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MC 3010 – DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS AND NUMERICAL METHODS  
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Instructions

1. This paper contains TWENTY (20) questions:
2. Each question in this paper is a multiple choice with four answer choices. Read each question and answer carefully and choose the ONE best answer.
3. This examination accounts for 30% of module assessment. Total maximum mark attainable is 100.

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1. If  $f(x)$  is a real continuous function in  $[a, b]$ , and  $f(a)f(b) < 0$ , then for  $f(x) = 0$ , there is (are) ... in the domain  $[a, b]$ .

(a) one root (c) no root  
(b) an undeterminable number of roots (d) at least one root

2. Assuming an initial bracket of  $[1, 5]$ , the second (at the end of 2 iterations) iterative value of the root of  $te^{-t} - 0.3 = 0$  using the bisection method is

(a) 0 (b) 1.5 (c) 2 (d) 3 1.5/2

3. The following data of the velocity of a body is given as a function of time.

Time(s)	10	15	18	22	24
Velocity(m/s)	22	24	37	25	123

A quadratic Lagrange interpolant is found using three data points,  $t = 15, 18$  and  $22$ . From this information, at what of the times given in seconds is the velocity of the body  $26 \text{ m/s}$  during the time interval of  $t = 15$  to  $t = 22$  seconds.

(a) 20.173 (b) 21.858 (c) 21.667 (d) 22.020

4. Given  $3\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 2x$ ,  $y(0.3) = 5$  and using a step size of  $h = 0.3$ , the value of  $y(0.6)$  using the Runge-Kutta 4th order method is most nearly

(a) 3.1067 (c) 4.2587  
(b) 3.2067 (d) none of the above

5. The equation in Question 4 with the same step size, the value of  $y(0.9)$  using Eulers method is most nearly

- (a) 1.3                      (b) 1.2                      (c) 1.5                      (d) 1.4

6. Truncation error is caused by approximating

- (a) irrational numbers                      (c) rational numbers  
(b) fractions                      (d) exact mathematical procedures

7.  $\int_0^1 \frac{\sin t}{t} dt$  is exactly

- (a)  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sin(\frac{x+1}{2})}{x+1} dx$                       (c)  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sin(x+1)}{x+1} dx$   
(b)  $\int_0^1 \frac{\sin(\frac{x+1}{2})}{x+1} dx$                       (d)  $\int_0^1 \frac{\sin(x+1)}{x+1} dx$

8. Consider the second-order initial value problem

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 5x = 0, x(0) = 3, \frac{dx(0)}{dt} = -5$$

write down the equivalent system of two first-order equations

- (a)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = y, \frac{dy}{dt} = -x - 4y, x(0) = 3, y(0) = -3$   
(b)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = y, \frac{dy}{dt} = -5x - 4y, x(0) = 3, y(0) = -5$   
(c)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = y, \frac{dy}{dt} = -x - 4y, x(0) = 2, y(0) = -5$   
(d)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = y, \frac{dy}{dt} = -x - 4y, x(0) = 3, y(0) = -5$

9. In a circuit with an inductor of inductance  $L$ , a resistor with resistance  $R$ , and a variable voltage source  $E(t) = L(di/dt) + Ri$ . The current  $i$ , is measured at several values of time as

$t$ (secs)	1.00	1.01	1.03	1.1
$i$ (Amperes)	3.10	3.12	3.18	3.24

If  $L = 0.98$  H and  $R = 0.142 \Omega$ , the most accurate expression for  $E(1.00)$  is

- (a)  $0.98 \left( \frac{3.24 - 3.10}{0.1} \right) + (0.142)(3.10)$                       (c)  $0.98 \left( \frac{3.12 - 3.10}{0.01} \right) + (0.142)(3.10)$   
(b)  $0.142 \times 3.10$                       (d)  $0.98 \left( \frac{3.12 - 3.10}{0.01} \right)$

10. Using the forward divided difference approximation with a step size of 0.2, the derivative of the function at  $x = 2$  is given as

$x$	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6
$f(x)$	6.0496	7.3890	9.0250	11.023	13.464



- (a) 6.697                      (b) 7.389                      (c) 7.438                      (d) 8.180

11. Find the number  $2m$  (No. of sub-intervals) so that the error  $E_s(f, h)$  for the Simpson rule is less than  $4 \times 10^{-9}$  for the approximation  $\int_2^5 \frac{dx}{x^2}$ . The maximum value of  $|f^{(4)}(t)|$  taken over  $[2, 5]$  occurs at the end point  $x = 2$ . [Hint: The Error formula for Simpson rule is given by  $E_s = -\frac{(b-a)^5}{180(2m)^4} f^{(4)}(t) = -\frac{b-a}{180} h^4 f^{(4)}(t)$ ]

- (a) 448                      (b) 449                      (c) 224                      (d) 225

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12. Using Newton-Raphson method evaluate to decimal figures, the root of the equation  $x \log_{10} x - 1.2 = 0$ , (Assume  $x_0 = 3$  as first approximation point).

