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**TITLE OF PAPER : NUMERICAL ANALYSIS**

**COURSE NUMBER : E472**

**TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY FOUR OUT OF FIVE  
QUESTIONS.  
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**E472 NUMERICAL ANALYSIS**

**Question one**

Given a polynomial function of  $x$  as :

$$f(x) = x^3 - 8.35 x^2 + 14.1 x + 8.59$$

- (a) plot the given  $f(x)$  for  $x = 0$  to  $5$  . Use *fsolve* command to find its root or roots in the interval of  $x = 0$  to  $5$  . ( 4 marks )
- (b) Transform  $f(x) = 0$  into the form  $x = g(x)$  . Compute a solution of  $f(x) = 0$  by Fixed-Point Iteration method, starting from  $x_0 = 2$  and doing 5 iterations. Compute the percentage difference of the root found here with the corresponding one obtained in (a). ( 7 marks )
- (c) Compute a solution of  $f(x) = 0$  by Newton's method, starting from  $x_0 = 2$  and doing 5 iterations. Compute the percentage difference of the root found here with the corresponding one obtained in (a). ( 6 marks )
- (d) Compute a solution of  $f(x) = 0$  by Secant method, starting from  $x_0 = 2.0$  and  $x_1 = 2.1$  and doing 5 iterations. Compute the percentage difference of the root found here with the corresponding one obtained in (a). ( 8 marks )

**Question two**

Given  $f_0 = f(x_0) = f(1) = 2.18$  ,  $f_1 = f(x_1) = f(2) = 6.23$  ,  
 $f_2 = f(x_2) = f(3) = 5.04$  and  $f_3 = f(x_3) = f(4) = 3.35$

(a) (i) use the Newton's divided difference interpolation formula , i.e.,

$$f(x) \approx f_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f[x_0, x_1, x_2] + \dots ,$$

find the values of  $f[x_0, x_1]$  ,  $f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$  and  $f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3]$

and thus the interpolated  $f(x)$  . Find the value of  $f(2.4)$  . ( 9 marks )

(ii) use the Lagrange interpolation , i.e.,

$$P_3(x) = f_0 \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)(x_0 - x_3)} + \dots ,$$

find  $P_3(x)$  . Find the value of  $P_3(2.4)$  . ( 6 marks )

(b) Fit a straight line to the given points (x , y) by the method of least squares where the given points are : (0 , 1.8) , (1 , 1.6) , (2 , 1.1) , (3 , 1.5) and (4 , 2.3) . Plot the interpolated straight line as well as the given points and show them in a single display.

( 10 marks )

