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MAT 4310 - COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS

Time: Three (03) hours

- Answer ALL (06) questions

- Calculators will be provided

1. The improved Euler method to find an approximate solution y_n at grid point x_n to the exact solution $y(x_n)$ of the initial value problem: $y'(x) = f(x, y(x))$, $a \leq x \leq b$, $y(a) = y_0$ is given by:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} (f_n + g_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1,$$

where $h = (b - a)/N$, $x_n = a + nh$, $f_n = f(x_n, y_n)$, and $g_n = f(x_{n+1}, y_n + hf_n)$.

- a) i. Show that the improved Euler method is consistent with the given differential equation.
- ii. Show that the improved Euler method is order 2 accuracy.
- iii. Applying the improved Euler method to the test equation $y'(x) = \lambda y(x)$, where λ is a complex constant with $\Re(\lambda) < 0$ and $x \geq 0$, determine its region of absolute stability.

(60 marks)

Continued.

- b) Use the improved Euler method with $h = 0.1$ to obtain the approximate value of $y(0.2)$ for the initial value problem:

$$y'(x) = x^2 + [y(x)]^2, \quad y(0) = 1.$$

(40 marks)

2. a) i. Briefly, explain each of the following multistep approaches for initial value problems of ordinary differential equations:

- Adams-Bashforth
- Adams-Moulton
- Predictor-Corrector

- ii. Consider the following initial value problem:

$$y'(x) = xe^{3x} - 2y(x), \quad y(0) = 0.$$

Use Adams fourth-order predictor-corrector method with step size $h = 0.2$ to obtain an approximation for $y(0.8)$.

Assume that: $y(0.2) \approx 0.026812801841426$, $y(0.4) \approx 0.150777835474151$, and $y(0.6) \approx 0.496019565629524$.

(50 marks)

- b) A multistep method for the initial value problem: $y'(x) = f(x, y(x))$, $a \leq x \leq b$, $y(a) = y_0$ is given by:

$$y_{n+2} + 4y_{n+1} - 5y_n = h(4f_{n+1} + 2f_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where $h = (b - a)/N$, $x_n = a + nh$, $f_n = f(x_n, y_n)$, and y_n is an approximation at grid point x_n to the exact solution $y_n(x_n)$.

- i. Determine the order of accuracy of the above method.
- ii. Is the above method consistent with the given differential equations? Justify your answer.
- iii. Determine whether or not this method is stable.

(50 marks)

3. Consider the linear system: $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with n equations and n unknown variables, where $A = (a_{ij})$, $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$, and $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)^T$.

a) Prove that if the matrix A is strictly diagonally dominant, then the Jacobi method is convergent for any choice of initial approximation $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ for \mathbf{x} .

(25 marks)

b) Consider the following linear system:

$$4x_1 - x_2 = 3,$$

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

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i. Deduce that the Jacobi method converges for the above system.

ii. Find the rate of convergence of the Jacobi method.

iii. Starting with the initial approximation $\mathbf{x}^0 = (0, 0, 0)^T$ for the exact solution, perform three iterations of the Jacobi method.

(75 marks)

4. Consider the following linear system:

$$3x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = -1,$$

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = 7,$$

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a) i. Find the iteration matrix, H , of the Gauss-Seidel method for the above system.

ii. Determine the spectral radius of H , and hence deduce that the Gauss-Seidel method is convergent to the exact solution of the system.

iii. Find the rate of convergence of the Gauss-Seidel method.

(50 marks)

b) Starting with the initial approximations $\mathbf{x}^0 = (0, 0, 0)^T$ to the exact solution of the foregoing system, compute the first three-iterations of the SOR method with the relaxation factor $\sigma = 1.25$.

(50 marks)

5. a) Using the second order central difference approximations for $y'(x)$ and $y''(x)$, derive a finite difference equation to approximate the solution of the boundary value problem:

$$y''(x) + p(x)y'(x) + q(x)y(x) = f(x), \quad y(a) = A, \quad y(b) = B,$$

at N interior points uniformly distributed in the domain $[a, b]$.

(35 marks)

- b) Use the above finite difference approximation with $N = 3$ to approximate the solution of the boundary-value problem:

$$y''(x) + xy'(x) + y(x) = x, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y(1) = 0.$$

(65 marks)

6. Consider the heat conduction equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad u = u(x, t), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t < 1,$$

with the initial and boundary conditions: $u(x, 0) = s_0(x)$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, and $u(0, t) = 0$, $u(1, t) = 0$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$, respectively.

- a) Derive the following standard finite difference schemes for the solution of the above equation:

- i. The explicit scheme which is first order accurate in time (t) and second order accurate in space (x).
- ii. The Crank-Nicholson scheme which is second order accurate both in time (t) and in space (x).

(60 marks)

- b) Derive the stability criteria for the explicit scheme.

(40 marks)

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