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SECOND SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF:

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

COURSE CODE: MAT 810

COURSE TITLE: NUMERICAL ANALYSIS II

DATE: 2st MAY, 2025

TIME: 9:00AM -12:00NOON

Instructions: See Inside

Answer **all** questions in section **A** and any other **two** from section **B**.

SECTION A

Answer **all** questions from this section

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Show that the given Partial Differential Equation (PDE)

$$U_t = kU_{xx}$$

with the following initial and boundary conditions

$$\text{ICs : } U(0, x) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{\ell}\right)$$

$$\text{BCs : } U(t, 0) = 0, \quad U(t, \ell) = 0$$

has the solution

$$U(t, x) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{\ell}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-k\pi^2 t}{\ell^2}\right)$$

[7 Marks]

- (b) Use first and second order accurate finite differences to approximate the first and second derivative of

$$f(x) = \cos(x) \quad \text{at} \quad x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Using a step length of $h = 0.1$ compute the absolute error between your approximation and the correct value

[7 Marks]

- (c) Use Von-Neumann Stability Analysis to show that First Order Upwind (FOU) is stable for

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{|\mu|}$$

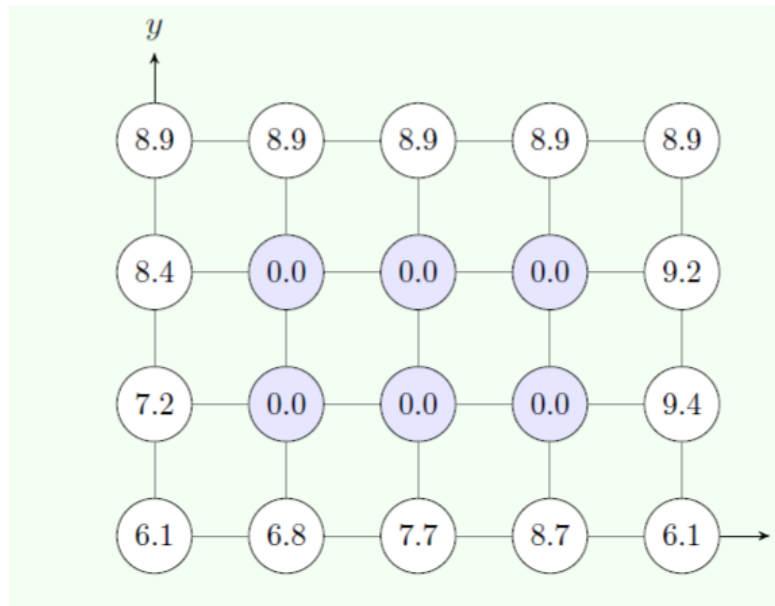
[6 Marks]

SECTION B

Answer **any TWO** questions from this section

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Use the method of undetermined coefficients to derive one-sided second order finite difference approximation of $f_x(x)$ [10 Marks]
- (b) Perform two iterations of the Jacobi Method to solve Laplace equation for the finite difference grid shown below with zero starting values for the computational nodes [10 Marks]



QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) The concentration of a pollutant in a river is to be modelled using advection equation. The stretch of a river under study is of length **10m** with an average flow velocity of $\mathbf{v = 5ms^{-1}}$. At time $\mathbf{t = 0}$ a pollutant is released into the river such that the concentration of the pollutant in the river $\mathbf{u(t, x)}$ can be described by

$$u(0, x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 2 \leq x \leq 4; \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

The domain is discretized using a finite difference grid of six nodes and a first order zero gradient boundary condition are used to compute ghost nodes such that

$$u_{-1} = u_0 \qquad u_N = u_{N-1}$$

Use the First Order Upwind (FOU) scheme with $\Delta t = \mathbf{0.25}$ to solve the advection equation to model the concentration of the pollutant after $\mathbf{t = 1s}$ **[15 Marks]**

- (b) For each of the PDEs given below, classify them as either elliptic, parabolic or hyperbolic PDE

$$(i) U_{xx} + U_{yy} = 0, \quad (ii) U_t = kU_{xx}, \quad (iii) U_{tt} = c^2U_{xx}$$

