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APPLIED MATHEMATICS - LEVEL 05

ADU5307 - Numerical Methods

Final Examination - 2024/2025

**DURATION: Two Hours**



**Date: 26.11.2024**

**Time: 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.**

**Answer Four Questions Only.**

1. (a) (i) Derive Newton- Raphson formula for solving the equation  $f(x) = 0$ .  
 (ii) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 2x - 2 = 0$  has a root in the interval  $[0, 1]$  and use method of the Newton-Raphson to find the root correct to two decimal places near to the point  $x_0 = 0.5$ .  
 (b) (i) Suppose that equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a solutions in the interval  $[a, b]$ . If the permissible error is  $\epsilon$ , then determine the approximate number of iterations required?  
 (ii) For the given function  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x + 3$ , a real root lies in between the interval  $[-3, -2]$ . Find the minimum number of iterations required to find the root up to the accuracy of three decimal points.

2. (a) Prove that

- (i)  $\Delta = E - I$ ,
- (ii)  $\delta^2 = \Delta - \nabla$ ,
- (iii)  $E^{\frac{1}{2}} = \mu + \frac{1}{2}\delta$ .

where  $\Delta, \nabla, \mu, E, I$  and  $\delta$  are the forward difference, the backward difference, average, the shift, identity and the the central difference operators respectively.

- (b) (i) Derive Gregory - Newton forward interpolation polynomial for  $y = f(x)$  for equidistance intervals.  
 (ii) A school records the number of students enrolled over several years. The table below shows the year (in terms of an index  $x$ ) and the corresponding number of students enrolled in that year,  $y(x)$ .

Year (Index $x$ )	40	50	60	70	80
No. of Students $y(x)$	31	73	124	159	190

Using Gregory - Newton forward interpolation formula, estimate the number of students enrolled in the year corresponding to an index value 45.

3. (a) Derive the Lagrange's interpolation formula for  $y = f(x)$  for unique intervals.
- (b) The following table shows the values of  $y = \ln(x)$ , where  $x$  is a measurement of concentration in a chemical solution:

x	1	2.5	3
y = ln(x)	0	0.9163	1.0986

Find the Second-order polynomial to the above data points by applying Lagrange's interpolation formula and hence determine the value of  $\ln(2.7)$  correct to four decimal places.

4. (a) Using the Newton's forward difference formula, derive the Trapezoidal Rule for the function  $y = f(x)$  define over the equidistance intervals  $(x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ .
- (b) The velocity of a particle which starts from rest is given by the following table.

Time (s)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Velocity ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ )	0	16	29	40	46	51	57

Evaluate the total distance traveled in 12 seconds using,

- (i) Trapezoidal rule.
- (ii) Simpson's One -Third Rule rule.
- (c) Applying Taylor series method of third order for the differential equation  $y'' = y + xy'$  subject to the initial conditions  $y(0) = 1$ , and  $y'(0) = 0$ , evaluate  $y(0.1)$  correct to three decimal places.

5. (a) Consider the following initial value problem

$$y'(t) - \frac{1}{2}y = 1, \quad y(0) = 1.$$

Find the approximate solution for  $y(0.2)$  correct to four decimal places by taking the step size  $h = 0.1$  using

- (i) Euler's method.
- (ii) modified Euler's method.
- (iii) What can say about the accuracy of the solution of the given initial value problem?

- (b) (i) Derive the formula for Picard's method to solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  subject to the initial condition  $y(x_0) = y_0$ .
- (ii) Using Picard's method, find the first- two successive approximations to solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(y + 1)$  with the initial condition  $y(0) = 0$ .
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6. (a) (i) State fourth order Runge-Kutta algorithm to solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  subject to the initial condition  $y(x_0) = y_0$ .
- (ii) Using fourth order Runge-Kutta algorithm, solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y$  correct to four decimal places subject to the initial condition  $y(0) = 0$ , at  $x = 0.1$ .
- (b) Given  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y(0.1) = 0.1052$ ,  $y(0.2) = 0.2214$  and  $y(0.3) = 0.3499$ . Estimate  $y(0.4)$ , by using Adam-Bash forth formula.

$$[Hint : y_{n+1,p} = y_n + \frac{h}{24}(55y'_n - 59y'_{n-1} + 37y'_{n-2} - 9y'_{n-3})$$

$$y_{n+1,c} = y_n + \frac{h}{24}(9y'_{n+1} + 19y'_n - 5y'_{n-1} + y'_{n-2})]$$


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