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Candidates should attempt **ALL** questions from Section A and **ANY THREE** questions from Section B.

**SECTION A: Answer ALL questions in this section [40].**

- A1.** Obtain the Euler approximation to the solution of the initial value problem

$$y' = 2y, \quad y(0) = 1$$

on  $[0, 0.15]$ , using  $h = 0.03$ . Compare with the exact solution.

[5]

- A2.** Apply the Secant method to approximate a positive solution of

$$3x^2 = e^x$$

to within  $10^{-4}$ .

[6]

- A3.** Using the Taylor series, establish the error term for the formula giving the derivative as

$$f'(0) \approx \frac{f(3h) - f(-h)}{4h}.$$

[6]

A4. Prove that

$$\|x_k - x\| \leq \|B\|^k \|x_0 - x\|$$

where  $B$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $\|B\| < 1$  and

$$x_k = Bx_{k-1} + c, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

with  $x_0$  arbitrary,  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $x = Bx + c$  [5]

A5. Illustrate inverse interpolation by estimating  $x$  such that  $f(x) = 0$  given that

$$f(0) = -2 \cdot 1, \quad f(1) = -0 \cdot 9, \quad f(2) = 1 \cdot 7$$

by the Lagrange form of the quadratic interpolating polynomial. [5]

A6. Apply the power series method to solve the ordinary differential equation

$$y'' - 9y = 0.$$

[6]

A7. Use the LU-decomposition method to solve the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y + 4z &= 13 \\ -2x + 3y + z &= -7 \\ x + y &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

[7]

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**SECTION B: Answer THREE questions in this section [60].**

B8. (a) Derive a numerical integration formula of the form

$$\int_0^2 f(x) dx \approx af(1/2) + bf(1) + cf(3/2)$$

that is exact for all polynomials of degree  $\leq 2$ . What is its degree of precision? [10]

(b) Find a quadrature rule of maximum degree of precision on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  using two nodes. [10]

9. (a) The impressed voltage  $E(t)$  in an electric circuit obeys the equation

$$E(t) = L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI(t)$$

where  $R$  is the resistance and  $L$  is the inductance. Using  $L = 0.05$ ,  $R = 2$  and the values of  $I(t)$  in the table below

t	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
I(t)	8.2277	7.2428	5.9908	4.5260	2.9122

to compute the approximate value of  $E(1.2)$ .

[5]

- (b) The following are values of  $x$  and  $f(x)$

x	0	1	2	4
f(x)	1	3	4	5

- (i) Construct a divided difference table for the above data.  
(ii) Use Newton's method to find an approximating polynomial to  $f(x)$ . [5,5]
- (c) Apply four iterations of the Gauss-Seidel iteration method, using  $x_0 = y_0 = z_0 = 1$  as initialization, to solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} 10x - y - z &= 13 \\ x + 10y + 3z &= 36 \\ -x - y + 10z &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

[5]

- B10. (a) A perfectly elastic homogeneous string of constant mass per unit length,  $\rho$ , is stretched to length  $L$  and then disturbed from its equilibrium position at time  $t = 0$ , and allowed to perform small transverse vibrations after release. Assuming that the tension in the string is sufficiently large to ignore the effect of gravity, derive a partial differential equation that defines this oscillatory system by considering forces acting on a small element of the string. [10]
- (b) Given the steady-state temperature  $u(x, y)$  in a thin square plate of side  $a$  satisfies the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

with the following boundary conditions

$$u(0, y) = u(x, 0) = u(a, y) = 0, \quad u(x, a) = f(x).$$

Show that the steady-state temperature of the plate is

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{2}{a \sinh(n\pi)} \int_0^a f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx \right] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{a}.$$

[10]

11. (a) Determine and classify all the singular points for finite values of  $x$  of the differential equation,

$$(x^2 - 9)^2 y'' + (x - 3)y' + 2y = 0.$$

[4]

- (b) Solve the Euler-Cauchy equation

$$x^2 y'' - xy' - 3y = 0$$

by assuming Frobenius series solution.

[10]

- (c) Apply the Euler-Cauchy method to show that an approximation to the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \sin x + x$$

from  $x_n$  to  $x_{n+1} = x_n + h$  can be expressed in the form

$$y_{n+1} \approx \frac{y_n(2 + h \sin x_n) + 2hx_n + h^2}{2 - h \sin x_{n+1}}$$

Given also that  $y = 1$  when  $x = 1$ , obtain values of  $y$  when  $x = 1.1$  and  $x = 1.2$ . [6]

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