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MAT 4119 - Engineering Mathematics III

Time allowed : **Three (3) hours**

**Full marks : 100**

**Instructions:**

- Indicate your **computer number** on all answer booklets.
- There are seven (7) questions in this examination. Attempt **any five (5)** questions. All questions carry equal marks.
- The use of non-programmable calculators is allowed.
- **Full credit** will only be given when **all necessary work** is shown.

*This question paper consists of 5 pages.*

\* 1. (a) Define each of the following errors:

(i) Truncation error [2]

(ii) Relative error [2]

(b) Estimate  $\left(\frac{1}{25}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$  to 2 significant figures using the Taylor series

$$x^{\sqrt{x}} = 1 + (x-1) + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{8}(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{24}(x-1)^4 - \frac{1}{128}(x-1)^5 + \dots$$

and taking 0.525306 as the true value. [7]

(c) The data below shows the results of a tensile test of a steel specimen, where  $y$  is elongation in thousands of inches that resulted when the tensile force was  $x$  thousands of pounds:

$x$	0.8	1.6	3.1	4.4	6.3
$y$	2.8	4.9	6.5	8.1	8.8

Fit an exponential function to the data. [9]

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\* 2. (a) Given the function

$$f(x) = x^5 + 4x + 2,$$

(i) show that  $f$  has a root in the interval  $[-1, 0]$ . [2]

(ii) Determine the number of iterations necessary to approximate the root of  $f$  by bisection method with accuracy within  $10^{-5}$  in the interval  $[-1, 0]$ . [4]

(b) An engineer needs  $4800 m^3$ ,  $5810 m^3$  and  $5690 m^3$  of sand, fine gravel and coarse gravel, respectively, at a construction site. There are three sources where these materials can be obtained and the composition of the material from these sources is given below:

Source	%Sand	%Fine Gravel	%Coarse Gravel
1	52	30	18
2	20	50	30
3	25	20	55

(i) Form a system of linear equations for this problem. [1]

(ii) Solve the system in part (i) by performing three iterations of the Gauss-Seidel method to determine the number of cubic metres that must be hauled from each source in order to meet the engineer's needs, starting with  $X^{(0)} = (0, 0, 0)^t$ . [6]

(c) Given that

$$\cosh(\sqrt{x}) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^4}{384} + \dots,$$

the Maclaurin polynomial

$$P_4(x) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^4}{384}$$

can be used to approximate

$$\int_0^1 \cosh(\sqrt{x}) dx.$$

Find an upper bound of the error involved in making such an approximation. [7]

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3. (a) The equation

$$3^x \cos x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

can be written in the form  $x = g(x)$ , where  $g(x) = \arccos\left(\frac{3^{-x}}{2}\right)$ .

(i) Show that  $g(x)$  converges to a unique fixed-point in the interval  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . [5]

(ii) Starting with  $p_0 = 1.5$ , perform two iterations to approximate the solution to the equation. [2]

(b) Given that  $f(z) = e^z$ , where  $z = x + iy$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , is defined on

$$S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : -1 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq \pi\},$$

(i) find the image of  $f$ . [4]

(ii) Hence sketch the image of  $f$ . [2]

(c) Determine an upper bound of the error involved in using the difference formula to differentiate

$$f(x) = \sin(\sqrt{x})$$

at  $x_0 = 2.1$  with  $h = 0.05$ . [7]

\* 4. (a) A rod subject to an axial load will be deformed, resulting in a stress-strain curve, where stress,  $s$ , is in kips per square inch ( $10^3 \text{ lb/in}^2$ ) and strain,  $e$ , is dimensionless. The table below shows values of  $e$  and  $s$ :

$e$	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.15
$s$	40.0	37.5	43.0	52.0

Use Lagrange interpolating polynomial to estimate  $s$  when  $e = 0.12$ . [7]

(b) Starting with  $X^{(0)} = (x_0, y_0)^t = (0, 0)^t$ , carry out a single iteration of the Newton's method to solve the following system of non-linear equations:

$$x + y - \arcsin x = 0$$

$$y + \arccos y = x$$

[6]

(c) Use the Runge-Kutta method of order four with  $h = 0.1$  to solve the Initial-Value Problem (IVP)

$$y' = ty^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad 1 \leq t \leq 5, \quad y(1) = 1$$

at  $t = 1.1$ . [7]

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5. (a) Show that

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x, & x \in [0, 3] \\ 4 + (x - 3) + (x - 3)^3, & x \in [3, 4]. \end{cases}$$

is a clamped cubic spline that can be fitted to the data points  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(3, 4)$  and  $(4, 6)$ . [7]

(b) The vapour pressure of water from temperatures of  $40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $72^\circ\text{C}$  is given in the table below:

$T(^{\circ}\text{C})$	$P(\text{mmHg})$
40	55.3
48	83.7
56	123.8
64	179.2
72	254.5

The slope of the vapour pressure curve at a specified temperature gives an estimate of the evaporation rate. Find the most accurate estimation of the evaporation rate at  $T = 72^\circ\text{C}$ . [4]

(c) (i) Evaluate the integral

$$\int_C |z|^2 dz,$$

where  $C$  is a straight line from  $z = 4$  to  $z = 3i$ . [5]

(ii) Evaluate the integral

$$\oint_C \frac{e^{-z}}{z^{2n+1}} dz, \quad n \geq 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $C$  is a directed contour  $|z| = 1$ . [4]

6. (a) Show that the Initial-Value Problem (IVP)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ty^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad y(1) = 1$$

is well-posed on  $D = \{(t, y) : 1 \leq t \leq 5, \quad 1 \leq y \leq 27\}$ . [4]

(b) Solve the IVP in part (a) using Taylor's method of order two at  $t = 1.2$  with  $h = 0.1$ . [5]

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(c) (i) Given that  $z = x + iy$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , show that

$$f(z) = \frac{x+1}{(x+1)^2 + y^2} - \frac{y}{(x+1)^2 + y^2} i$$

is analytic everywhere on  $\mathbb{C}$  except at  $z = -1$ . [7]

(ii) Show that  $f'(z) = \frac{-1}{(z+1)^2}$ . [4]

\* 7. (a) (i) By sketching  $x^2 - y^2 = 2$  and  $y - \sqrt{2x} = 0$  on the same coordinate system, show that there is a root of the equation

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 2} - \sqrt{2x} = 0$$

in the interval  $[2, 3]$ . [2]

(ii) Starting with  $p_0 = 3$ , perform two iterations using Newton-Raphson method to approximate the root. [6]

(b) Taylor's theorem can be used to express the three-point midpoint formula as

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{1}{2h} [f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)] - \frac{h^2}{6} f^{(3)}(x_0) - \frac{h^4}{120} f^{(5)}(x_0) - \dots$$

Find an approximation of order  $\mathcal{O}(h^4)$  for  $f'(1.2)$  with  $h = 0.1$  when

$$f(x) = x^{\sqrt{2^x}} \ln(\sqrt{2^{3x}}). \quad [8]$$

(c) The total mass,  $M$ , entering and leaving a reactor over a specified time period is given by

$$M = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} Qc \, dt,$$

where  $Q$  ( $m^3/min$ ) is the flow rate,  $c$  ( $mg/m^3$ ) is the concentration and  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  is the initial and final time, respectively. If the flow rate is constant, i.e.  $Q = 4 \, m^3/min$ , find the total mass based on the following measurements:

$t(\text{min})$	0	10	20	30	40
$c(\text{mg}/m^3)$	10	35	55	52	37

[4]

**END OF EXAMINATION!**