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**Mathematics (Computational Methods)**

**2 hours and 30 minutes**

*This is an open book exam.*

*Answer ALL questions.*

*You can work on the exam during the 24 hour period starting from 10am (BST), and you must submit your work within 2 hours and 30 minutes of accessing the exam paper or by the end of the 24 hour period (whichever is earlier).*

***Late submission will not be considered without extenuating circumstances.*** *Calculations should be performed by hand. A university-approved calculator may be used. The use of any other calculational device, software or service is not permitted. To gain full marks, you will need to show your working.*

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

(a)  $7\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 3\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sin u$  **(1 mark)**

(b)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 4\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x\partial y} + 6\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 3$  **(1 mark)**

(c)  $2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 4\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x\partial y} + 2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$  **(1 mark)**

- (ii) For the second order partial differential equation

$$12\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + b\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x\partial y} + 3\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + 5\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 6,$$

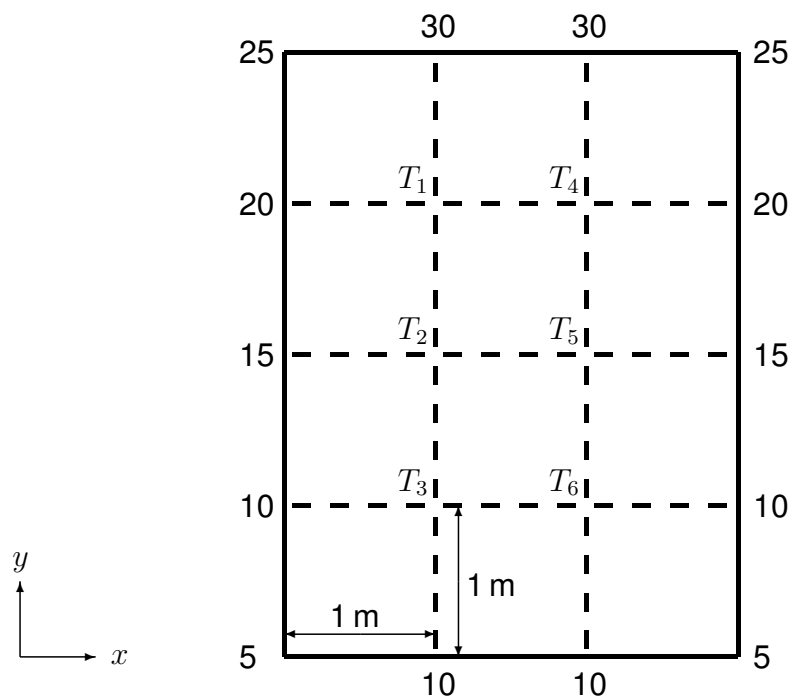
where  $\phi = \phi(x, y)$  and  $b$  is a constant, find the range of values of  $b$  such that the differential equation is (a) parabolic, (b) hyperbolic and (c) elliptic.

**(3 marks)**

1 (continued)

- (iii) The figure shows a rectangular plate made of a homogeneous isotropic material. The plate is divided into intervals of equal length 1 m in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions. The temperature  $T(x, y)$  in this plate satisfies the indicated boundary conditions (given in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and has reached a steady-state condition so that it is described by Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$



- (a) Draw a sketch of the solution domain, showing clearly the line of symmetry for  $T(x, y)$ , and indicating which of the unknown temperatures  $T_1, \dots, T_6$  are equal to each other. **(2 marks)**
- (b) Derive the finite difference scheme required to find estimates of the nodal temperatures  $T_1, T_2$  and  $T_3$ , subject to the boundary conditions indicated on the diagram. **(8 marks)**
- (c) Express these finite difference equations in the form  $A\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix,  $\mathbf{T} = (T_1, T_2, T_3)^T$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (50, 15, 20)^T$ , with units in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , where you should give the matrix  $A$ . Solve these matrix equations to find the components of  $\mathbf{T}$ . **(9 marks)**

- 2 (i) (a) Find and classify the stationary points of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^4 + 4x^2y^2 - 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3.$$

(6 marks)

- (b) Calculate an approximation to the minimum of

$$h(x, y) = (x - y)^2 + \frac{1}{16}(x + y + 1)^4$$

using one iteration of Newton's method starting from the point  $(0, 0)$ . (6 marks)

- (c) Let

$$p(x, y) = 4(x - 0.6)^2 + 3(y - 0.3)^2.$$

Starting from the point  $(1.0, 1.0)$  apply the method of steepest descent for one iteration. Do your workings correct to FOUR decimal places. (7 marks)

- (ii) A company plans to build **six** schools on selected sites during the next **five** years. The construction of each school is completed within one year, where each period of one year starts on 1 January and ends on 31 December. Let

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if school } i \text{ is constructed in year } j \\ 0 & \text{if school } i \text{ is not constructed in year } j \end{cases}$$

and  $c_{ij}$  = cost of building school  $i$  in year  $j$ .

Set up the integer programming problem to minimise the total costs over the five year period provided all the schools are built. (2 marks)

For each of the **separate** cases below, list the additional constraints required.

- (a) Schools 2, 4, 5 and 6 must be built by the end of year 4. (1 mark)
- (b) In the first three years either schools 2 and 3, or, schools 5 and 6 must be built. (3 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  $\partial^2 U/\partial x^2$ :**

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