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Mathematics (Computational Methods)

Two hours

Marks will be awarded for your best FOUR answers

- 1 (i) Classify the following differential equations as either elliptic, parabolic or hyperbolic.

(a)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial p} + 3\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial p^2} = u$  (1 mark)

(b)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 3 = -\frac{\partial u^2}{\partial y^2} - 2u$  (1 mark)

(c)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 5$  (1 mark)

- (ii) Discuss the benefits/drawbacks of the three systems of numerical solutions, i.e. implicit, explicit and Crank-Nicolson. (6 marks)
- (iii) Consider the following differential equation

$$3\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 42u = 0,$$

By using the explicit difference scheme, solve the differential equation between  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$  for

$$\Delta x = h = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \Delta y = k = \frac{1}{2},$$

and the following boundary conditions

$$u(1, y) = 0, \quad u(x, 1) = 1 - x^2,$$

under the assumption that the solution is symmetric across both the  $x$  and  $y$  axes, i.e.  $u(x, y) = u(-x, y) = u(x, -y)$ . (15 marks)

- (iv) State the order of the error. (1 mark)

- 2 (i) Discuss the advantages/disadvantages of LU factorisation over 'traditional' matrix inversion. **(2 marks)**

- (ii) Determine the L and U matrices for the following system

$$Ax = b, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 & 9 \\ 4 & 9 & 4 \\ 6 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(5 marks)**

- (iii) Determine  $L^{-1}$  and  $U^{-1}$  **(4 marks)**

- (iv) Hence find the column vector  $x$  **(3 marks)**

- (v) Find the LU decomposition for the following tri-diagonal matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(6 marks)**

- (vi) Using your results from part (v), or otherwise, show  $M^{-1}$  to be

$$M^{-1} = \frac{1}{63} \begin{bmatrix} 31 & -30 & 28 & -24 & 16 \\ -15 & 45 & -42 & 36 & -24 \\ 7 & -21 & 49 & -42 & 28 \\ -3 & 9 & -21 & 45 & -30 \\ 1 & -3 & 7 & -15 & 31 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(5 marks)**

- 3 Consider the following expression

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + \frac{4}{3}xy + y^2 + 6 \tag{1}$$

- (i) State the four expressions which allow for analytical classification of stationary points. **(4 marks)**

- (ii) Find and classify all stationary points of Equation (1). **(3 marks)**

- (iii) Apply the method of steepest descent, for one iteration, to Equation (1) starting from the point (1,1). **(8 marks)**

- (iv) Determine the Newton step for the function given in Equation (1) from a starting point of your choice. **(7 marks)**

- (v) Discuss the implications of your answer in part (iv). **(3 marks)**

4 (i) Write down the three properties of cubic splines and why they are important. (3 marks)

(ii) Write down the values for  $\sigma_0$  and  $\sigma_n$  under the assumption of

$$f''(x_0) = 0, \quad f'(x_n) = 0$$

(2 marks)

(iii) Using the conditions derived in (ii), determine the cubic spline between the following data points

x	0	$\pi/3$	$2\pi/3$	$\pi$
f(x)	1	1/2	-1/2	-1

(18 marks)

(iv) Determine the value of the cubic spline at  $f(5\pi/6)$ . (2 marks)

5 (i) In a dynamic network problem, describe how you would represent the relationship between isolated nodes. (2 marks)

(ii) In a dynamic network problem, describe how you would represent the relationship between stage jumping nodes. (2 marks)

(iii) A ship is to be loaded with a selection of goods of 3 types. The total weight of the load must not exceed 20 tonnes. The goods have weights and values as shown in the following table:

Type	Weight	Price
1	2	10
2	5	24
3	7	37

Using the dynamic programming algorithm, construct an appropriate table to find the combination of goods which gives the highest value for the load on the ship. (21 marks)

**End of Question Paper**

## Formulae Sheet

Notation:

$$U(x_i, t_j) \equiv U_{ij}$$

Forward difference formula for  $\partial U/\partial t$ :

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \approx \frac{U_{i,j+1} - U_{ij}}{\Delta t}$$

Backward difference formula for  $\partial U/\partial t$ :

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} \approx \frac{U_{ij} - U_{i,j-1}}{\Delta t}$$

Central difference formula for  $\partial U/\partial x$ :

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \approx \frac{U_{i+1,j} - U_{i-1,j}}{2\Delta x}$$

Central difference formula for  $\partial^2 U/\partial x^2$ :

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{U_{i+1,j} - 2U_{ij} + U_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2}$$