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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CIVIL ENGINEERING)

ECU 301: ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS X

DATE: 6/12/2021

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question ONE (COMPULSORY) and Any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Calculate differences through the sixth order to observe the effect of adjacent “errors” of size 1

k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
y_k	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

(5 marks)

- b) Let $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$, $x_0 = 1$ and $x_1 = 1.1$ use Lagrange linear interpolation to calculate an approximate value of $f(1.04)$ and obtain a bound on the truncation error

(5 marks)

- c) Given the function

$$\int_{0.1}^{1.1} e^{-x^2} dx$$

with step size $h = 0.1$ approximate the solution using: -

- Composite Trapezoidal Rule (5 marks)
 - Composite Simpson's Rule (5 marks)
- d) Obtain the unique solution to $2x^3 + 3x^2 - 6 = 0$ on the interval $[1, 1.2]$, by Newton's – Raphson method generate the sequence $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ by: -

$$p_n = p_{n-1} - \frac{2p_{n-1}^3 + 3p_{n-1}^2 - 6}{6p_{n-1}^2 + 6p_{n-1}} ; n \geq 1$$

(round your answers correct to nine decimals)

(10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) The function f is displayed in the table below rounded to five correct decimals. We know that $f(x)$ behaves like $\frac{1}{x}$ when $x \rightarrow 0$.

x	$f(x)$	x	$f(x)$
0.1	20.02502	0.6	3.48692
0.2	10.05013	0.7	3.03787
0.3	6.74211	0.8	2.70861
0.4	5.10105	0.9	2.45959
0.5	4.12706	1.0	2.26712

We want an approximation of $f(0.55)$. Either we use quadratic interpolation in the given table or we set up a new table for

$g(x) = xf(x)$, interpolate in that table and finally use the connection $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{x}$. Choose the one giving the smallest error, calculate $f(0.55)$ and estimate the error by using the forward difference table based on the nodes 0.5, 0.6, 0.7 and 0.8 for the function $f(x)$ using the quadratic interpolation method (12 marks)

- b) Using the table below for the function $f(x) = xe^x$

x	$f(x)$	x	$f(x)$
1.8	10.889365	2.1	17.148957
1.9	12.703199	2.2	19.855030
2.0	14.778112	2.3	22.940620

approximate $f''(2.0)$ using the second derivative formula. Hence or otherwise calculate the actual errors (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Using the modified Newton's – Raphson method, find the solutions accurate to within 10^{-9} to the problem $f(x) = e^x - x - 1$ for $[0,1]$ [HINT: $p_0 = 1$] (8 marks)

- b) Given the integral

$$\int_{0.1}^{0.2} \frac{x^2}{\cos x} dx$$

- Compute the integral using Taylor development with an error $< 10^{-6}$ (6 marks)
- If we use the trapezoidal formula instead which step length of the form 10^{-k} , 2.0×10^{-k} or 5.0×10^{-k} would be the largest giving the accuracy above? How many decimal places would be required in function values? (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) The error function is defined by the integral

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

x	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20
$\operatorname{erf}(x)$	0.05637	0.11246	0.16800	0.22270

Approximate $\operatorname{erf}(0.08)$ by using

- Linear Lagrange interpolation polynomial
- Second Lagrange interpolation polynomial

From the given table of correctly rounded values. Hence or otherwise estimate the total error
(6 marks)

- b) Considering the initial value problem given by $y' = 2x + 3y$, $y(0) = 1$

- Find x if the error in $y(x)$ obtained from the first four terms of the Taylor series is to be less than 5.0×10^{-5} after rounding off (5 marks)
- Determine the number of terms in the Taylor series required to obtain results correct to 5.0×10^{-6} for $x \leq 0.4$ (4 marks)
- Use Taylor's series second order method to get $y(0.4)$ with step length $h = 0.1$ (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Considering the following Runge-Kutta method for the differential equation $y' = f(x, y)$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{6}(K_1 + 4K_2 + K_3)$$

$$K_1 = hf(x_n, y_n)$$

$$K_2 = hf\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

$$K_3 = hf(x_n + h, y_n - K_1 + 2K_2)$$

- Compute $y(0.4)$ when $y' = \frac{y+x}{y-x}$, $y(0) = 1$ and $h = 0.2$ round your answer to five decimals (8 marks)
 - What is the result after one step of length h when $y' = -y$, $y(0) = 1$ (4 marks)
- b) Use the classical Runge-Kutta formula of fourth order to find the numerical solution at $x = 0.8$ for $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{x+y}$, $y(0.4) = 0.41$ assume the step length $h = 0.2$ (8 marks)