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SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
SCO 213: NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

DATE: 8/3/2014

TIME: 8.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** which is Compulsory and any other **TWO** questions

Question One (Compulsory)

- (a) The true values of two quantities x and y are 4.00 and 1.00 respectively. If their computed values are 4.04 and 1.02 respectively determine the absolute error, relative error and percentage error in their product. (5 marks)
- (b) The function $f(x) = e^x \cos x$ is evaluated at $x = 1$. Find the error in $f(x)$ if the x used in the computation has an error of 0.01. (5 marks)
- (c) A function takes on the following values:-
 $f_0 = 0, f_1 = 41, f_2 = 79, f_3 = a, f_4 = 146$.
- (i) Express $\Delta^4 f_0$ using functional values f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4 , where Δ is the forward difference operator. (3 marks)
- (ii) If $\Delta^4 f_0 = 0$ use the expression in (i) above and the values of the function given to find the value of a . (i.e. f_3). (2 marks)
- (d) Construct a backward difference table for $f(x) = x^2 - 3x^2 + 5x - 7$ for $x = -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. (5 marks)
- (e) By letting h be the interval of differencing show that $\left(\frac{\Delta^2}{E}\right) x^3 = 6xh$ (4 marks)

- (f) Use the trapezium rule to estimate the area from $x = 0.2$ to $x = 1$ for the curve $f(x) = x^2 + x$ using $n = 4$ (6 marks)

Question Two

- (a) A function takes the following values shown in the table below:

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
f(x)	5	6	13	32	69	130	221

- (i) Construct a forward difference table for the function. (7 marks)
 (ii) Using the constructed table find $f(7)$ and $f(8)$. (4 marks)
- (b) Given a function $f(x)$ such that $f(0) = -3$, $f(1) = -5$, $f(3) = 18$. Find the 2 – degree lagrange interpolating polynomial. (9 marks).

Question Three

- (a) Evaluate $\int_0^{12} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$ by using Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rule taking $n = 6$. (8 marks)
 (b) Find the exact value of $\int_0^{12} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$ and compute the percentage error introduced in (a) above. (5 marks)
 (c) Use Newton-Raphson method to find the real root near 0 of the equation $x^2 + x - 5 = 0$ to 2d.p. (7 marks)

Question Four

- (a) Given that Δ is the forward difference operator and ∇ is the backward difference operator, show that $(1+\Delta)(1-\nabla) = 1$ (4 marks)
 (b) Relate the shift operator E to the differential operator D starting with a Taylor series using h as the step size. (12 marks)
 (c) Using (b) above deduce the relationship between the operator Δ and D . (4 marks)

Question Five

- (a) Use the bisection method to determine the root of $f(x) = e^{-x} - x$ giving your answer to 4 decimal places. (10 marks)
- (b) Apply Lagrange's interpolation formula to find a polynomial which passes through the points (0, -20) (1, -12) (3, -20) and (4, -24). (10 marks)