

# Final Exam - Numerical Computing

## B. Math I

22 April, 2024

- (i) Duration of the exam is 3 hours.
- (ii) The maximum number of points you can score in the exam is 100 (total = 110).
- (iii) You are not allowed to consult any notes or external sources for the exam.

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1. (15 points) Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix in  $M_{202}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\|A\| = 100$  and  $\|A\|_F = 101$  (where  $\|\cdot\|_F$  denotes the Frobenius norm.) With justification, find the sharpest lower bound for the condition number of  $A$  (defined as  $\kappa(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$ .)

Total for Question 1: 15

2. (15 points) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  real matrix and  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Show that there is a unique vector,  $\vec{x}$ , of smallest norm in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that minimizes  $\|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|_2$ , and that it is given by  $\vec{x} = (A^T A)^\dagger A^T \vec{b}$ .

Total for Question 2: 15

3. (15 points) Let  $(x_i, f(x_i), f'(x_i)), i = 1, \dots, n$  be given. Let

$$P_i(x) = a_i + b_i(x - x_i) + c_i(x - x_i)^2 + d_i(x - x_i)^3,$$

be the Hermite cubic interpolant in the range  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ . Show that the following constraints:

$$P_i(x_i) = f(x_i), P'_i(x_i) = f'(x_i), P_i(x_{i+1}) = f(x_{i+1}), P'_i(x_{i+1}) = f'(x_{i+1}), 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

imply that:

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &= f(x_i) \\ b_i &= f'(x_i) \\ c_i &= \frac{3f[x_i, x_{i+1}] - 2f'(x_i) - f'(x_{i+1})}{(x_{i+1} - x_i)} \\ d_i &= \frac{f'(x_i) - 2f[x_i, x_{i+1}] + f'(x_{i+1})}{(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Total for Question 3: 15

4. Consider a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  be distinct points in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a) (10 points) Prove the following formula for the  $n$ th divided difference,

$$f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{f(x_i)}{w'(x_i)},$$

where  $w(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n)$ .

(b) (10 points) Assuming  $f$  is smooth, with justification calculate the limit of the above formula for  $f[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$  as  $x_2 \rightarrow x_1$ , while all other points remain fixed.

Total for Question 4: 20

5. Below is a list of the first 5 Legendre polynomials.

$n$	$P_n(x)$
0	1
1	$x$
2	$\frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$
3	$\frac{1}{5}(5x^3 - 3x)$
4	$\frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$

(a) (15 points) Compute the weights for the Gaussian quadrature method for 3 nodes and use it to write a formula for a rule of numerical integration to approximate  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$  for a function  $f$ .

(b) (10 points) Show that the above rule gives an exact answer for evaluating the integral of polynomials (over the interval  $[-1, 1]$ ) of degree  $\leq 5$ .

Total for Question 5: 25

6. (10 points) In the attached code, there are three errors. State the line numbers which contain the errors and the relevant corrected code.

Total for Question 6: 10

7. (10 points) Manually perform three steps of Euler's method to solve:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{t + y + 1}, y(0) = 0,$$

with  $h = 0.2$ .

Total for Question 7: 10

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1 function I = simpson(fun,a,b,npanel)
2 % simpson    Composite Simpson's rule
3 %
4 % Synopsis:  I = simpson(fun,a,b,npanel)
5 %
6 % Input:     fun    = (string) name of m-file that evaluates f(x)
7 %           a, b    = lower and upper limits of the integral
8 %           npanel = number of panels to use in the integration
9 %
10 % Output:    I = approximate value of the integral from a to b of f(x)*dx
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12 % Panel is the interval where a rule of integration is to be used (such as Simpson's rule in this case)
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14 n = 2*npnl;          % total number of nodes
15 h = (b-a)/n;         % stepsize
16 x = a:h:b;          % divide the interval
17 f = feval(fun,x);    % evaluate integrand
18
19 I = (h/3)*( f(1) + 3*sum(f(2:2:n-1)) + 3*sum(f(3:2:n-2)) + f(n) );
20 %           f(a)           f_even           f_odd           f(b)

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