algorithm

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// prototype for the root function
double root(double);

int main()
{
    double A; // The number whose root we seek
    cout << "\nEnter a number to find its square root: ";
    while(cin >> A) // Use the EOF character ctrl+D to quit
    {
        (A>=0) ? cout << root(A) << endl
                : cout << "i*" << root(-A) << endl;
    }
}

double root(double A)
{
    // Use the babylonian algorithm to compute the square root
    double x = A, temp = x/2;
    const double tolerance = 1e-14;
    while(temp - x > tolerance || x - temp > tolerance)
    {
        x = temp;
        temp = (x + A/x)/2;
    }
    return temp;
}
```

Here is output from a typical run of this program:

```
Enter a number to find its square root: 5
2.23607
6
2.44949
7
```

2.64575

8

2.82843

-9

i\*3

^D

Press any key to continue . . .

Algorithms for computing other math functions often implement various approximating polynomials such as

$$\sin(x) \approx \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^N x^{2N+1}}{(2N+1)!}$$

$$\cos(x) \approx \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^N x^{2N}}{(2N)!}$$

$$\exp(x) \approx \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots + \frac{x^N}{N!}$$

$$\ln(x+1) \approx \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{N+1} x^N}{N}$$

Your task in this lab is to implement a function for computing

1.  $\exp(x)$  (Note: In theory, the sum converges for all  $x$ . In practice, there are limits...)
2.  $\ln(x)$  (Note: In theory, the sum converges only for  $0 < x \leq 2$ .)

Use a driver function to test that  $\exp(x)\exp(y) = \exp(x+y)$  and  $\ln(x)+\ln(y) = \ln(xy)$