



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS-2023/2024

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN GEOSPATIAL ENGINEERING

FGE 373: NUMERICAL METHODS

Date: _____

Time: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
2. The maximum possible marks that can be earned in this paper is 70 marks.
3. Ensure that you have **THREE** printed pages.

QUESTION 1. (30 MARKS)

- (a) Covert the octal number $(56)_8$ to a hexadecimal number. (4 marks)
- (b) State the stopping criteria of the bisection method. (3 marks)
- (c) Estimate $\sqrt{2}$ using Newton Raphson method assuming $x_0 = 1$ (4 marks)
- (d) Evaluate the sum $S = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}$ to 4 significant digits and find its absolute and relative errors. (4 marks)
- (e) Using the following data find $f'(6.0)$ and $f''(6.3)$ (6 marks)

| x | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.4 |
|------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| f(x) | 0.1750 | -0.1998 | -0.2223 | -0.2422 | -0.2596 |

- (f) Find the least squares approximating polynomial of degree 2 for $f(x) = \cos \pi x$ in $[0, 1]$. (5 marks)
- (g) Determine the number of iterations necessary to solve $e^x - 3x = 0$ with accuracy 10^{-2} using $a_0 = 1.5$ and $b_0 = 1.6$ (4 marks)

QUESTION 2.**(20 MARKS)**

(2 marks)

- (a) State the intermediate value theorem.
- (b) Apply the Newton Raphson method with $x_0 = 0.8$ to the equation

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x + 1 = 0$$

and verify that the convergence is only of first order. Then, apply the Newton Raphson method

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - m \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

with $m = 2$ and verify that the convergence is of second order.

(10 marks)

- (c) Perform four iterations (rounded to four decimal places) using Gauss-Seidel method for solving the system of equations

(8 marks)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 16 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

with $x^{(0)} = 0$. The exact solution is $x = (-1 - 4 - 3)^T$

QUESTION 3.**(20 MARKS)**

- (a) Define numerical differentiation.

(2 marks)

- (b) Find $y'(1)$ for the following data points of a polynomial $y = f(x)$.

(8 marks)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|----|---|---|
| x | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| y | 4 | 8 | 15 | 7 | 6 |

- (c) Find the smallest eigenvalue in magnitude and the corresponding eigenvector of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

using four iteration of the inverse power method.

(10 marks)

QUESTION 4.**(20 MARKS)**

- (a) Calculate all solutions of the system

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1.12$$

$$xy = 0.23$$

correct to three decimal places.

(10 marks)

(b) (i)

Find the Lagrange interpolating polynomial of degree 2 approximating the function $y = \ln x$ defined by the following table of values. Hence determine the value of $\ln 2.7$. (6 marks)

ii. Estimate the error in the value of y obtained in b(i) above. (4 marks)

| | | | |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| x | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| $y = \ln x$ | 0.69315 | 0.91629 | 1.09861 |

QUESTION 5.

(20 MARKS)

(a) The table below gives the readings from a laboratory experiment. Fit

| | | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Time t | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| Reading y | 7 | 17 | 49 | 71 | 161 |

(i) a linear function

(ii) a quadratic polynomial

to the above data by method of least squares and determine which of these two is a better approximation.

(12 marks)

(b) Solve the following system of equations using Gauss elimination method with partial pivoting.

(8 marks)

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$3x + 3y + 4z = 20$$

$$2x + y + 3z = 13$$



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**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND INFORMATION ENGINEERING AND
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOSPATIAL AND SPACE ENGINEERING**

FEE 371/FGE 371:ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS IIIA

DATE: 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Attempt question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
2. Symbols have their usual meaning.
3. Mobile phones are **NOT** allowed in the examination hall.
4. The maximum possible marks that can be earned in this paper is 70.

