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School of Engineering and Technology for the Bachelor's Degree

Third year examinations Second semester 2019

Engineering Mathematics X ECU 301

Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Time 2hours

Attempt question *one (compulsory)* and any other *two questions*.

Question 1(30mks)

- a.) Given that $f(-2) = 12$, $f(-1) = 16$, $f(0) = 15$, $f(1) = 18$, $f(2) = 20$;
- i.) Form the central difference table (3marks)
- ii.) Determine the value of $\delta^3_{y_{\frac{3}{2}}}$ (3marks)
- b.) Evaluate $f(10)$ given that $f(x) = 168, 192, 336$ at $x = 1, 7, 15$ respectively. Use Lagrange's interpolation. (4marks)
- c.) Consider the table below

x	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	1	0	1	10	33

Determine the cubic polynomial interpolating the functional values above, (5marks)

- d.) Obtain the approximate value of $I = \int_{-1}^1 e^{-x^2} \cos x dx$ using 3 point Lobatto integration method (5marks)
- e.) Consider the equation $x^4 - x - 10 = 0$. Determine its root correct to three decimal places with $x_0 = 1.5$, $f(x_0) = -6.4375$, $f'(x_0) = 12.5$ using Newton Raphson method. (5marks)

Question 2(20marks)

- a.) The population of a town in the decimal census was given as below.

<i>year</i>	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931
<i>f(x)</i>	46	66	81	93	101

Estimate the population for;

- i.) 1895 (8marks)
ii.) 1925 (8marks)

- b.) Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = x + y$; $y(0) = 1$, using Euler's method determine the value of $y(0.3)$, compare the result with that obtained using analytical method. (4marks)

Question 3(20mks)

- a.) Consider the data below;

<i>x</i>	0	1	2	3
<i>f(x)</i>	1	0	1	10

- i.) determine the Newton's forward difference interpolating polynomial for the data (8marks)
ii.) work out $f(3.5)$ (5marks)
- b.) The elevation above a datum line of seven points of a road under construction are given as in the table below.

<i>x</i>	0	300	600	900	1200	1500	1800
<i>y</i>	135	149	157	183	201	205	193

Calculate;

- i.) The gradient of the road at the middle point (4marks)
ii.) The acceleration of any particle at the middle of the road (3marks)

Question 4(20mks)

- a) Evaluate $\int_0^1 x\sqrt{1+x^2} dx$ using Romberg integration. (10marks)
- b) Use Radau three-point integration to determine the value of $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{2x^2 + 2x + 1} dx$ (10marks)

Question 5(20mks)

- a.) Consider the differential equation $y'' + xy' + y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0$. Use Runge – Kutta method to calculate $y(0.1)$. (8mks)
- b.) Using the method of undetermined coefficients work out the nodes and weights of the quadrature formula for;

$$\int e^{-x} f(x) dx = \lambda_0 f(x_0) + \lambda_1 f(x_1) \quad (13mks)$$