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MEM234025 Apply numerical methods to technology problems

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MEM234025A Apply numerical methods to technology problems.

Application

This unit of competency defines the skills and knowledge required to apply numerical methods in an engineering or related application and includes numerical solutions, solutions to different equation types, and covers both the application of theory in simple calculations either manually or through the use of relevant software packages for more complex situations.

It is suitable for paraprofessionals and technologists required to solve advanced mathematical problems in an engineering or related field, or those pursuing technologist careers and qualifications and for articulation of qualifications into degree programs.

Individuals completing this work either already have or are developing skills and experience in mathematics covering polynomials and differential equations.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Engineering science

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify a need for the application of numerical methods	1.1 Identify and define a problem requiring application of numerical methods 1.2 Determine data currently available for analysis 1.3 Identify ways of obtaining other required data 1.4 Determine information required from outcome
2. Prepare to solve problem by numerical	2.1 Determine numerical methods to be applied

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methods	2.2 Identify and gain access to appropriate computational devices 2.3 Collect required input data 2.4 Analyse collected data for suitability and completeness 2.5 Take appropriate action to address any deficiencies found
3. Solve problem using numerical methods	3.1 Apply appropriate techniques to collected data 3.2 Check answer to ensure it is within the expected rational results 3.3 Interpret answer to determine information required by problem definition and translate the result of the statistical analysis into a form which is useable by relevant stakeholders
4. Communicate outcomes	4.1 Communicate outcome to relevant stakeholders by appropriate means 4.2 Explain outcome to stakeholders, as appropriate 4.3 Confirm that the result of the analysis assists in the resolution of the problem

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Numerical methods include one or more of the following:	- the techniques listed under Knowledge Evidence - a related technique.
Computational device includes:	- calculators with numerical methods functions - computer software packages.

Appropriate action includes:	• taking necessary steps to obtain required data • obtaining some relevant proxy for the desired data • choosing a different numerical method and computational device which will function with available data.
Appropriate technique includes:	• selected numerical method which will yield required outcome • technique which is appropriate for the available data and which is relevant to the problem.
Appropriate communication includes one or more of the following:	• report • presentation • verbal communication • web-based • electronic or hard copy.

Unit Mapping Information

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Assessment Requirements for MEM234025 Apply numerical methods to technology problems

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Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include:

- identifying and defining problems
- identifying appropriate numerical methods for engineering or related problems
- applying the appropriate technique to the problem and solving and confirming answer using the technique on at least two occasions
- communicating the outcome of the analysis in a manner suited to the audience and confirming the outcome has addressed the problem.

Note: Where a volume and/or frequency is not specified, demonstration must be provided at least once.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate the required knowledge for this unit must be relevant to and satisfy the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of:

- numerical solutions including:
 - finite difference techniques
 - polynomial interpolation
- errors including:
 - computer arithmetic
 - propagation of errors
- solution of non-linear equations including:
 - fixed point and bisection method
 - Secant and Newton-Raphson iterative methods
 - convergence
- solution of systems of linear equations including:
 - Gaussian elimination
 - pivoting strategies
 - LU factorisation
 - Ill-conditioning

- errors and residuals
- iterative methods
- solution of differential equations including:
 - Euler method
 - Taylor and Runge-Kutta methods
 - convergence
- interpolation and approximation including:
 - polynomial interpolation
 - Lagrange form
 - Newton's divide formula
 - error bound
- finite difference techniques including:
 - solution of problems in electrostatics and wave propagation
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Assessment Conditions

- Assessors must:
 - have vocational competency in applying numerical methods to technology problems at least to the level being assessed with relevant industry knowledge and experience
 - satisfy the assessor requirements in the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015 or its replacement* and comply with the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011*, its replacement or equivalent legislation covering VET regulation in a non-referring state/territory as the case requires.
- Where possible assessment must occur in operational workplace situations. Where this is not possible or where personal safety or environmental damage are limiting factors, assessment must occur in a sufficiently rigorous simulated environment that reflects realistic operational workplace conditions that cover all aspects of workplace performance, including environment, task skills, task management skills, contingency management skills and job role environment skills.
- Conditions for assessment must include access to all tools, equipment, materials and documentation required including relevant workplace procedures, product and manufacturing specifications.
- Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.
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