QUESTION ONE

(30 MARKS)

(a) Find the domain of

(i) $f(x, y, z) = \frac{3x-4y+2z}{\sqrt{9-x^2-y^2-z^2}}$ (3mks)

(ii) $g(x, y, t) = \frac{\sqrt{2t-4}}{x^2-y^2}$ (3mks)

(b) Find the limit of:

(i) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,-1)} (x^2 - 2xy + 3y^2 - 4x + 3y - 6)$ (3mks)

(ii) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (2,-1)} \frac{2x+3y}{4x-3y}$ (3mks)

(c) Use the limit definition of partial derivative to find the derivative of

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2 - 4x + 5y - 12.$$

(4mks)

(d) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface defined by the function

$f(x, y) = \sin(2x) \cos(3y)$ at point $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$. (5mks)

(e) Show that the function $f(x, y) = 2x^2 - 4y$ is differentiable at $(2, -3)$. (7mks)

(f) Define the term critical point. (2mks)

gradient of function = 0

QUESTION TWO**(20 MARKS)**(a) Find $A - B$ and $2A - 3B$ if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4mks)(b) Find AB if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(3mks)(c) Find the transpose of A and B . Hence confirm that $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ given that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4mks)

(d) If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

find the set of equations for the x, y , and z represented by $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$.**(5mks)**(e) Find the inverse of A A^{-1} given that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4mks)**QUESTION THREE****(20 MARKS)**(a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(6mks)(b) Write down the set of equations given by $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$ where,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix},$$

Hence find A^{-1} and calculate $A^{-1}\mathbf{d}$ and calculate the solution of the equation.**(7mks)**

- (c) A general $n \times n$ matrix is given by $A = [a_{ij}]$. Show that $A + A^T$ is a symmetric matrix and $A - A^T$ is a skew-symmetric matrix. Express the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

as the sum of a symmetric matrix.

(7mks)

QUESTION FOUR

(20 MARKS)

- (a) Evaluate $\int_C (x dy - y^2 dx)$, where C is positively oriented square bounded by lines $x = \pm 1$ and $y = \pm 1$. (5mks)
- (b) Let \vec{F} be a vector field over simply connected region D whose component functions have continuous second order partial derivatives then \vec{F} is conservative if and only if $\text{curl } \vec{F} = \vec{0}$. Prove. (5mks)
- (c) State and prove the Gauss divergence theorem. (5mks)
- (d) Evaluate $\int_C \vec{F} d\vec{r}$, where $\vec{F} = xy\vec{i} + yz\vec{j} + zx\vec{k}$ and C is the twisted cube given by $x = t, y = t^2, z = t^3$ and $0 \leq t \leq 1$. (5mks)

QUESTION FIVE

(20 MARKS)

- (a) (i) Define the continuity of a function of two variables. (2mks)
- (ii) Show that the function $f(x, y) = 4x^3y^2$ and $g(x, y) = \cos(4x^3y^2)$ are continuous everywhere. (5mks)
- (b) Solve
- (i) $f(x, y) = x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2 - 4x + 5y - 12$. (3mks)
- (ii) $g(x, y) = \sin(x^2y - 2x + 4)$. (3mks)
- (c) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface defined by the function
- $$f(x, y) = 2x^2 - 3xy + 8y^2 + 2x - 4y + 4 \quad \text{at point} \quad (2, -1).$$
- (4mks)

- (d) Prove

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (4,3)} \sqrt{25 - x^2 - y^2} = 0.$$

(3mks)



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DEPARTMENT OF GEOSPATIAL & SPACE TECHNOLOGY

FGE 349: GEOSPATIAL SURFACE MODELLING

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST

Attempt ALL Questions

Date: 11th December 2022

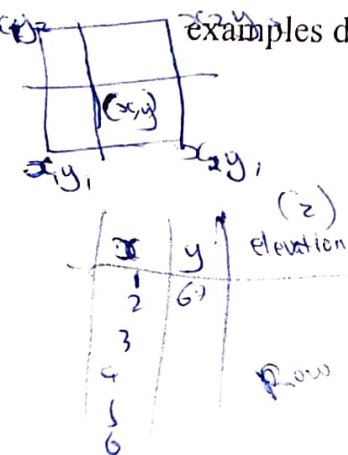
Time: 2 Hours

Question 1

- Describe the scope of Digital Terrain Modelling (DTM). *DTM (10 marks)*
- Using suitable examples, describe different spatial circumstances that would necessitate that interpolation be done. *(15 marks)*
- Local deterministic methods of interpolation use only information from the nearest data points. In this regard, distinguish between bilinear and cubic convolution interpolation. *(10 marks)*

