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**Further Civil Engineering Mathematics and
Computing**

2 hours

Answer **four** questions. You are advised **not** to answer more than four questions: if you do, only your best four will be counted.

- 1 (i) Write down the first 4 terms in the binomial series of $\sqrt{9-x}$. Use this result to evaluate $\sqrt{7.5}$ with a precision of 2 decimal places. **(9 marks)**

- (ii) Use the L'Hopital's rule to find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x^2 + x} - \frac{1}{\sin x} \right).$$

(9 marks)

- (iii) Use the Newton-Raphson scheme defined as

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

to find the root of the function

$$f(x) = \ln(\sqrt{x} + 1) - x^2, \quad x \geq 0$$

using $x_0 = 2$ as an initial guess. Work correct to 4 decimal places.

(7 marks)

- 2 (i) The function $y(x)$ satisfies the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + \sin y + 1$$

and the initial condition $y(0) = 0$. Determine the Maclaurin series solution of this equation as far as the term in x^3 . Use this series to evaluate $y(0.2)$, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. **(10 marks)**

2 (continued)

(ii) The function $f(x, y)$ is defined as

$$f(x, y) = \ln(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) + \sin\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right).$$

Calculate the derivatives $\partial f/\partial x$, $\partial f/\partial y$, $\partial^2 f/\partial x\partial y$ and $\partial^2 f/\partial x^2$.

(15 marks)

3 (i) The temperature response function of an engine is given by the function

$$f(\alpha, T) = \frac{\ln(1 + \sqrt{\alpha^2 + T^2})}{\alpha}.$$

According to the designer specification, the engine works under ideal conditions for $T = 110$ and $\alpha = 45$, measured in some appropriate units. During its use it is observed that the quantity T has a change of ± 45 while the quantity α has a change of ± 7 . Given these possible changes, use the small increment law to find the change in the temperature response function, f . Work correct to five decimal places.

(10 marks)

(ii) Use the chain rule to evaluate dz/dt at $t = \pi/2$ given that $z(x, y) = \sin(x/y)$ where $x(t) = t - \cos t$ and $y = \sin t/t$ giving your answer correct to *three* decimal places.

(15 marks)

4 (i) A certain differential equation is solved up to $x = 1$ using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method firstly with $h = 0.1$ and secondly with $h = 0.2$ and we find the values given in the attached table, where $Y(x)$ are the computed values of $y(x)$. Use this data to estimate the value of h which will ensure an accuracy of the result (in absolute value) of *four* decimal places when calculating $y(1)$ using the same method.

h	Y(1)
0.1	15.22196
0.2	15.21117

Hint: the global error in the case of the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method is calculated using

$$y(x) - Y(x) \approx Ch^4$$

where C is a constant

(10 marks)

4 (continued)

- (ii) Show that the trigonometric Fourier series of $f(x) = 3x + 1$ for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ is given by

$$f(x) = 1 - 6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \sin nx.$$

(15 marks)

- 5 (i) Find the solution of the heat conduction equation

$$4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad u = u(x, t), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2, \quad t \geq 0$$

in the separable form $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$, subject to the boundary and initial conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$u(2, t) = 0 \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - \sin(\pi x) + 4 \sin(2\pi x) = f(x).$$

Hint: the orthogonality of the sine function can be defined as

$$\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \\ L/2 & \text{if } m = n \end{cases}$$

(25 marks)

End of Question Paper