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MT 207 - NUMERICAL ANALYSIS  
(PROPER & REPEAT)

Answer all Questions

Time: Two hours

1. (a) For a five digit decimal floating point number, define the terms mantissa and characteristic. [20 marks]

(b) Explain what is meant by underflow and overflow in a calculation. [15 marks]

(c) Describe the truncation error when  $\sin x$  is approximated by  $x$ , where

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

[20 marks]

(d) Suppose  $a = 0.471 \times 10^{-2}$  and  $b = -0.185 \times 10^{-4}$ , use 3 digit floating point arithmetic to compute  $a + b$  and  $a - b$  and find the rounding error in each case. Hence find the rounding error in calculating  $a^2 - b^2$ . [25 marks]

(e) For a binary computer working with 4 digit in the mantissa, floating point arithmetic, find the bound of the relative round-off error. [20 marks]

2. (a) Using bisection method find a root of the equation  $t^3 + t - 9 = 0$  correct to one decimal place. [25 marks]

- (b) Define fixed points of the iteration,

$$s_{n+1} = s_n + \lambda(s_n^3 + s_n - 9).$$

Find an approximate range of values of the constant  $\lambda$  such that the iteration converges to the fixed point near 2. [20 marks]

- (c) Find the order of a given method described by an equation

$$\epsilon_{r+1} - \epsilon_r = -\frac{2\epsilon_r f'(\alpha) + \epsilon_r^2 f''(\alpha)}{2[f'(\alpha) + \epsilon_r f''(\alpha)]},$$

where  $\epsilon_r$  is the error in approximation after the  $r^{\text{th}}$  iteration. [25 marks]

- (d) A calculator is defective: it can only add, subtract and multiply. Using the defective calculator and the Newton-Raphson method find an iterative formula to find  $\frac{1}{a}$ , where  $a$  is real number. Hence find a sequence of approximate values to  $\frac{1}{1.37}$  correct to 4 decimal places. [30 marks]

3. (a) Complete the finite difference table for the function  $f(x)$  given by

$x$	$f$	$\Delta f$	$\Delta^2 f$	$\Delta^3 f$	$\Delta^4 f$	$\Delta^5 f$
-1.0	0.130					
		0.016				
-0.5	0.146					
		0.023				
0.0	0.169					
		0.033				
0.5	0.202					
		0.047				
1.0	0.249					
		0.065				
1.5	0.314					



Use a Newton's forward formula to find an approximation to  $f(-0.3)$  correct to 3 decimal places. [35 marks]

- (b) Using the table given in (a) and a quadratic Lagrange's interpolation, find an approximation  $z$  to  $f'(-0.3)$ . Further, using the error term in Lagrange interpolation find an expression for  $z - f'(x)$  by assuming that the third derivative of  $f(x)$  is constant in the interval you have chosen. [40 marks]

- (c) The error in Simpson's rule for approximating the integral  $I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$  is

$$-\frac{(b-a)^5}{2880} f^{(4)}(\xi), \quad a < \xi < b.$$

Show that the error in the Composite Simpson's rule for integrating  $f(x)$  from  $a$  to  $b$  is

$$-\frac{(b-a)}{180} h^4 f^{(4)}(\theta), \quad a < \theta < b.$$

(Assume that the fourth derivative of  $f(x)$  is continuous in  $[a, b]$ )

[25 marks]

4. (a) Estimate

$$\int_0^1 e^{x^2} dx$$

using Simpson's rule and Composite Simpson's rule with 2 strips. If the exact value of the above integral is 1.46265, what is the rate of decrease of the error with respect to the strip width? [35 marks]

(b) Solve the system of equations:

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$-x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 = 1$$

by Gaussian elimination and back substitution without interchanging the equations. [25 marks]

(c) Carry out 2-iterations of the Jacobi method for solving

$$10x - y - 3z = 1$$

$$x + 10y - 2z = 0$$

$$3x + 2y + 10z = -2$$

with initial estimation  $(x, y, z)^T = (0, 0, 0)^T$ .

Describe briefly how the Gauss-Seidel method differs from the Jacobi method according to the above problem. [40 marks]