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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY  
(MMUST)**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR MAIN EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND ENGINEERING  
MANAGEMENT

COURSE CODE: DPG 300

COURSE TITLE: NUMERICAL METHODS WITH MATLAB

TIME: 2 HOURS *12-2 pm* DATE: *16*<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023, ~~2023-2024~~

**Instruction to the candidates:**

*Answer question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions*

*Time: 3 hours*

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**SECTION I: Answer ALL the questions in this section**

**QUESTION ONE - 30 MARKS (COMPULSORY)**

- (a) Construct a Lagrange interpolant of degree 3 for [5 mks]

$x$	-2	-1	1	3
$y$	16	1	1	81

- (b) Explain Runge's phenomenon as used in interpolation. [2 mks]

- (c) Derive and state the disadvantage of Euler's method for solving differential equations. [3 mks]

- (d) Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y + 3e^x$ ;  $y(0) = 1$ , at  $x = 0.2$  Using Taylor's series method. [5 mks]

- (e) For the data  $(-2, -6)$ ,  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(2, 6)$ , construct a divided difference table. [5 mks]

- (f) Solve the differential equations  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^4 - y$ ,  $y(0) = 0.2$ , at  $x = 0.2$  using modified Euler's method correct to three decimal places with  $h = 0.1$  [5 mks]

- (g) Find the area under the curve  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  between 0 and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  using the trapezoidal rule with 5 points. [5 mks]

**SECTION II: Answer any TWO questions from this section**

**QUESTION TWO - 20 MARKS**

- (a) Derive the Lagrange interpolating formula given two points  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$ . [5 mks]

- (b) Construct a Newton interpolant of degree 3 for [5 mks]

$x$	0	0.5	1	1.5
$f(x)$	2	0	-1	3

- (c) Write a MATLAB code for evaluating and plotting the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^8 + 3x^4 + 3}{x^4 + 2}$$

[5 mks]

- (d) Approximate the function  $f(x) = x^9 + 3x^2$  using a 5 point Newton interpolating polynomial in the interval  $x = [-2, 2]$ . [5 mks]

**QUESTION THREE - 20 MARKS**

- (a) Use Gauss-Elimination with partial pivoting and scaling to solve the following system. [5 mks]

$$\begin{aligned}3x + 2y + 100z &= 105 \\ -x + 3y + 100z &= 102 \\ x + 2y - z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the solution of the system

$$\begin{aligned}4x_1 + 6x_2 + 8x_3 &= 6 \\ 6x_1 + 10x_2 + 17x_3 &= 5 \\ 8x_1 + 17x_2 + 25x_3 &= 7\end{aligned}$$

using Jacobi's method.

[8 mks]

- (c) Perform a QR decomposition of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -51 & 4 \\ 6 & 167 & -68 \\ -4 & 24 & -41 \end{bmatrix}$$

[7 mks]

#### QUESTION FOUR - 20 MARKS

- (a) Using Taylor series approximation, solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy + \sin(y)$ ,  $y(0) = 0.2$  at  $x = 0.3$ . [5 mks]
- (b) Approximate  $y(0.2)$  given the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y^2, \quad y(0) = 1$$

using

- (i) Euler's method [3 mks]  
(ii) Improved Euler's method with  $h = 0.1$  correct to 3 decimal places. [5 mks]  
(iii) Fourth order Runge Kutta method [7 mks]

#### QUESTION FIVE - 20 MARKS

- (a) Interpolate the points (80, 25), (90, 30), (100, 42), (110, 50), (120, 68) using Newton interpolating polynomials. [6 mks]
- (b) Approximate the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) dx$$

using Newton Cotes formula with  $n = 6$ .

[7 mks]

- (c) Obtain a fourth-order accurate approximation of

$$\int_0^2 \cos(3x) dx$$

using Romberg integration.

[7 mks]