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INSTRUCTION :
1. ANSWER **ALL** QUESTIONS.
2. THIS FINAL EXAMINATION IS AN **ONLINE** ASSESSMENT AND CONDUCTED VIA **OPEN BOOK**.

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF **FOUR (4)** PAGES

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- Q1** (a) Compare Newton-Raphson method and fixed-point iteration method by giving **ONE (1)** advantage and **ONE (1)** disadvantage of both methods.

(4 marks)

- (b) The velocity v of a falling parachutist is given by

$$v = \frac{gm}{c} \left(1 - e^{-(c/m)t} \right),$$

where

$g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ is the gravitational force, and

$c = 15 \text{ kgs}^{-1}$ is the drag coefficient.

Taking initial guess of the parachutist mass m as between 60 kg to 70 kg, calculate the mass m using false-position method when the velocity of the falling parachutist is 35 ms^{-1} at time $t = 9 \text{ s}$. Do the iteration until $|f(m_i)| < \varepsilon = 0.0005$.

(8 marks)

- (c) A steady-state concentration of a substance that reacts with first-order kinetics in an axially-dispersed plug-flow reactor can be expressed as

$$D \left(\frac{c_{i-1} - 2c_i + c_{i+1}}{(\Delta x)^2} \right) - U \left(\frac{c_{i+1} - c_{i-1}}{2(\Delta x)} \right) - kc_i = 0,$$

where D is dispersion coefficient (m^2/hr), c_i is concentration at node i (mol/L), x is distance (m), U is fluid velocity (m/hr) and k is reaction rate per hour. The parameter values for the mass balance problem are $D = 2$, $U = 1$, $k = 0.2$, $\Delta x = 2.5$, $c(x = 0) = 80$ and $c(x = 10) = 20$.

- (i) Restructure the above problem into a system of linear equations.

(7 marks)

- (ii) Hence, solve the system by using Gauss-Seidel iteration method with initial concentrations, $c_1 = 54$, $c_2 = 37$ and $c_3 = 26$. Do the iteration until

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{ |c_i^{(k+1)} - c_i^{(k)}| \} < \varepsilon = 0.005.$$

(6 marks)

- Q2** (a) Consider the data points $(0, 1)$, $(1, 3)$, $(1.5, 0)$ and $(2, \alpha)$. Use Lagrange polynomial interpolation to find the value of α if the coefficient of x^3 in the polynomial is 5.

(9 marks)

- (b) Given $f(x) = e^{2x} - x^3 + 3x - 1$.

- (i) Approximate values for $f'(2)$ using 3 point-difference formulas if $h = 0.1$.

(7 marks)

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- (ii) Based on **Q2(b)(i)**, prove that 3 point-central gives the best approximation. (3 marks)
- (c) A racehorse is running a 1 km race. A timer is set to record the distance, d (in meters) of the racehorse for every 10 seconds, t as shown in the **Table Q2(c)**.

Table Q2(c): Distance, d (in meters) of the racehorse for every 10 seconds, t

t	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
d	0	45	104	196	310	408	495	620	721	816	902

- (i) During which part of the race is the horse running the fastest? (2 marks)
- (ii) Calculate the acceleration of the horse at its fastest part. (4 marks)

- Q3** (a) The capacity of a battery is measured by $\int I dt$ where I is the current. Estimate the capacity of the battery based on **Table Q3(a)** using the combination of Simpson's rule. Explain the requirement in solving this problem using Simpson's rule. Give the answer in four (4) digit rounding arithmetic.

Table Q3(a): Current of a battery

Time (hour)	Current, I (A)
0	25.20
5	29.00
10	31.80
15	34.02
20	36.50
25	33.71
30	31.24
35	29.67
40	28.53
45	29.44
50	31.76
55	32.70

(12 marks)

- (b) Consider a matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) Determine the interval of which the eigenvalues of matrix A above are contained by using Gerschgorin's theorem. (7 marks)

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- (ii) Find the dominant eigenvalue and corresponding eigenvector for matrix A by using power method with $v^{(0)} = (1 \ 0 \ 0)^T$. Do your calculation until 6 iterations.

(6 marks)

- Q4** (a) The following methods can be used to solve an ODE $x' = f(t, x)$.

(i)
$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{2} [f(t_n, x_n) + f(t_{n+1}, x_n + f(t_n, x_n)h)]h.$$

(ii)
$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{2} [3f(t_n, x_n) - f(t_{n+1}, x_{n+1})]h.$$

(iii)
$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{2} [f(t_n, x_n) + f(t_{n+1}, x_{n+1})]h.$$

For each method, analyse if it has the following properties: single-step method, implicit method and Runge-Kutta type method.

(6 marks)

- (b) Given $y' = -2xy^2$, $y(0) = 1$, with $h = 0.2$ on the interval $[0, 0.4]$. Solve the initial value problem by using

- (i) Huen's method, and

(4 marks)

- (ii) Fourth-order Runge-Kutta (RK4) method.

(6 marks)

- (iii) Hence, compare the effectiveness of both methods in **Q4(b)(i)** and **Q4(b)(ii)** if the exact solution is $y(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$.

(3 marks)

- (c) Provide **THREE (3)** differences on fourth-order Runge-Kutta (RK4) method over Huen's method in solving first order initial value problems.

(6 marks)

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