Question 2

- One way of evaluating the accuracy of interpolation is by computing the Cross-Validation. Explain how this is accomplished. *(15 marks)*
- Using a suitable example, explain what trend surface interpolation refers to. *(10 marks)*
- The Inverse Distance Weighted (IDW) approach assumes that each measured point has a local influence that diminishes with distance. Using suitable examples discuss this statement. *(10 marks)*



use all measured pts to create a surface.

If the avg (squared) difference between actual value & the pred.

large, isn't that

use only to estimate values at non-grid points.

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Results

Question 3

- a) Distinguish between Kriging and Co-Kriging. (10 marks)
- b) Using signal strength as a proxy for measuring accessibility/customer preference, describe how one would in an innovative and timely manner, compare and contrast the quality of Safaricom and Airtel mobile service providers within the Main Campus, University of Nairobi. (20 marks)

used to calculate weights

commonly used

geostatistical technique used for spatial interpolation, often in context of prediction

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DEPARTMENT OF GEOSPATIAL & SPACE TECHNOLOGY FIRST SEMESTER 2023/2024

THIRD YEAR: Continuous Assessment Test

FGE 311: INTRODUCTION TO GEODESY

DATE: 6th Dec. 2023

DURATION: 1HR 20MIN

Answer **ANY TWO** the questions.

Useful constants: Parameters of: (1) WGS84 system: $a=6\,378\,137\text{m}$, $1/f = 298.25722356$
(2) Clarke 1880: $a=6\,378\,249.14\text{m}$, $1/f = 293.46$

The expression:
$$P_n(t) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} (t^2 - 1)^n$$

Question One

- ✓ a) How has the definition of geodesy changed since the time of *Friedrich Robert Helmert* in 1880? (3 marks)
- ✓ b) What are some of the goals of geodesy? (3 marks)
Establishment of a consistent & representative gravity field.
- ✓ c) Briefly, explain the problem of geodesy. (3 marks)
gravity field, geoids
- ✓ d) Explain how *Eratosthenes* determined the radius of the earth pointing out the error possibilities with his method. (4 marks)
- e) Briefly, highlight the contribution of the following persons in development of Geodesy.
 - (i) C. F. Gauss (3 marks)
 - (ii) Isaac Newton *Newton's Law*
- ✓ f) Explain how the controversy between Cassini and Newton with regard to the shape of the earth was resolved. (4 marks)

Question Two

- a) Distinguish between the local *astronomic* coordinate system and the local *geodetic* (ellipsoidal) coordinate system. (6 marks)
astronomic latitude ϕ , longitude λ , H
- b) Compute the equivalent Cartesian coordinates x_i given the following curvilinear coordinates in the WGS-84 system. $\phi = 01^\circ 24' 13.0''\text{N}$, $\lambda = 36^\circ 52' 19.0''\text{E}$, $h = 1742.96\text{m}$ (10 marks)

$$y = (N+h) \cos \phi \sin \lambda$$
$$z = [(1-e^2)N + h] \sin \phi$$

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c) Determine the components of the deflection of the vertical η and ξ and the undulation N given the following coordinates of the same point:

$\phi = 01^\circ 24' 15.234'' \text{S}$, $\lambda = 36^\circ 52' 09.205'' \text{E}$, $h = 1752.967 \text{ m}$ and $\Phi = 01^\circ 24' 15.001'' \text{S}$, $\Lambda = 36^\circ 52' 09.215'' \text{E}$, $H = 1752.943 \text{ m}$ (4 marks)

