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**MAT 4310 – COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS**

**Time: Three (03) hours**

- ❖ Answer all questions.
- ❖ This paper contains **FOUR** questions from **Page 1 to Page 5**.
- ❖ Calculators will be provided.
- ❖ This is a closed book examination.
- ❖ This examination accounts for 60% of the module assessment.
- ❖ The marks assigned for each question and parts thereof are indicated in brackets.

**1.**

An initial value problem (IVP) is given by

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = t + x - 1, x(0) = 1.$$

Solving the IVP, show that its exact solution,  $x = x(t)$  is

$$x(t) = \exp(t) - t.$$

**(20 marks)**

It is required for a student to test the performance of **the classical fourth order Runge-Kutta method (RK4)** using the above IVP. An incomplete table which was prepared by him is exhibited by **Table 1** below:

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Table 1: RK4 Method

$t$	$x$	Exact value	Absolute error
0.20			
0.40			
0.60			
0.80			
1.00			
1.20			
1.40			

- i. Write down the classical **RK4** computational scheme for the above IVP. (20 marks)
- ii. Copy **Table 1** given above to your answer booklet and **complete** it. Your results need to be rounded to **four** decimal places; and show all the necessary computational steps. Comment on your result. (60 marks)

2.

- a) Write down **two advantages** of linear multi-step methods over one-step methods in the context of solving initial value problems for ordinary differential equations. (10 marks)  
Consider the initial value problem (IVP)

$$x'(t) = f(t, x), \quad x(t_0) = \alpha.$$

Given a sequence of equally spaced mesh points  $(t_n)$  with step size  $h$ , the linear  $k$ -step method for the IVP is given by

$$\sum_{j=0}^k a_{k-j} x_{n-j} = h \sum_{j=0}^k b_{k-j} f(t_{n+j}, x_{n+j}),$$

where the coefficients  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  are each real constants for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$  and  $a_k \neq 0, a_0^2 + b_0^2 \neq 0$ .

- i. Write down the first and second characteristic polynomials  $p$  and  $q$  of the above method, respectively. (10 marks)
- ii. Write down the root condition. (10 marks)
- iii. Define strong and weak stabilities of the method. (10 marks)

- b) Fourth-order Adams-Bashforth explicit method ( $M_1$ ) is given by

$$M_1: x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{h}{24} (55f_n - 59f_{n-1} + 37f_{n-2} - 9f_{n-3}).$$

- i. Discuss the stability of  $M_1$ . (20 marks)

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- ii. Is  $M_1$  convergent?  
Justify your answer. (20 marks)

- iii. Consider the initial value problem (IVP)

$$x'(t) = -x(t) + 2 \cos t, \quad x(0) = 1.$$

Approximate  $x(2)$  using  $M_1$  with **step size**  $h = 0.25$  and the **starting values**:

$$x(0.25) = 1.216316380965168,$$

$$x(0.5) = 1.357008100494576,$$

$$x(0.75) = 1.413327628897155.$$

(40 marks)

Determine the absolute error if the exact solution is given by

$$x(t) = \cos t + \sin t.$$

(10 marks)

(Your results must be rounded to **five decimal** places)

- iv. Fourth-order Adams-Moulton implicit method ( $M_2$ ) is given by

$$M_2: x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{h}{24} (9f_{n+1} + 19f_n - 5f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}).$$

Apply the Adams fourth-order predictor-corrector method with **step size**  $h = 0.25$  and the starting values given in **Part iii** to approximate the solution of the IVP in Part iv at  $t = 2$ . Determine the absolute error. (60 marks)

(Your result must be rounded to **five decimal** places)

- v. Comment on the results obtained in **Part iii** and **Part iv**. (10 marks)

3.

- a) Write down **two advantages** of iterative methods over direct methods of solving systems of linear equations. (10 marks)

Let  $S: Ax = b$  be a linear system including  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknown variables  $x_i$  written in matrix form in which  $A = (a_{i,j})$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)^T$ .

Suppose further that  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = (x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, \dots, x_n^{(k)})^T$  denotes the  $k^{\text{th}}$  approximation to the exact solution  $\mathbf{x}$  for all  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

- i. Concerning  $S$ , write down the computational formula for each of the following iterative methods: (30 marks)

- Jacobian,
- Gauss Seidel,
- Successive Over-Relaxation (SOR).

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ii. Prove **one** of the following theorems: (25 marks)

- If  $S$  is diagonally dominant, then the Jacobi method is convergent for any choice of initial approximation  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ .
- If  $S$  is diagonally dominant, then the Gauss Seidel method is convergent for any choice of initial approximation  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ .
- Let  $S$  be a positive definite system and let  $\omega$  denote the relaxation parameter of SOR method. If  $0 < \omega < 2$ , then SOR method is convergent for any choice of initial approximation  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ .

iii. Give an example for a linear system whose convergence occurs without diagonally dominant. (05 marks)

b) Use the **Gauss Seidel method** to obtain approximations to the exact solution of the following linear system starting with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0, 0, 0, 0)^T$  and iterating until

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\|_{\infty}}{\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|_{\infty}} < 0.001. \quad (60 \text{ marks})$$

$$\begin{array}{rrrrrr} 10x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & 2x_3 & & = & 6, \\ -x_1 & + & 11x_2 & - & x_3 & + & 3x_4 & = & 25, \\ 2x_1 & - & x_2 & + & 10x_3 & - & x_4 & = & -11, \\ & & 3x_2 & - & x_3 & + & 8x_4 & = & 15. \end{array}$$

- If the exact solution of the system is  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, -1, 1)^T$ , determine the relative absolute error with respect to  $l_{\infty}$ -norm. (10 marks)
- Comment on your result. (10 marks)

4.

a) Determine the Crout factorization of the following matrix. (50 marks)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1.92 & 1.3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.7 & -1.92 & 1.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7 & -1.92 & 1.3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 & -1.92 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) Consider the following second order boundary value problem:

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

where  $y(a) = \alpha, y(b) = \beta$ .

Let  $x_i = a + ih$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , where  $h = (b - a)/n$ .

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Employ appropriate finite difference approximations to discretise the preceding differential equation into the following finite difference scheme: **(50 marks)**

$$\left(1 + \frac{h}{2}p_i\right)y_{i+1} + (-2 + h^2q_i)y_i + \left(1 - \frac{h}{2}p_i\right)y_{i-1} = h^2f_i,$$

where  $y_i = y(x_i)$ ,  $p_i = p(x_i)$ ,  $q_i = q(x_i)$  and  $f_i = f(x_i)$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Approximate, using the above finite difference scheme, the solution of the following differential equation with  $n = 5$ . **(50 marks)**

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 4x^2, y(1) = 1, y(2) = 6$$

(Your solution must be rounded to **four** decimal places)

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