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ENGR-391 NUMERICAL METHODS FOR ENGINEERS

Student's Name: _____

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Duration 60 minutes

PROBLEM 1 [Taylor series]

(20 points)

Consider the following function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

- 1- Compute the analytical derivative of $f(x)$ for $x=2$.
- 2- Compute numerically the derivative of $f(x)$ for $x=2$, using the forward, backward and centered formulations using $h=0.01$ and then for $h=0.05$. What is the most accurate formulation and what is the effect of increasing h ?

NOTE: Keep 5 significant digits for the results.

PROBLEM 2 [Newton-Raphson Method]

(40 points)

Consider the following function:

$$f(x) = x^6 - x - 1$$

- 1- Explain graphically Newton-Raphson method.
- 2- Solve for $f(x)=0$ using Newton-Raphson Method in the interval [1 2].
 - Use as an initial guess $x=1.5$.
 - Compute **five iterations**, and compute the **relative error for each iteration**.

NOTE: Keep 5 significant digits for the results.

PROBLEM 3 [LU Decomposition]**(40 points)**

Consider the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} 4x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 6 \\ 8x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = 10 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 9 \end{cases}$$

- 1- Write the system under the form: $[A]\{X\} = \{B\}$
- 2- Is the system ill-conditioned?
- 3- Solve the system using LU decomposition.
- 4- Replace your solution in the system.

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Problem I: (Taylor series)

1/ Analytical derivatives:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f'(x) = -\frac{2}{x^3}$$

for $x = 2$ $f'(x) = -0.25$

(2)

2/ Numerical derivatives:

for $h = 0.01$

• forward: $f'(2) = \frac{f(2.01) - f(2)}{0.01} = -0.24814$

(2)

• backward: $f'(2) = \frac{f(2) - f(1.99)}{0.01} = -0.25189$

(2)

• Centered: $f'(2) = \frac{f(2.01) - f(1.99)}{0.02} = -0.25001$

(2)

for $h = 0.05$

forward : $f'(2) = \frac{f(2.05) - f(2)}{0.05} = -0.24093$ (2)

backward : $f'(2) = \frac{f(2) - f(1.95)}{0.05} = -0.25969$ (2)

centered : $f'(2) = \frac{f(2.05) - f(1.95)}{2(0.05)} = -0.25031$ (2)

Errors (relative error)

	$h = 0.01$	$h = 0.05$
forward	0.74%	3.63%
backward	0.76%	3.88%
centered	0%	0.124%

(2)

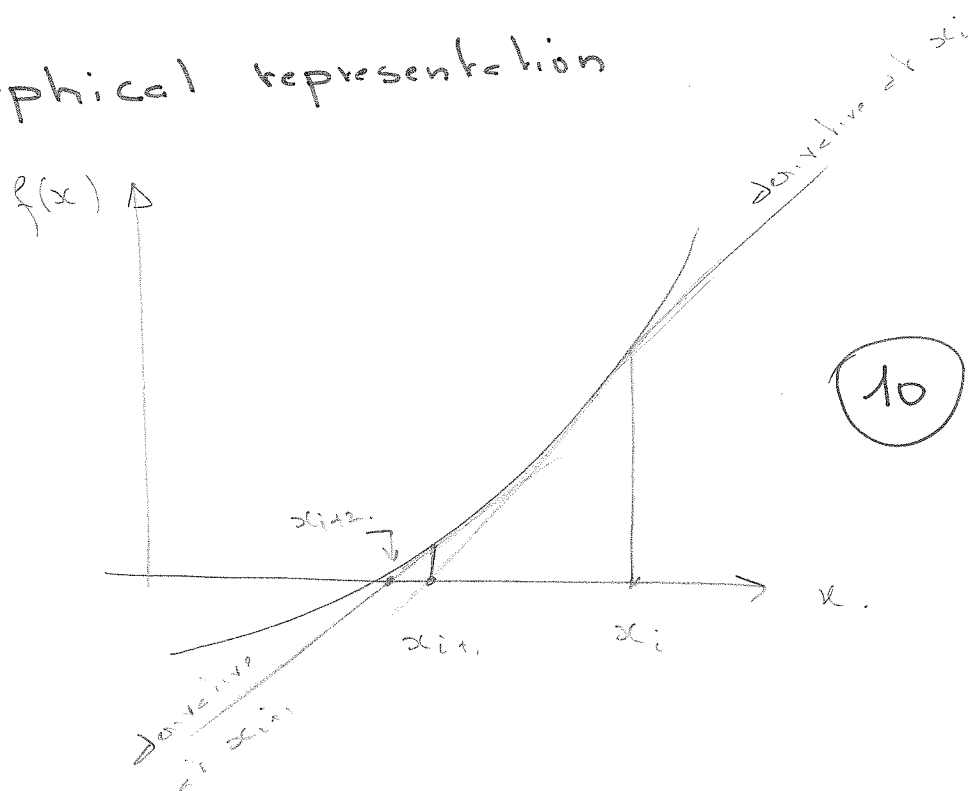
Comment:

- the centered formulation is the more accurate (2)

- increasing (h) increase the error on the determination of the derivative. (2)

• Problem II (Newton-Raphson)

1. Graphical representation



2. Solving in $[1, 2]$ with $x_0 = 1.5$

$$f(x) = x^6 - x - 1.$$

$$f'(x) = 6x^5 - 1. \quad (5)$$

$$\epsilon_a = \left| \frac{\text{Previous} - \text{actual}}{\text{actual}} \right|$$

$$\text{or } \epsilon_a = \left| \frac{\text{Previous} - \text{actual}}{\text{Previous}} \right|$$

n.	x_n	ϵ_a
0	1.5 (3)	(3)
1	1.30049 (3)	13% (3)
2	1.18148 (3)	10.07% (3)
3	1.13946 (3)	3.69% (3)
4	1.13478 (3)	0.41% (3)
5	1.13472 (3)	0.00492% (3)

The students may stop after $n=4$.

• in case of a numerical error remove (6) points for the error and consider the rest as correct.

Problem III

1/ writing the system under matrix form

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$$[A] \{x\} = \{b\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 8 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

2/ is the system ill-conditioned?

(5)

$$\det(A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 8 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 26 \neq 0$$

The system is not ill-conditioned.

(5) (5)

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$$[L] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & 1.75 & 1.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/4 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

checking if $[L][U] = [A]$

(5)

Note that the students may put the ones in $[L]$ instead of $[U]$, which is correct.

- computation of $\{z\}$

$$[L][U]\underbrace{\{x\}}_{\{z\}} = \{b\} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad [L]\{z\} = \{b\}$$

$$z = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ -0.4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

~~4~~ 5

- computation of $\{x\}$

$$[U]\{x\} = \{z\}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

~~4~~ 5

→ replacing in the system.

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