Question Three

- a) Show that the reciprocal of the distance l satisfies the Laplace equation. (4 marks)
- ✓ b) Derive the radius of curvature in the meridian normal section. (5 marks)
- c) Explain the two main components of gravity potential. What are there mathematical expressions? (7 marks)
- d) Using the. RODRIGUES' formula, find the Legendre polynomial, $P_2(t)$ given that $P_0(t) = 1$. (4 marks)



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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOSPATIAL ENGINEERING

FGE 311: INTRODUCTION TO GEODESY

DATE: 06TH FEBRUARY 2024 TIME: 10.30 – 12.30

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **QUESTION ONE** and any other **TWO** questions. Notations used carry their usual meaning unless otherwise defined.

Useful constants and expressions: WGS84 system: $a=6378137\text{m}$, $1/f = 298.25722356$;

$$P_n(t) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} (t^2 - 1)^n$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = 298.25722356$$

QUESTION ONE

TOTAL MARKS = 30

- $V(x,y,z)$ is a differentiable scalar function. Determine its gradient. 2 marks
- $F(x,y,z) = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}$ is a differentiable vector function (vector field) for all points $P(x,y,z)$. Determine the curl F . 3 marks
- Show that the inverse of the distance l satisfies the Laplace equation. 5 marks
- The earth's gravity potential is composed of two main potentials. Describe these potentials, giving their expressions. Further, show that one of these components does not satisfy the Laplace equation. 5 marks
- In the early years of development of geodesy, there was a controversy between the views of Newton and Cassini. What was this controversy and how was it solved? 5 marks
- Before the advent of satellites, Arc measurements were the main methods of determination of the figure of the earth. Explain how these arc measurements were done. 5 marks

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- g) What are harmonic functions? Using the RODRIGUES' formula, find the Legendre polynomial, $P_2(t)$ given that $P_0(t) = 1$. 5 marks

QUESTION TWO

TOTAL MARKS = 20

- a) Explain the goals of geodesy. 5 marks
 b) Name any three institutions that are maintained by the IAG. 3 marks
 c) Distinguish between a reference ellipsoid and a geoid. 7 marks
 d) Explain the Free air gravity reduction, giving an expression for its computation. 5 marks

QUESTION THREE

TOTAL MARKS = 20

- a) Derive an expression for the radius of curvature in the meridian normal section. 3 marks
 b) List three different types of heights used in geodesy. 3 marks
 c) At a given point, the ellipsoidal normal deviates from the plumb line by $5.23''$ in the north-south direction and $-0.72''$ in the east-west direction. If the astronomic latitude and longitude of this point are $4^\circ 13' 15.2''$ and $33^\circ 58' 29.0''$ respectively, determine the geodetic coordinates of this point. 9 marks
 d) Briefly, discuss the astro-geodetic method of geoid determination. 5 marks

QUESTION FOUR

TOTAL MARKS = 20

- a) Distinguish between the natural coordinate systems and the conventional geodetic coordinate systems. 10 marks
 b) Distinguish between the Cardanian and Eulerian rotation matrices. 5 marks
 c) Explain the Bouguer gravity reduction method. 5 marks

QUESTION FIVE

TOTAL MARKS = 20

- a) Compute the equivalent Cartesian coordinates x_i given the following curvilinear coordinates in the WGS-84 system. $\phi = -01^\circ 17' 20.0''$ S, $\lambda = 35^\circ 12' 19.3''$ E, $h = 1542.24$ m 16 marks
 b) Which of the following expressions describes the earth's gravitational potential outside the attracting masses? 4 marks

$$V_i(r, \theta, \lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (a_{nm} P_{nm}(\cos \theta) \cos m\lambda + b_{nm} P_{nm}(\cos \theta) \sin m\lambda)$$

$$V_e(r, \theta, \lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^{-(n+1)} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (a_{nm} P_{nm}(\cos \theta) \cos m\lambda + b_{nm} P_{nm}(\cos \theta) \sin m\lambda)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (r+h) \cos \phi \cos \lambda \\ y &= (r+h) \cos \phi \sin \lambda \\ z &= r(1-e^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$v = \frac{a}{(1-e^2 \sin^2 \phi)^{1/2}}$$

$$e^2 = f(2-f)$$

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DEPARTMENT OF GEOSPATIAL & SPACE TECHNOLOGY

BSc Geospatial Engineering (Year 3)

