

CISC 1115

Topic 2: Assignment #1

Write a complete Java program, including comments, to do the following: Your program will compute the values of a formula that expresses y in terms of x . The formula is:

$$y = \frac{9x^3 - 27x^2 - 4x + 12}{(3x^2 + 1)^{1/2} + |5 - x^4|}$$

where $|...|$ means "absolute value of" and $(...)^{1/2}$ means "square root of". (Use the built-in functions for these operations.)

1. The program should start by printing a message saying this is the output of your first program.
2. Then, it should evaluate the formula starting with $x = -3$, going up by 0.5 each time, until x reaches 4. Therefore, it will use values x : -3, -2.5, ..., -0.5, 0, 0.5, ..., 3.5, 4. For each value of x , the program should compute the corresponding value of y . It should print these values together with explanations of what the values represent. For example, it could print the string 'X = ', then the value of x , then the string 'Y = ', then the value of y , and then a message. (It is also possible to use column headings instead if you desire.) The message should say one of three things:
 - a) If the value of y is exactly 0, the message should say 'Y IS ZERO'.
 - b) If the value of y is positive, the message should say 'Y IS POSITIVE'.
 - c) If the value of y is negative, the message should say 'Y IS NEGATIVE'.

A typical line of output would then be:

X = -2.5	Y = 1.23456	Y IS POSITIVE
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(in actuality, this may not be the value for y).

3. Once you have finished using $x = 4$, the program should print a message (underneath the last line of output) stating that the program is halting. Then, stop.

Notes:

1. The output must be sent to a file
2. When printing, use a precision of 1 for the X value and a precision of 3 for the Y value.
3. Make sure that your printed source code and printed output is neat!
4. Remember to include comments within your source code

Optional:

1. Have your program find which of the y values is closest to 10 (either larger or smaller). have the program print the x value that gives this closest y value. Also, print how close the y value is to 10.
2. Have your program count how many times the formula yields positive, negative, and zero results. Print these three values.
3. Use a table, with appropriate column headings, to neatly display the output.

Required Submission:

1. The Java source code file (e.g., HW2.java)
2. The program generated output file (e.g., output.txt)