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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. Find an approximate value of  $\int_1^2 x^{-1} dx$  using Simpson's rule with  $h = 1/4$ . Give the bound on the error. [6]

A2. Use the divided difference method to obtain a polynomial of least degree that fits the values given in the following table:

x	0	1	2	-1	3
f(x)	-1	-1	-1	-7	5

[6]

A3. Obtain the Euler approximation to the solution of the initial value problem

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

on the interval  $[0, 0.15]$ , using  $h = 0.05$ . Compare your results with the analytic solution. [6]

- A4. Use Lagrange interpolating formula inversely to obtain a root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  to 3 decimal places given that

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

[6]

- A5. Determine  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  for a formula of the form

$$Af(-h) + Bf(0) + Cf(h) = hDf'(h) + \int_{-h}^h f(t)dt$$

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

$$I(f) = \int_{-1}^1 e^x dx.$$

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- A6. Solve  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $0 < x < 3, t > 0$  given that  $u(0, t) = u(3, t) = 0, u(x, 0) = 5 \sin 4\pi x - 3 \sin 8\pi x + 2 \sin 10\pi x, |u(x, t)| < M$ .

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

- B7. (a) Apply the Secant method to approximate the positive solution(s) of

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

[6]

to within  $10^{-4}$ .

- (b) Use the bisection method to find the smallest positive root of

$$\sin 2x - e^{x-1} = 0$$

with a relative accuracy of 0.5% after finding a good starting interval  $(x_0, x_1)$ . [7]

- (c) Use Newton-Raphson's method to approximate, to within  $10^{-3}$ , the value of  $x$  that produces the point on the graph of  $y = x^2$  that is closest to  $(1, 0)$ . [Hint: Minimize  $[d(x)]^2$ , where  $d(x)$  represents the distance from  $(x, x^2)$  to  $(1, 0)$ .] [7]

- B8. (a) Apply Gaussian Elimination method with scaled partial pivoting to solve the system

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y + z + 3w &= 7 \\ x + 4y + 3z + w &= 9 \\ 2x - y - 5z + w &= -3 \\ 3x - 4y + 2z + 8w &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

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- (b) Prove that

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}\| \leq \|B\|^k \|\mathbf{x}^{(0)} - \mathbf{x}\|$$

where  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with  $\|B\| < 1$  and

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = B\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + \mathbf{c}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  arbitrary,  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = B\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}$ .

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- (c) Consider the set of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x + a_{12}y + a_{13}z &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x + a_{22}y + a_{23}z &= b_2 \\ a_{31}x + a_{32}y + a_{33}z &= b_3 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose the true solutions of these equations  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  and the iterative values after  $r$  steps of the Jacobi process are  $x_r$ ,  $y_r$  and  $z_r$  where

$$x_r = x + \alpha_r \quad y_r = y + \beta_r \quad z_r = z + \gamma_r.$$

Let  $E_r = \max\{|\alpha_r|, |\beta_r|, |\gamma_r|\}$ , i.e. the largest error after  $r$  steps.

- (i) Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_{r+1}| &\leq \left| \frac{a_{12}}{a_{11}} \right| |\beta_r| + \left| \frac{a_{13}}{a_{11}} \right| |\gamma_r| \\ |\beta_{r+1}| &\leq \left| \frac{a_{21}}{a_{22}} \right| |\alpha_r| + \left| \frac{a_{23}}{a_{22}} \right| |\gamma_r| \\ |\gamma_{r+1}| &\leq \left| \frac{a_{31}}{a_{33}} \right| |\alpha_r| + \left| \frac{a_{32}}{a_{33}} \right| |\beta_r| \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) Comment on the convergence scheme if

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{11}| &> |a_{12}| + |a_{13}| \\ |a_{22}| &> |a_{21}| + |a_{23}| \\ |a_{33}| &> |a_{31}| + |a_{32}| \end{aligned}$$

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**B9.** (a) Solve the following initial value problem

$$y'(x) = 1 + xy^2, \quad y(0) = 1$$

- (i) by the Euler-Cauchy method;  
 (ii) by the Fourth Order Runge-Kutta method.

using  $h = 0.1$  to estimate  $x(0.2)$ . Compare the results. [6,7]

(b) Derive the following rule for estimating the third derivative

$$f'''(x) \approx \frac{1}{2h^3}[f(x+2h) - 2f(x+h) + 2f(x-h) - f(x-2h)]$$

and determine the error term. [7]

**B10.** (a) Write the boundary conditions for a vibrating string of length  $L$  for which

- (i) the ends  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$  are fixed,  
 (ii) the initial shape is given by  $f(x)$ ,  
 (iii) the initial velocity distribution is given by  $g(x)$ ,  
 (iv) the displacement at any point  $x$  at time  $t$  is bounded. [4]

(b) Solve the boundary value problem

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

[6]

(c) Suppose that a unit square plate has three sides kept at temperature zero, while the fourth side is kept at temperature  $u_1$ , i.e.  $u(0, y) = u(1, y) = u(x, 0) = 0, u(x, 1) = u_1$ . Show that the steady-state temperature everywhere in the plate is given by

$$u(x, y) = \frac{2u_1}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \cos m\pi x}{m \sinh m\pi} \sin m\pi x \sinh m\pi y.$$

[10]

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