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FINAL EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012

BSc. / BEd. / B.A.S.S. III

TITLE OF PAPER : NUMERICAL ANALYSIS I

COURSE NUMBER : M 311

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF  
SEVEN QUESTIONS.  
2. ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS : NONE

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL  
PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

### QUESTION 1

1. (a) Consider the iterative schemes:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{5}(x_n^3 + 1), \quad x_{n+1} = (5x_n - 1)^{1/3}, \quad x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{5x_n - 1}{x_n}}, \quad n \geq 0$$

for solving the non-linear equation  $x^3 - 5x + 1 = 0$  in the interval  $[0,1]$ .

- i. Which one is suitable for approximating the solution of the given equation? [5 Marks]
  - ii. Starting from  $x_0 = 1$ , compute the fourth approximation  $x_4$ . [5 Marks]
- (b) Show that the iteration scheme

$$\alpha_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha_n^2 - a\alpha_n + a^2 + 5a}{\alpha_n + 5}$$

converges to the fixed point  $a$  quadratically (i.e order of convergence is 2)

for all  $a \neq -5$ . [5 Marks]

- (c) Show that the iterative scheme

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{(3A - x_n^2)x_n}{2A}, \quad A > 0, \quad n \geq 0$$

converges to  $\sqrt{A}$  and its rate of convergence is quadratic. [5 Marks]

### QUESTION 2

2. (a) Consider the function  $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 10$ .

- i. Show that  $f(x)$  has exactly one root in  $[1, 2]$ . [6 Marks]
- ii. By performing 4 iterations of the bisection method, show that this root lies in the interval  $[1.3125, 1.375]$ . [8 Marks]
- iii. How many iterations would be required to locate this zero to a tolerance of  $10^{-5}$ ? [6 Marks]

QUESTION 3

3. (a) Convert the decimal 9.7 into its binary equivalent. [6 Marks]
- (b) Convert the binary  $(0.\overline{10})_2$  into its decimal equivalent. [6 Marks]
- (c) Determine the machine representation in single precision on a 32-bit word length computer (Marc-32) for the decimal number -285.75 [8 Marks]

QUESTION 4

4. (a) Transform  $\int_{-3}^3 \frac{1}{t^2+1} dt$  to an integral of the form  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx$  [6 Marks]
- (b) Find the coefficients below for the three-point Gaussian quadrature rule:

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx \approx af\left(-\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}\right) + bf(0) + cf\left(+\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}\right)$$

- [8 Marks]
- (c) Estimate the integral from (a) using this rule. Express your answer as a fraction. [6 Marks]

QUESTION 5

5. (a) Find the  $LU$  factorisation of the matrix  $A$  in which the diagonal elements of  $L$  are 1 for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

[10 Marks]

- (b) Use the  $LU$  factorisation in (a) to find  $x$  such that

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -8 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

[10 Marks]

QUESTION 6

6. (a) Consider the points  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $x_1 = 1.5$ ,  $x_2 = 2.5$  and for a function  $f(x)$ , the divided differences are  $f[x_2] = 5$ ,  $f[x_1, x_2] = 15$ ,  $f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = 35$ . Use this information to construct the complete divided differences table for the given points. [8 Marks]
- (b) Consider the integral  $\int_0^1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x^2}{2}\right) dx$ . Suppose we wish to integrate it numerically with an error of magnitude less than  $10^{-3}$ . What width  $h$  is needed if we wish to use the composite Trapezoid rule? [6 marks]
- (c) Evaluate  $\int_2^6 \frac{x}{1+x} dx$  using the Simpson rule with  $h = 1$  and calculate the error against the exact value of the integral to four decimal places. [6 marks]

QUESTION 7

- (a) Suppose that  $f(-1) = 3$ ,  $f(0) = 4$  and  $f(2) = 5$ . Find the Lagrange interpolating polynomial which interpolates these values, and use it to estimate  $f'(0)$ . [8 Marks]
- (b) Convert the 32-bit floating-point number 0 1000 1010 010 0010 0011 1010 0000 0000 to its decimal equivalent. [6 marks]
- (c) Given the function  $f(h) = \sqrt{9-h} - 3$
- (i) find a suitable function  $g(h)$  that has been reformulated to be algebraically equivalent to  $f(h)$  with the aim of avoiding loss of significance error. [3 marks]
- (ii) Compare the results of calculating  $f(0.0001)$  and  $g(0.0001)$  using six digits and chopping. [3 marks]