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Computing**

**2 hours**

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

- 1 (i) The vertical oscillations of a thin flexible metallic rod of length  $L$  are given by the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 16 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}; \quad u = u(x, t),$$

where  $x$  denotes the position along the rod. These oscillations are subject to the boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0,$$

and the initial conditions

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = 0; \quad u(x, 0) = x(L - x).$$

Use the method of separation of variables to determine the solution,  $u(x, t)$ , of the above wave equation. *(25 marks)*

- 2 (i) The equation

$$4xe^{2x} - 2 = 0,$$

is expected to have a root near  $x_0 = 0.5$ . Perform *four* iterations of the Newton-Raphson method to find this root. Show your calculations correct to *three* decimal places. *(7 marks)*

2 (continued)

- (ii) Find the first three non-zero terms of the Taylor series solution of the differential equation

$$y'' - \frac{4x}{x^2 + 1}y' + \frac{6}{x^2 + 1}y = 0; \quad y = y(x),$$

subject to the conditions  $y(1) = 1$  and  $y'(1) = 0$ . Hence, use the series representation to calculate  $y(1.1)$ . Give your answer correct to *four* decimal places. **(12 marks)**

- (iii) If  $w = 1/r$  and  $r = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , use the chain rule to show that

$$x \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = -\frac{2}{r}.$$

**(6 marks)**

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

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x + \pi)^2, & \text{for } -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \\ (x - \pi)^2, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

in the interval  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ . Use the determined Fourier series representation of  $f(x)$  at  $x = \pi$  to prove the identity

$$\pi^2 = 12 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{16} + \dots \right).$$

**(17 marks)**

- (ii) In the process of discretisation the second order derivatives (written as finite differences) can be written as

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} = \frac{U_{i+1,j} - 2U_{i,j} + U_{i-1,j}}{h^2}$$

where  $U = U(x, y)$ ,  $U_{i,j} = U(ih, jk)$  and  $h$  is the step-size used in the discretisation along the  $x$ -axis. The partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -2$$

is satisfied over the square domain  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $-1 \leq y \leq 1$ , with  $h = k = 0.5$  and it is subject to the boundary conditions  $u(x, y) = 0$  at the boundaries of the domain that correspond to  $x = \pm 1$  and  $y = \pm 1$ . Using a finite difference approximation, represent graphically the domain of interest (with the grid points), and derive the equations required to find  $u(x, y)$  at every node of the grid taking into account possible symmetries. **Do not attempt** to find the solutions of these equations. **(8 marks)**

- 4 The profit of a company producing chairs is given by the function

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{2xy}{\sqrt{z}}$$

where the variables  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  denote the units of raw material needed, the units of labour needed, and the storage space of finished products, respectively. The maximum profit of the company is obtained when  $x = 40$ ,  $y = 23$ , and  $z = 1.5$ . Let us suppose that, compared to the values corresponding to the maximum profit, the available raw material ( $x$ ) is reduced by 10% and the storage capacity ( $z$ ) is increased by 15%. Use the small increment formula (or the small error formula) to calculate by how much the units of labour ( $y$ ) need to be changed so that the profit of the company is unchanged. **(9 marks)**

- (i) Let us consider the function

$$f(x, y) = e^{2x} \cos(y - x).$$

- (a) Show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

**(10 marks)**

- (b) Let us write the variables  $x$  and  $y$  as  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Use the chain rule to calculate  $\partial f / \partial r$  and  $\partial f / \partial \theta$ . **(6 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

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