

The equation  $x^2 + x = 23$  has a solution between 4 and 5

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.

Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

You must show **all** your working.

The equation  $x^3 - x = 101$  has a solution between 4 and 5

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.

Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

You must show **all** your working.

Use trial and improvement to find a solution to the equation

$$x^3 + \sqrt{x} = 163$$

Continue the table of results.  
Give your solution to 1 decimal place.

| <b>x</b> | <b><math>x^3 + \sqrt{x}</math></b> | <b>Comment</b> |
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| 6        | $6^3 + \sqrt{6} = 218.449$         | Too big        |
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Use trial and improvement to solve this problem.

$$x^3 + x^2 = 100$$

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.  
Show all your trials and their outcomes.

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$$x^3 + 2x = 42$$

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.  
Show all your trials and their outcomes.

The equation  $x^3 - 5x - 2 = 0$  has a solution between  $x = 2$  and  $x = 3$ .

Use trial and improvement to find this solution correct to 1 decimal place.

(a) Show that the equation  $x^3 - 15x + 3 = 0$  has a solution between  $x = 3$  and  $x = 4$ .

(b) Using trial and improvement, find this solution correct to 1 decimal place. Show all your trials and their outcomes.

There is a positive value of  $x$  which satisfies  $x^2 = 6.5$ . Find this value of  $x$  correct to the nearest whole number. You must justify your answer.

## Extension

A solution of the equation  $x^3 + 4x^2 = 8$  lies between  $-3$  and  $-3.5$ .

Find this solution by trial and improvement. Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.