FGE 341 – Photogrammetry I A

C.A.T.

14/12/2023

Answer all the three questions

Time Allowed: 1 Hour

Q.1. (a) State FOUR differences between Aerial photogrammetry and Close-Range photogrammetry.

(8 marks)

(b) With the aid of a dual flow-chart, illustrate the analogue and digital routes of the photogrammetric mapping process, starting from "taking the photograph" to "producing the map".

(12 marks)

Q.2. (a) In photogrammetry, a photograph is considered to be a "record of directions". With reference to a simple diagram, explain how that is so, and how the said directions may be reconstructed with the aid of the photograph.

(10 marks)

(b) List FIVE pieces of information that are usually displayed in the margin of an aerial photograph and state their respective uses in photogrammetry.

(10 marks)

Q.3. (a) On a vertical photograph, the image of an airport runway is 160mm long. On a map of scale 1:25,000, the runway measures 102mm. What is the scale of the photograph? (4 marks)

(b) On a vertical photograph taken from a height of 1000m above datum, the images of the top and base of a vertical telecommunications mast are located at distances of 122mm and 115mm respectively away from the principal point. Assuming that the base is at an altitude of 500m, calculate the height of the mast.

(6 marks)

(c) A photograph taken with a camera of focal length 150mm, from a height 3000m above datum, has a tilt of 3° . An point-image q lies on the principal line, upward of the axis of tilt, at distance of 60mm from the principal point. Assuming that the object-point is at datum level, compute:

(i) The scale at q

(ii) The tilt displacement of q .

(10 marks)

$$S_q = \frac{f}{H} (\cos t - \tan \alpha \sin t)$$

$$i_q = i_p + p_q; \text{ or } = f \tan \frac{t}{2} + p_q \cos 30^\circ$$

$$\frac{(i_q)^2 \sin t \cos \alpha}{\text{cycle}}$$

$$1 \text{ cm} = 25,000$$

$$102 / (102 \times 25,000) \text{ cm on ground}$$

$$H \quad 2 \text{ cm} \rightarrow 31,875$$

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DEPARTMENT OF GEOSPATIAL AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY
FGE 345: REMOTE SENSING SYSTEMS
CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST 1

Date: 23/01/24

Time: 2 - 3 pm

Attempt all questions

1a) The use of space has been expanding over the years. Using an area of application explain the role of space. *- satellites* (10 marks)

b) Describe how electromagnetic energy can be modeled. *- wave model - uses electron radiation - photon model - when you want to quantify* (10 marks)

c) Distinguish between framing and scanning systems. (10 marks)

2a) On the basis of spatial resolution, give 3 different examples of operational multispectral sensors; highlight their characteristics and a possible area of application. (10 marks)

b) Using an example, explain how spectral reflectance curves can be used. (5 marks)

3a) Within the context of the remote sensing process, describe what the stage of transmission, reception and processing involves. (10 marks)

b) Using a clear illustration distinguish among the various generic types of satellites. (5 marks)

- Geostationary Earth
- Low Earth orbit
- Median Earth orbit
- High Ellipsoid orbit

- Energy source / illumination
- Radiation & atmosphere
- Interaction with the target
- Interaction with the sensor

Stefan Boltzmann's law

$$W = \sigma T^4$$

W = Absolute temperature

Passive & Active

Sensor oriented

$$W = \frac{\lambda}{T}$$

Star's