### Question three

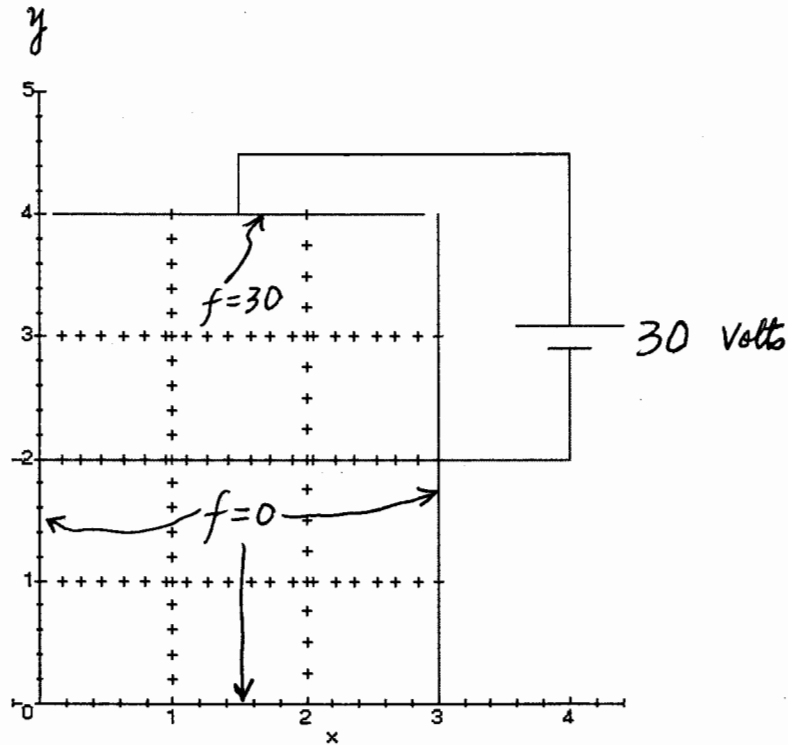
- (a) Given the following definite integral  $\int_0^1 x e^{-x^2} dx$
- (i) use `int` command to find the value of the given integral, ( 2 marks )
  - (ii) divide the integration range into ten equal intervals and compute the value of the given integral by the trapezoidal rule. Compare this value with that obtained in (i) and evaluate their percentage difference. ( 5 marks )
  - (iii) divide the integration range into ten equal intervals and compute the value of the given integral by Simpson's rule. Compare this value with that obtained in (i) and evaluate their percentage difference. Make a brief remark on the accuracy of this method compared to that of the method in (ii). ( 5 marks )
- (b) Given the following system of linear equations :
- $$\begin{cases} x_1 + 9x_2 - 2x_3 = 36 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + 8x_3 = 121 \\ 6x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 107 \end{cases}$$
- (i) use `linsolve` command to find the solutions of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  for the given system of linear equations , ( 3 marks )
  - (ii) apply the Gauss-Seidel iteration ( 5 steps ) to the given system, starting from  $(x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1$  and  $x_3 = 1)$ . Compute the iterated solutions of the system. Compare the iterated solutions with the solutions obtained in (b)(i) and compute their respective percentage differences . ( 10 marks )

#### Question four

- (a) Given the following differential equation  $\frac{d y(x)}{d x} - 2 y(x) = e^x$  and initial condition  $y(0) = 1$ ,
- (i) use *dsolve* command to find its specific solution of  $y(x)$ . Evaluate the value of  $y(1)$ . **(3 marks)**
- (ii) use Runge-Kutta method by starting with  $x = 0$  and  $h = 0.1$ , do 10 steps to find the approximate value of  $y(1)$ . Compare it with that obtained in (a)(i) and estimate their percentage difference. **(8 marks)**
- (b) Given the following differential equation  $\frac{d^2 y(x)}{d x^2} + y(x) = 2 e^x$  and initial conditions  $y(0) = 0$  and  $\left. \frac{d y(x)}{d x} \right|_{x=0} = 1$ , use Euler method by starting with  $x = 0$  and  $h = 0.2$ , do 5 steps to find the approximate value of  $y(1)$ . Compare it with the exact answer of  $y(1) = e = 2.7182818$  and estimate their percentage difference. **(14 marks)**

Question five

- (a) An infinite long, rectangular U shaped conducting channel is insulated at the corners from a conducting plate forming the fourth side with interior dimensions as shown below :



The boundary conditions are given as  $f(0,y) = 0$  ,  $f(3,y) = 0$  ,  $f(x,0) = 0$  and  $f(x,4) = 30$  volts . Use the discrete Laplace equation , i.e.,

$$f(i,j) = \frac{f(i-1,j) + f(i+1,j) + f(i,j-1) + f(i,j+1)}{4}$$

where  $i = 1, 2$  and  $j = 1, 2, 3$  , and assign the values of  $f(1,1)$  ,  $f(1,2)$  ,  $f(1,3)$  ,  $f(2,1)$  ,  $f(2,2)$  and  $f(2,3)$  all as 1 . Use the renumerating scheme and do 4 rounds of renumerating to find their renewed values . ( 12 marks )

**Question five (continued)**

(b) Given the following function of  $x$  and  $y$  as :

$$f(x, y) = 2(x^2 + y^2) + xy - 5(x + y) \quad ,$$

- (i) find the extremum value of  $f$  and the position of  $(x, y)$  that the extremum happens by solving  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$  , ( 3 marks )
- (ii) use the method of steepest descent , starting with the point  $(x_0 = 1, y_0 = -2)$  , do 4 steps to find the approximate extremum value of  $f$  . Compare it with that obtained in (b)(i) and estimate their percentage difference. ( 10 marks )