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Total Marks: 100

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INSTRUCTIONS

Candidates should answer **ALL** questions in section A and **THREE** questions in section B.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Scientific calculator

SECTION A (40 marks)

Answer ALL questions from this section.

A1. Define the following terms as they are used in Numerical methods

- (i) Numerical ill-conditioning [2]
- (ii) Truncation error [2]
- (iii) Ordinary differential equation [2]

A2. (i) What is the difference between precision and accuracy. [4]

(ii) Write down the convergence criterion for the Newton-Raphson formula. [2]

(iii) Verify that when the Newton-Raphson method is used to compute $\sqrt{D}$, then the sequence of iterates is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\left(x_n + \frac{D}{x_n}\right)$$

Hence use an iterative process to evaluate $(70)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ correct to 6 decimal places starting with $x_0 = 5.575$ [3,4]

A3. Use Simpson's Rule to integrate the points represented by the table below

x	1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8
$f(x)$	1.543	1.669	1.811	1.971	2.151	2.325	2.577	2.828	3.107

(i) using $h = 0.1$ [4]

(ii) using $h = 0.2$ [4]

A4. Given that $f(x) = 2xe^{x^2}$, find approximations to $f''(0.4)$ using $h = 0.1$ and $h = 0.001$. Compare the calculated values with the true value of $f''(0.4)$ and hence comment on the effect of changing step size. [13]

SECTION B (60 marks)**Answer ANY THREE questions from this section.**

- B5.** (i) State the three elementary row equations used when solving a system of linear equations. [3]
- (ii) Given the following system of equations
- $$\begin{aligned} 6x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 4x_4 &= 16 \\ 12x_1 - 8x_2 + 6x_3 + 10x_4 &= 26 \\ 3x_1 - 13x_2 + 9x_3 + 3x_4 &= -19 \\ -6x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 - 18x_4 &= -34 \end{aligned}$$
- (a) Write down the system in the form $\mathbf{A}\bar{x} = b$ [3]
- (b) Find the inverse of the matrix $\mathbf{A}$ using elementary row operations [10]
- (c) Hence use the inverse of matrix $\mathbf{A}$ to solve the system [4]
- B6.** Given an initial value problem (IVP) defined by $y' = 2xy + y^2$, $y(1) = 1$
- (i) Evaluate $y(1.3)$ using the Taylor's method. Use $h = 0.1$ [12]
- (ii) Calculate $y(1.2)$ using Runge-Kutta Method of order 4 (RK4) using $h = 0.1$ [8]
- B7.** (i) Construct a linear interpolation function for the points (3, 2) and (5, 8) [2]
- (ii) Differentiate between Interpolation and Extrapolation [2]
- (iii) (a) Construct the Newton polynomial function $P_3(x)$ for the points $(x, \cos x)$ correct to 6 decimal places using $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$. [5]
- (b) Evaluate $P_3(2.785)$ [3]
- (c) Hence calculate the error in estimating the value of $\cos 2.785$ [2]
- (iv) Write a Matlab code to solve an initial value problem (IVP), $y' = \frac{x-y}{2}$, $y(0) = 1$ on $[0, 100]$ [6]
- B8.** (i) Discuss the application of numerical analysis in mining engineering [5]
- (ii) Solve the following system of equations using the Gauss Jordan Elimination. [15]
- $$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 4x_2 + 4x_3 + 7x_4 &= 4 \\ 2x_2 - x_3 &= 5 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 4x_4 &= 2 \\ 2x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

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