

Indian Statistical Institute  
B. Math (Hons.) second year  
**Computer Science II- Numerical Methods**  
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Back paper exam

Time: 3 hours

50 points

1. [10 points] Let  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \in [a, b]$  are distinct and  $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$ . Write down Lagrange interpolating polynomial  $L_n(x)$  that satisfies  $L_n(x_i) = f(x_i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Show that

$$f(x) - L_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} w(x)$$

where  $c$  depends on  $x$ ,  $f^{(n+1)}$  denotes the  $(n+1)$ th derivative of  $f$  and  $w(x) = \prod_{k=0}^n (x - x_k)$ . If the points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  are equally spaced given by  $x_0 = a, h = \frac{b-a}{n}, x_j = a + jh$ , show that

$$|f(x) - L_n(x)| < \frac{h^{n+1}}{4(n+1)} \max_{c \in (a,b)} |f^{(n+1)}(c)|.$$

2. [5 points] Define **flops**. Estimate upto 'Big O' notation the flops required for calculating determinant of a matrix. Let  $A = LU$  be the LU factorization where  $L$  is a lower triangular with 1's on its diagonal and  $U$  is an upper triangular. Determine the flops required to calculate determinant of  $A$ .
3. (a). [1 point] Define symmetric positive definite matrices.  
(b). [2 points] Let  $A$  be a symmetric positive definite matrix. Show that  $A$  is invertible and the diagonal elements of  $A$  are positive.
4. (a). [5 points] Write an Octave/Matlab function **linefit** to fit a line to a given data.  
(b). [2 points] Write an **xlinefit** function that calls **linefit** to fit data to  $y = \frac{x}{c_1x+c_2}$ .
5. (a). [4 points] Establish Newton-Cotes formula for approximating  $\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^n c_i f(x_i)$  where  $f$  is a continuous function defined on  $[a, b]$  and its values are known at the  $n+1$  equidistant points  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ .  
(b). [2 points] Show that  $\sum_{i=0}^n c_i = 1$ .  
(c). [4 points] Deduce Trapezoidal and Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$  rule from Newton Cotes formula.  
(d). [10 points] Write an Octave function **betatrap** to evaluate

$$\beta(m, n) = \int_0^1 x^{m-1}(1-x)^{n-1} dx$$

for any  $m$  and  $n$  and for a sequence of decreasing panel sizes  $h$  using trapezoidal approximation. Comment on the error in evaluating  $\beta(1, 2)$ .

6. (a). [2 points] Show that the following IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y \cos t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \quad y(0) = 1,$$

has unique solution.

- (b). [3 points] Manually perform 3 steps of Euler method to solve

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = t - 2y, \quad y(0) = 1$$

with  $h = 0.2$