- (a) 2.76                      (b) 2.75                      (c) 2.74                      (d) 2.73

13. Find the value of  $\int_0^1 \sin \sqrt{x} dx$  by using trapezoidal rule with  $h = 0.5$  is most nearly

- (a) 2.140745                      (b) 1.070037                      (c) 0.535186                      (d) 0.537818.

14. Find the absolute error, use question (13) and assume true value as 0.602337

- (a) 0.067151                      (b) 0.064519                      (c) 0.467700                      (d) 0.004677

15. Find  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  of  $f(x, y) = e^{x+5y}$

- (a)  $3e^{x+5y}$                       (b)  $6e^{x+5y}$                       (c)  $6e^{2x+5y}$                       (d)  $3e^{2x+y}$

$5e^{x+5y}$

16. Consider the function  $w(x, y) = 4x^2 + 3y^2$  and find the value of  $\frac{dw}{dr}$  in polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  where  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ .

- (a)  $5r$                       (b)  $50r$                       (c)  $25r^2$                       (d)  $50$                        $6r + 2r \cos^2 \theta$

17. If  $Z = f(x, y)$  and  $Z = 4 - x^3 + y^2$ , write the total differential,  $dz$

- (a)  $-2x^2 dx + 4y dy$                       (c)  $-3x^2 dx + 2y dy$   
(b)  $-2x^3 dx + 2y dy$                       (d) none of the above.

18. Find the work done by the force  $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = (y^2, xy, 0)$  in moving an object along the shortest path between point  $(1, 1, 0)$  and point  $(2, 2, 0)$  at constant speed in unit time.

(a) 7/3

(b) 29/3

(c) 15/2

(d) 14/3

19. The temperature  $T$  at the point  $(x, y)$  is  $T(x, y)$  and it is measured using the Celsius scale. A fly crawls so that its position after  $t$  seconds is given by  $x = t^2$  and  $y = 2 + \frac{1}{3}t$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in centimeters. The temperature function satisfies  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}(2, 3) = 4$  and  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}(2, 3) = 3$ . How fast is the temperature increasing on the fly's path after 3s

(a) 2

(b) 8

(c) 9

(d) 2.5

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20. The motion of a point is described by  $r(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, t^2)$ . Find the speed of the motion.

(a)  $\sqrt{t^2 + 1}$ (b)  $\sqrt{4t^4 + 1}$ (c)  $\sqrt{4t^2 + \cos^2 t}$ (d)  $\cos^2 t$  $\sqrt{1+4t^2}$ 

## Formula sheet

- Newton's iteration formula:  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$
- Trapezoidal rule:  $\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx h \left[ \frac{1}{2}f_0 + f_1 + \dots + f_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}f_n \right]$ , where  $h = \frac{(b-a)}{n}$ .  
The  $x_j$ 's and  $a$  and  $b$  are called nodes.
- Euler's method:  $y_{k+1} = y_k + hf(t_k, y_k)$ ,  $t_{k+1} = t_k + h$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$
- Runge-Kutta method of order  $N = 4$ :  $y_{k+1} = y_k + \frac{h(f_1 + 2f_2 + 2f_3 + f_4)}{6}$ , where  
 $f_1 = f(t_k, y_k)$ ,  $f_2 = f(t_k + \frac{h}{2}, y_k + \frac{h}{2}f_1)$ ,  $f_3 = f(t_k + \frac{h}{2}, y_k + \frac{h}{2}f_2)$ ,  
 $f_4 = f(t_k + h, y_k + hf_3)$ .
- Quadratic Lagrange Polynomial  $P_2(x) = l_0f_0 + l_1f_1 + l_2f_2$  where,  $l_0 = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}$ ,  
 $l_1 = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)}$ ,  $l_2 = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)}$
- 2-point forward difference- $f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1})-f(x_i)}{h}$ , 2-point backward- $f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i)-f(x_{i-1}))}{h}$

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