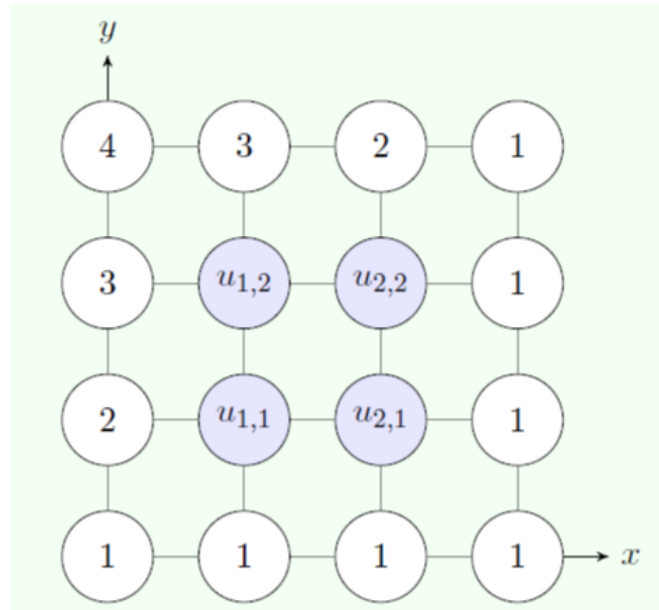
[5 marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) An electrical field over two dimensional domain is to be modelled using Poisson's equation

$$U_{xx} + U_{yy} = f(x, y)$$

where $f(x, y) = x + y$, the domain $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$ is described using 4 nodes in x and y directions with Dirichlet boundary conditions providing the value of the nodes as shown in the diagram below



Compute the first two iterations of Jacobi

[10 Marks]

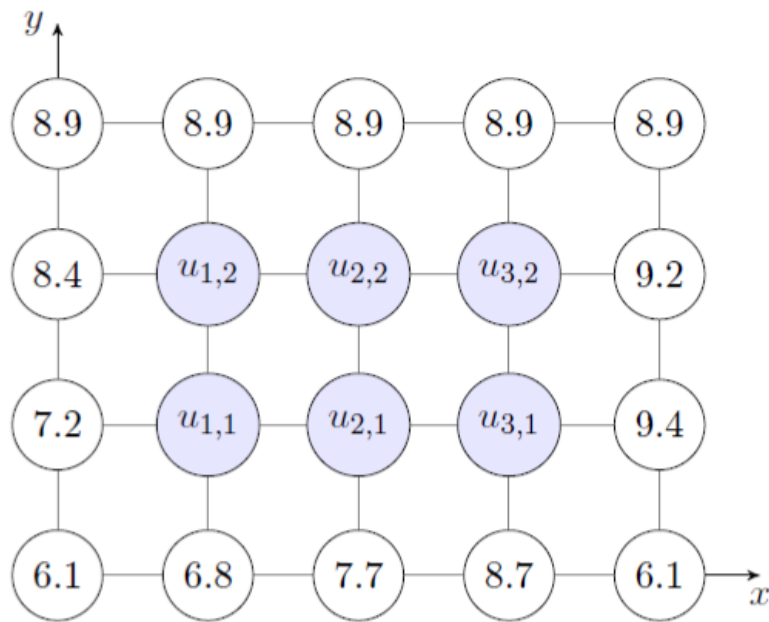
- (b) Using second order finite difference scheme

$$u_{i,j} = \frac{\Delta y^2(u_{i-1,j} + u_{i+1,j}) + \Delta x^2(u_{i,j-1} + u_{i,j+1})}{2(\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)}$$

Solve the Laplace equation given the domain

$$0 \leq x \leq 4 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq y \leq 3$$

discretized using 5 nodes in the x direction and 3 in the y direction such that $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1$.



Dirichlet boundary conditions are implemented at all the 4 boundaries

are constant

[10 marks]