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1. (a) [2 points] The IEEE standard for single precision floating point representation uses 23 bits for the mantissa of a normalized floating-point number, where the lead 1 is not stored in the word (that is, it is implied.) What is the *machine epsilon* for this representation?
- (b) [2 points] Convert the base-8 number  $3.14_8$  to base-10.
- (c) [2 points] What is the distance between any two consecutive numbers in the interval from  $125_{10}$  to  $625_{10}$  when using a precision  $k = 4$ , base 5 floating-point number system? The answer should be in decimal.
- (d) [4 points] Evaluate and interpret the condition number for  $f(x) = e^{-x}$  for  $x = 10$ .

2. (a) [5 points] Determine the fourth order ( $n = 4$ ) Taylor series expansion for  $f(x) = \cos(x - \pi)$  expanded about  $a = \pi$ , (do not include the remainder term.)
- (b) [2 points] Use the polynomial approximation in (a) to derive a polynomial approximation to the function  $y(x) = \frac{1 - \cos(x - \pi)}{(x - \pi)^2}$  that is accurate for  $x$  close to  $\pi$ .
- (c) [3 points] Use the polynomial approximation in (b) to show that the problem of computing  $y(3.15159) \approx 0.499996$  is well-conditioned. Note, let  $\pi = 3.14159$ .

3. Consider the function  $f(x) = \sin(x - \sqrt{3}) - x + \sqrt{3}$ .
- (a) [4 points] Let  $x_l = 1$  and  $x_u = 2$  and run one iteration of the Bisection method for approximating the root of  $f(x)$  and determine  $x_l$  and  $x_u$  for the second iteration.
  - (b) [3 points] If Newton's method is used to compute an approximation to a zero of  $f(x)$  using the initial approximation  $x_0 = 1$ , convergence is obtained to the zero  $x_t = \sqrt{3}$ . If this computation is carried out, what is the order of convergence? Justify your answer
  - (c) [3 points] Determine the multiplicity of the zero  $x_t = \sqrt{3}$ .

4. (a) [6 points] Consider the following polynomial:  $f(x) = (x - 2)(x^3 + 2x^2 + 1)$  which has true root  $x_t = 2$ . What is the approximate deflated polynomial  $Q(x)$  if  $x_0 = 3$ ? What is the actual deflated polynomial  $\hat{f}(x)$ ?
- (b) [4 points] Derive a new version of Horner's algorithm for evaluating the following cubic polynomial at  $x_0$ .

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - t_1) + a_2(x - t_1)(x - t_2) + a_3(x - t_1)(x - t_2)(x - t_3)$$

5. (a) [8 points] Consider the following system of linear equations  $Ax = b$ .

$$-x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 = -2$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 = 4$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 = 6$$

Specify the augmented matrix for this system of equations and use Gaussian Elimination with partial pivoting (no scaling) to compute the solution vector  $x$ . Show all of your work.

- (b) [2 points] Calculate the determinant of  $A$  using the final augmented matrix  $[A|b]$  from above (i.e the one in upper triangular form.)

6. Consider the following piecewise cubic polynomial

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} S_0 = 2 - x - x^3, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ S_1 = a + b(x-1) + c(x-1)^2 + d(x-1)^3, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

- (a) [8 points] Determine the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  so that  $S(x)$  is a natural cubic spline.
- (b) [2 points] Determine the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  so that  $S(x)$  is a clamped cubic spline with  $S'(2) = 2$ . You do not need to recalculate any values that are the same from part (a).

7. (a) [4 points] Give the Lagrange form of the interpolating polynomial of degree 2 for the function  $f(x)$  at  $x = -h$ ,  $0$ , and  $h$ .
- (b) [6 points] Integrate the above polynomial from  $x = -h$  to  $x = h$  in order to derive a quadrature formula for approximating  $\int_{-h}^h f(x)dx$ .



8. (a) [6 points] Use the order  $n = 3$  Taylor approximations, with error term, expanded about  $a = x_0$ , for both  $f(x_0 + h)$ , and  $f(x_0 + 2h)$  to derive the following formula.

$$f''(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x_0) - 2f(x_0 + h) + f(x_0 + 2h)}{h^2}$$

- (b) [2 points] In big-Oh notation what is the order of the error for this method in terms of step size  $h$ ?
- (c) [2 points] Use the above formula on the data below with  $h = 0.15$  to compute an approximation to  $f''(1.35)$ .

$x$	$f(x)$
1.35	0.2466
1.45	0.2869
1.50	0.3033
1.55	0.3173
1.65	0.3393

9. (a) [6 points] Derive the iterative formula for the Taylor method of order  $n = 2$  for approximating the solution of the initial value problem

$$y'(x) = -xy^2, \text{ with } y(2) = 1.$$

- (b) [1 point] What is the order of the global truncation error of this method?
- (c) [3 points] Use the Taylor formula in (a) to compute an approximation to the solution of the above differential equation at  $x = 2.1$  using  $h = 0.1$ .

10. Consider an initial-value problem  $y'(x) = 1 + \frac{y}{x}$ , with  $y(1) = 2$ . If the solution to this problem is approximated using the second-order Runge-Kutta method called the Midpoint Method with a fixed step size of  $h = 0.01$  on  $[1, 1.10]$ , then the following results are obtained:

$x_i$	$y_i$	$y(x_i)$
1.00	2.0	2.0
1.01	2.0300498	2.0300498
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
1.08	2.2431173	2.2431179
1.09	2.2739330	2.2739337
1.10	2.3048404	2.3048412

- (a) [2 points] What is the **global** truncation error at  $x = 1.09$ ? (use 8 significant figures)
- (b) [8 points] What is the **local** truncation error at  $x = 1.09$ ? (use 8 significant figures)

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