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Exam timeline

- 11:55am – 12:05pm (10 minutes): Download the exam (this PDF file).
 - Read the instructions carefully.
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- 12:05pm – 1:05pm (60 minutes): Work on the exam.
- 1:05pm – 1:20pm (15 minutes): Upload your finished exam to CatCourses.
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Read the following instructions carefully

- This exam lasts 60 minutes.
- The total exam score is 40 points = 2 pts \times 5 problems (Part I) + 5 pts \times 6 problems (Part II). There are **2 extra points** for tasks in framed boxes. Your score will be converted using the formula $\min(\text{your score}, 30 \text{ pts})$.
- You must write your solution on paper (i.e. not on an electronic device) and upload a PDF copy of your exam to CatCourse.

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Part I(5 problems \times 2 pts)

Determine whether each statement is true or false. Justify your answer.

1. The second-order central difference approximation for $f''(x)$ is given as

$$\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - 2f(x) + f(x - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x}. \quad (1)$$

2. If the partial sum $S_N(x)$ of the Fourier series of function $f(x)$ converges uniformly to $f(x)$, $f(x)$ is continuous everywhere.
3. For the least-squares solution $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ to $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$, its residual error $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{b}$ belongs to the null space of \mathbf{A}^T .
4. Since the local truncation error for the explicit trapezoid scheme is $O(\Delta t^2)$, the scheme is a second-order method.
5. If the integration function $f(x)$ is not infinitely differentiable, a Newton-Cotes quadrature for $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ may exhibit lower-order convergence.

Part II(6 problems \times 5 pts)

1. [5 pts] Assume that we are given a data set $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$ ($m \geq 3$) and three functions $f_1(x)$, $f_2(x)$, $f_3(x)$. We consider the following linear combination of the three functions,

$$f(x) = a_1 f_1(x) + a_2 f_2(x) + a_3 f_3(x), \quad (2)$$

and want to determine the values of a_1 , a_2 , a_3 so that $f(x)$ gives the *best* fit to the data points.

- (a) Construct a linear system that determines the optimal values of a_1 , a_2 , a_3 .
- (b) Briefly explain in which sense this choice gives the *best* fit.
- (c) State when the optimal values are uniquely determined.
2. [5 pts] Consider the initial value problem: $u'(t) = F(t, u(t))$, $u(t_0) = u_0$.
- (a) Write down the backward Euler scheme.
- (b) Define the local truncation error τ_{k+1} .
- (c) Show that

$$\tau_{k+1} = -\frac{\Delta t^2}{2}(F_t + F F_u)|_{t=t_k, u=u(t_k)} + O(\Delta t^3). \quad (3)$$

3. [5 pts] Consider the initial value problem: $u'(t) = F(t, u(t))$, $u(t_0) = u_0$.

(a) Write down the explicit midpoint scheme.

(b) Write a MATLAB function for the scheme

`function [tvals,uvals] = explicit_midpoint(F,t0,T,u0,n)`

(c) Briefly explain how you would validate your implementation.

4. [5 pts] Consider the following Gauss-Legendre quadrature:

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) \approx \sum_{i=1}^3 w_i f(x_i) \quad \text{where } x_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}, x_2 = 0, x_3 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}, w_1 = \frac{5}{9}, w_2 = \frac{8}{9}, w_3 = \frac{5}{9}. \quad (4)$$

(a) Using the quadrature, compute $\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx$.

(b) Using the quadrature (and integration by substitution), compute $\int_{-2}^1 x^2 dx$.

(c) Are these values exact? Briefly explain why.

(d) Briefly explain how the quadrature points x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 are obtained.

5. [5 pts]

(a) Using the method of undetermined coefficients, determine the values of A and B :

$$f''(x) \approx \frac{2f(x) - 5f(x - \Delta x) + Af(x - 2\Delta x) + Bf(x - 3\Delta x)}{\Delta x^2}. \quad (5)$$

(b) What is the order of this approximation?

6. [5 pts] Using the idea of Richardson extrapolation, obtain Simpson's rule from trapezoid rule.

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