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Sample Exam



BSc (Hons) SOFTWARE DESIGN (Common Entry)

YEAR 1

MATHEMATICS FOR SOFTWARE DESIGN 1

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Instructions to candidates:

Read all questions carefully.

All questions carry equal marks.

Answer **ANY 3** out of **4** questions.

Time Allowed: 1 ¾ Hours

No. of pages including cover sheet: 2

Q.1. For each of the following functions

- (i) Graph the function in the interval specified.
- (ii) Estimate the value(s) of x where the graph crosses the horizontal axis.
- (iii) Estimate the turning point(s) of the function in the interval.

(a) $f(x) = x^2 - 3x - 10$ on the interval $[-4, 6]$. (10 Marks)

(b) $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 5$ on the interval $[-4, 8]$. (10 Marks)

[20 Marks]

Q.2. (a) Determine all values of x for which the matrices below are non-singular:

(i) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & -3x & 2 \\ 8 & 0 & x \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $\begin{pmatrix} 4+x & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 7-x & 0 \\ -5 & 6 & 8-x \end{pmatrix}$

(8 Marks)

(b) For the following matrices, determine if $C = A \cdot B$ is equal to $D = B \cdot A$:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & -5 & 8 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 8 & -36 \\ 8 & 6 & -8 \\ 5 & -1 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

(12 Marks)

[20 Marks]

Q.3. (a) Calculate the first six terms in the Taylor series of the following functions about the points specified:

(i) $f(x) = \sin(x)$ about $x_0 = \pi/2$. (5 Marks)

(ii) $f(x) = \ln|1+x|$ about $x_0 = 0$. (5 Marks)

(b) Estimate the error in $T_5(x)$ for $\sin(\pi/3)$ about $x_0 = 0$.

(10 Marks)

[20 Marks]

Q.4. Differentiate each of the following functions of x with respect to x :

(a) $f(x) = (\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)) \ln|2x|$ (5 Marks)

(b) $f(x) = e^{\ln|\tan(x)|}$ (5 Marks)

(c) $f(x) = \sin(\tan(e^{\cos(x)}))$ (5 Marks)

(d) $f(x) = \frac{x^8 - 1}{x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1}$ (5 Marks)

[20 Marks]

Taylor Series

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k$$

Taylor Polynomial

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k$$