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**2 hours**

*Attempt all the questions. The allocation of marks is shown in brackets.*

- 1 (i) Find the Fourier series representation of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \\ x, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

in the interval  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ . Discuss separately the values of the coefficients of the series for even or odd indices. For a suitable value of  $x$ , prove the identity

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

*(16 marks)*

- (ii) Explain why the equation

$$3x - \cos x - 1 = 0,$$

has a root in the interval  $(0.55; 0.75)$ . Perform *four* iterations of the bisection method to find this root. Work correct to *three* decimal places.

*(9 marks)*

- 2 If heat is generated at a constant rate throughout a bar of length  $L = \pi$  with initial temperature  $f(x) = \pi^2 - x^2$ , and the ends at  $x = 0$  and  $x = \pi$  are kept at temperature 0 (i.e.  $u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$ ), the heat conduction equation is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + H, \quad u = u(x, t), \quad c > 0,$$

where  $H > 0$  is constant. Use the method of separation of variables to find the solution,  $u(x, t)$ , of the above heat conduction equation.

*Hint: first set  $u(x, t) = v(x, t) - Hx(x - \pi)/2c^2$ .*

*(25 marks)*

- 3 (i) A class of Bessel functions you have met in many engineering applications is given by the differential equation

$$x^2 y'' + y' + (25 - x^2)y = 0, \quad y = y(x).$$

Find the first *four* non-zero terms in its series expansion solution if the solution of the differential equation satisfies the initial conditions  $y(1) = 0$  and  $y'(1) = 1/2$ . (13 marks)

- (ii) If  $V = V(x, y)$  and  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ , show that

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}.$$

Furthermore, prove the identities

$$\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)^2,$$

and

$$r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} = xy \left[ \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}\right)^2 \right] + (x^2 - y^2) \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}.$$

(12 marks)

- 4 (i) A small engineering company is specialised in testing hydraulic dampers. A carriage carrying a variable mass is projected along a track of very low friction at a carefully controlled speed. At the end of the track the carriage hits the damper and the compression of the damper is measured by a special device. After several tests it turns out that the compression of the damper is described by the equation

$$x = \frac{U}{\lambda} - \frac{b}{\lambda^2 m} \ln \left( \frac{b + \lambda U m}{b} \right),$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the carriage,  $U$  is the impact speed of the carriage,  $\lambda = k/m$  is the elastic damping rate of the damper ( $k$  is the elastic constant), and  $b$  is the frictional force encountered by the carriage. The optimal compression of the damper occurs when  $m = 100$  kg,  $U = 2$  m/s,  $\lambda = 1.5$  s<sup>-1</sup>, and  $b = 2.75$  kg m/s<sup>2</sup>.

Use the formula for small increments to find the change in the compression length of the damper if *all* parameters are increased by 10%. Work correct to *three* decimal places. (15 marks)

- (ii) The finite difference form of the first and second order derivative of a function,  $U(x, t)$ , can be written as

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial t}\right)_{i,j} = \frac{U_{i,j+1} - U_{i,j}}{k}, \quad \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}\right)_{i,j} = \frac{U_{i-1,j} - 2U_{i,j} + U_{i+1,j}}{h^2},$$

where  $U_{i,j} = U(ih, jk)$ .

4 (continued)

- (a) Show that the *explicit* approximation to the equation

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} - 5U, \quad U = U(x, t), \quad (1)$$

is given in the usual notation as

$$U_{i,j+1} = rU_{i-1,j} + (1 - 2r - 5k)U_{i,j} + rU_{i+1,j},$$

where  $r = k/h^2$  and  $k$  and  $h$  denote the time and spatial steps, respectively.

- (b) If the initial condition and boundary conditions associated with the equation (1) are

$$U(x, 0) = 1 + x(1 - x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

$$U(0, t) = U(1, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

use the explicit scheme with  $h = 0.2$  and  $k = 0.002$  to find the values of  $U(x, t)$  at  $t = 0.002$ , working correct to three decimal places.

*(10 marks)*

**End of Question Paper**

## Formula sheet

- Trigonometric identities

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos(A) \cos(B) \mp \sin(A) \sin(B)$$

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

- The local truncation error in the case of the 4th order Runge-Kutta method is given by

$$Y(x) - y(x) = Ch^4$$

where  $Y(x)$  is the exact value,  $y(x)$  is the estimated numerical value,  $C$  is a constant and  $h$  is the step size used in the numerical scheme.

- Chain rule

If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are both functions of  $t$ , so that  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  we have

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

If  $z = f(x, y)$  and both  $x$  and  $y$  are functions of  $u$  and  $v$ , so that  $x = x(u, v)$  and  $y = y(u, v)$  then we have

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

- Fourier series

If the function  $f(x)$  is defined over the interval  $-l \leq x \leq l$ , then the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right)$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx, \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

If the function  $f(x)$  is defined over the interval  $0 \leq x \leq l$ , then the Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l}, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx, \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

while the sine series of  $f(x)$  is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}, \quad b_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

- the orthogonality of the sine function can be defined as

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