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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. Solve the boundary value problem

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \quad u(0, y) = 8e^{-3y} + 4e^{-5y} \quad [5]$$

A2. The voltage  $E = E(t)$  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. Use  $L = 0.98$  and  $R = 0.142$  and the values of  $I(t)$  in the table below

$t$	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.03	1.04
$I(t)$	3.10	3.12	3.14	3.18	3.24

to compute  $E(1.02)$ . [5]

- A3. A trough of length  $L$  has a cross-section in the shape of a semi-circle of radius  $r$ . When filled with water to within a distance  $h$  of the top, the volume  $V$  of water

$$V = L[0.5\pi r^2 - r^2 \arcsin(h/r) - h(r^2 - h^2)^{3/2}].$$

Suppose  $L = 10$  feet,  $r = 1$  foot and  $V = 12.4$  cubic feet. Use the Bisection method to find the depth of water in the trough to within 0.01 feet. [7]

- A4. Use the Gauss-Seidel iteration method to approximate the solution of the following system correct to 2 decimal places with  $x_0 = y_0 = z_0 = 0$  as initial values.

$$2x + 16y + z = 39, \quad x + y + 25z = 83, \quad 10x + y + z = 19.$$

[5]

- A5. Use Lagrange interpolating formula inversely to obtain a root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  to 3 decimal places given that

$$f(-2) = -31, \quad f(-1) = -5, \quad f(1) = 1, \quad f(2) = 11.$$

[5]

- A6. Apply the  $LU$ -decomposition method to solve the equations

$$3x + 2y + 7z = 4, \quad 2x + 3y + z = 5, \quad 3x + 4y + z = 7.$$

[6]

- A7. Solve the following differential equation by Frobenius' method:

$$y'' + \frac{1}{2x}y' + \frac{1}{4x}y = 0.$$

[7]

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

- B8. (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

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{2}{a \sinh(n\pi)} \int_0^a f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx \right] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{a}. \quad [10]$$

- B9. (a) For a system  $Ax = b$ , the residual is given by  $r = Ae$  where  $e$  is the error in the computed solution  $\hat{x}$ . Show that the error bounds of the relative error  $\frac{\|e\|}{\|\hat{x}\|}$  in terms of the relative residual  $\frac{\|r\|}{\|b\|}$  and condition number  $\kappa(A)$  are

$$\frac{1}{\kappa(A)} \cdot \frac{\|r\|}{\|b\|} \leq \frac{\|e\|}{\|\hat{x}\|} \leq \kappa(A) \cdot \frac{\|r\|}{\|b\|}$$

given that  $\kappa(A) \geq 1$ . [6]

- (b) Use the following values to construct a cubic Lagrange polynomial approximation to  $f(1.09)$ .

$x$	1.00	1.05	1.10	1.15
$f(x)$	0.1924	0.2414	0.2933	0.3492

The function being approximated is  $f(x) = \log_{10} \tan x$ . Use this knowledge to find a bound for the error in the approximation. [7]

- (c) Let  $D_0(h)$  denote the approximation to  $f'(x)$  obtained from the three-point central difference formula with step size  $h$ :

$$D_0(h) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h}$$

and thus  $f'(x_0)$  can be expressed as

$$f'(x_0) = D_0(h) + Ch^2$$

where  $C$  is some constant. Derive a five-point central difference formula by the Richardson extrapolation method using a step size of  $2h$ . [7]

- B10. (a) Given the initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{2}{x}y + x^2e^x, \quad 1 \leq x \leq 2, \quad y(1) = 0$$

with exact solution  $y(x) = x^2(e^x - e)$ , use Taylor method of order two with  $h = 0.1$  to approximate the solution and compare it with actual values of  $y$ . [10]

- (b) Apply 3 steps of the Runge-Kutta method of fourth order with  $h = 0.2$  to the following initial value problem.

$$y' = (1 + x^{-1})y, \quad y(1) = e.$$

Solve the problem analytically and compute the errors. [10]

- B11. (a) Find an approximation to the area of the region bounded by the normal curve

$$y = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(x/\sigma)^2/2}$$

and the  $x$ -axis on the interval  $[-\sigma, \sigma]$  using the Composite Trapezoidal rule with  $n = 8$ . [10]

- (b) Determine the quadrature formula of the form

$$\int_0^h f(x)dx \approx w_1f(0) + w_2f(h) + w_3f''(0) + w_4f''(h)$$

that is exact for polynomials of as high a degree as possible. Hence approximate the integral

$$I(f) = \int_0^1 e^x dx.$$

[10]

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