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MSc IN INDUSTRIAL MATHEMATICS

NUMERICAL METHODS FOR PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS.

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Time : 3 hours

Answer any **FOUR** questions being carefully to number them Q1 - Q6. All questions carry equal marks

Q1. (a) Derive composite Trapezium Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \frac{1}{2}h[f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + \dots + 2f_{n-1} + f_n]$$

and show that the associated truncation error is

$$E_{\text{trunc}} = -\frac{1}{12}(b-a)h^2 f^{(2)}(c).$$

[11]

(b) Consider  $f(x) = 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})$ .

(i) Show that the exact value of the definite integral  $\int_1^6 2 + \sin(2\sqrt{x})dx$  is  $2x - \sqrt{x} - \cos(2\sqrt{x}) + \sin 2\sqrt{x}$ . [5]

(ii) Investigate the error when the composite trapezoidal rule is used over [1, 6] with  $h = 0.5$ . [6]

(iii) Given that when  $h = 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625$  the values of the intergral are:

8.18604926; 8.18412019; 8.18363936

respectively show that when  $h$  is reduced by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$  the successive errors are diminished by approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ . [3]

**Q2.** Consider the boundary value problem

$$y'' + xy + y = 1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 1.$$

- (a) Derive the central difference formula for the first and second derivative and the associated errors of  $O(h^2)$ . [6]
- (b) Derive the corresponding finite difference equation using a central difference formula for  $N$  intervals of width  $h$  where  $h = \frac{1}{N}$ . [4]
- (c) Solve the finite difference equations for  $h = 0.25$ . [9]
- (d) The boundary value problem can be solved using the shooting method write down the algorithm of this method. [6]

**Q3.** (a) Consider the initial-value problem

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

- (i) Reduce the above differential equation to a system of two equations. [2]
- (ii) Use Euler's method to solve the equation at  $y(0.6)$  with  $h = 0.2$ . [6]
- (iii) The the initial-value problem is changed into a boundary value problem

$$y'' = y^2 - x + xy; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad y(0) = 1; \quad y(1) = 3.$$

In using the shooting method and Euler estimation with  $h = 0.2$  on the problem the following results were obtained:

$$y'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow y(1) = 2$$

$$y'(0) = 2 \Rightarrow y(1) = 3.5.$$

Show that the value of  $y'(0)$  to be used on the next 'shot' is  $\frac{5}{3}$ . [3]

- (b) Figure 1 shows the right cross-section of a thick tube and the enlargement of a quarter of it. The cross section is symmetrical about AA' and BB'. The stress function  $u$  satisfies

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

and  $u = 0$  on boundaries ABC and A'B'C'.

- (i) Assuming the Taylor series expansion obtain a finite difference approximation to the stress function. [2]
- (ii) Set up the finite difference scheme to find an approximate solution at the nodes  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$  and  $u_5$  and  $h = 0.05$ . [6]
- (iii) Solve, analytically, the finite difference equations. [6]

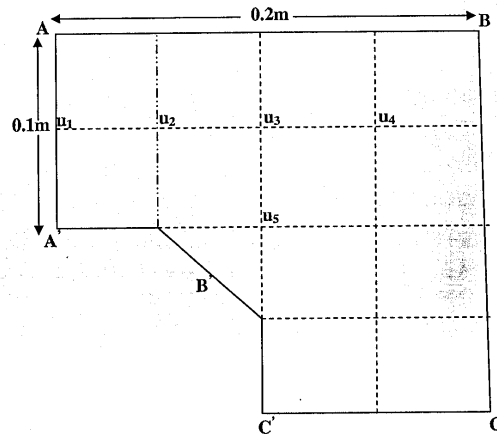


Figure 1: Right cross-section of a thick tube and the enlargement of a quarter of it.

Q4. Consider the boundary-value problem,

$$y''(x) + f(x)y'(x) + g(x)y(x) = q(x)$$

under the boundary conditions

$$y(x_0) = \alpha, \quad y(x_n) = \beta.$$

(a) Write an  $o(h^2)$  finite-difference system for approximating the solution of the boundary-value problem. [7]

(b) If the first boundary condition is replaced by the condition

$$y'(x_0) + \lambda y(x_0) = 0,$$

what equations in the previous system are now affected by this change? [2]

(c) What further changes are observed when this is now replaced by the condition

$$\frac{y(x_0 + h) - y(x_0 - h)}{2h} + \lambda y(x_0) = 0?$$

[10]

(d) Describe how the extrapolation method can be used in (a) above to improve the computed values at the knots. [6]

Q5. (a) Show how

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq l$$

becomes, using a suitable change of variables,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

[3]

(b) Consider  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ; with boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 100, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(1, t) = 0$$

and initial condition  $u(x, 0) = 50$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Derive the finite difference scheme using the explicit method and show that it reduces to

$$U_{j+1} = AU_j.$$

[5]

(i) For  $t = 0.02$  and step width  $h = 0.2$  and  $\delta t = 0.01$

(a) solve the equation by the explicit method. [6]

(b) show that after  $s$  stages the error,  $e$ , becomes  $A^s e$ . [5]

- (ii) Form the equations (but do not solve) for the temperatures given by the Crank-Nicholson method. [6]

Q6. A conducting rod AB, of unit length, has a prescribed temperature at the end A and loses heat through convection at B. Expressed in variational form the temperature  $u$  satisfies:  $u = 100$  at A and minimises

$$V(u) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx + (u_B - 40)^2$$

where  $u_B$  is the unknown temperature at B.

- (a) Derive the stiffness matrix and force vector for a two nodes linear element. [8]  
(b) Hence form the finite element equations for four equally sized elements. [7]  
(c) Obtain the solution of the finite element equations. [5]  
(d) Show, using graphs, the temperature and heat flow  $q = -(\frac{du}{dx})$ . [5]

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