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Paper NST – 608 Mathematical & Numerical Methods
in Nuclear Engineering

Time 3 Hours

Maximum Marks 70

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Attempt all questions

1 Attempt **any five** of the following Each part carries **two** marks

(a) How many real zeroes does the function
 $f(x) = 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + k$ has ? (k is any real number)

(b) Ten iterations of the bisection method are applied to the function

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 6$$

to find its zero lying between 1 and 2 To how many decimal places the result is expected to be correct?

(c) Given that $f(x) = 0.479, 0.565, 0.644$ at $x = 0.5, 0.6$ and 0.7 respectively, use the three-point difference formulas to find $f'(x)$ at $x = 0.5, 0.6$ and 0.7

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(d) The integral $\int_0^1 e^x dx$ is obtained by composite Simpson rule. If the error is to be less than 10^{-8} , find the minimum number of subintervals required.

(e) For the linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 4, \\x_1 + 2\alpha x_2 + x_3 &= 6, \\ \alpha x_1 + x_2 + (2 - \alpha)x_3 &= 4.\end{aligned}$$

find α for which the system has (i) no solution, (ii) infinite number of solutions.

(f) For what values of k is the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k \\ k & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

convergent?

(g) Find the spectral radius, the l_2 norm and the l_∞ norm of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(h) Show that the initial value problem

$$y'(t) = ty^2 + e^t, 0 \leq t \leq 1, y(0) = 1,$$

has a unique solution by applying the relevant theorem 2×5=10

2 Attempt **any five** of the followings. Each part carries **four** marks

(a) Show that the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^4 - 3x^2 + 3}{x^4 + 2}$$

has a fixed point in $x \in [0, 2]$. Is the fixed point unique ?

(b) Find c_0, c_1 and x_1 , so that the quadrature formula

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = c_0 f(0) + c_1 f(x_1)$$

has the highest degree of precision

(c) Show that the inverse of a non-singular lower triangular matrix is a lower triangular matrix

(d) Show that the matrix AB is non-singular, if and only if, both A and B are non-singular

(e) Show that for any vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|x\|_1 \geq \|x\|_2 \geq \|x\|_\infty$$

where

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|, \|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}, \|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$$

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(f) The initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{y}{t} - \left(\frac{y}{t}\right)^2, \quad 1 \leq t \leq 2, y(1) = 1$$

has the solution $y(t) = \frac{t}{1 + \ln(t)}$. Find the error bound in the value of $y(2)$ obtained by Euler's method with $h = 0.1$

(g) Show that for the initial value problem

$$y''(x) = p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x),$$

$$a \leq x \leq b, \quad y(a) = 0, y'(a) = 1,$$

if $q(x)$ and $p(x)$ are continuous on $[a, b]$ and $q(x) > 0$ on $[a, b]$, then $y(b)$ cannot be zero

(h) The partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y), \quad u(x, y) = g(x, y)$$

on the boundary of $0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1$, is to be solved by finite difference method

$$\begin{aligned} & u(x_{i+1}, y_j) - 2u(x_i, y_j) + u(x_{i-1}, y_j) \\ & + h^2 / k^2 [u(x_i, y_{j+1}) - 2u(x_i, y_j) + u(x_i, y_{j-1})] \\ & = h^2 f(x_i, y_j) \end{aligned}$$

by dividing both the intervals (0, 1) into three equal parts, write down the equations obtained in a convenient form 4×5=20

3 Attempt **any five** of the following. Each part carries 8 marks

(a) Obtain the formula for finding the zeroes of a function by Newton's method Interpret it geometrically How is this method modified to obviate the need for evaluation of the derivative ?

(b) Show that for the Simpson rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3} [f(a) + 4 f(x_1) + f(b)],$$

$$h = \frac{b-a}{2}, x_1 = \frac{b+a}{2}, \text{ the error term is}$$

$$-\frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\xi) \text{ for source } \xi \in [a, b]$$

(c) Show that for any polynomial P(x) of degree less than 2n,

$$\int_{-1}^1 P(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i P(x_i),$$

where x_i are the zeroes of Legendre polynomials $P_n(x)$ and e_i are given by

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$$C_1 = \int_{-1}^1 \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} dx$$

(d) Show that for any vector $x^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the sequence

$$\{x^{(k)}\}_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{ defined by}$$

$$x^{(k)} = T^{(k-1)} x^{(0)} + C \quad \forall k \geq 1,$$

converges to the unique solution of

$$x = Tx + C$$

(where T is an $n \times n$ matrix, and C a vector) if and only if $\rho(T)$, the spectral radius of T is less than 1. Reduce the Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel techniques for solving the linear system $Ax = b$ to the above form and thereby state the corresponding result for these techniques.

- (e) Describe the Q-R algorithm for finding the eigenvalues of a tridiagonal symmetric matrix
- (f) What is the main drawback of the Taylor's methods for solving an initial value problem. Describe the basic idea of the Runge-Kutta class of methods for such problems. Obtain the formula for the mid-point method, a Runge-Kutta method of order 2

- (g) Describe the finite difference method for the solution of the boundary value problem

$$y''(x) = p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x) + r(x),$$

$$a \leq x \leq b, \quad y(a) = \alpha, \quad y(b) = \beta$$

What are the conditions that need to be satisfied for the method to work ?

- (h) Describe the finite difference method for the solution of parabolic type of partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t), \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

What is the drawback of the forward difference method and how is it corrected in the backward difference method ?

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