

DO NOT FORGET TO WRITE YOUR SID NO. ON YOUR EXAM.

ALL PROBLEMS HAVE EQUAL VALUE. There are 7 problems.

MA: Do any 5 problems.

Ph.D.: Do 5 problems and only 3 of them from 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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[1] Consider the equation

$$3x + g(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

with  $g : R \rightarrow R$  and  $g'(x^*) = 0$ , where  $x^*$  is the unique solution of (1). Assume the following iteration is used to obtain the solution  $x^*$

$$x^{n+1} = -\frac{g(x^n)}{3}$$

- (a) Derive a recurrence relation for the error at each step of the iteration.
- (b) What is the rate of convergence of this iteration?
- (c) State and prove a local convergence theorem for this iteration.

[2] Consider the problem of fitting a function of the form

$$f(x) = a \cos(x) + b \sin(x) + c \cos(2x)$$

to the data

x	0	$\pi/2$	$\pi$	$3\pi/2$
y	1	1	1	0

- (a) Give the set of linear equations whose solution determines the coefficients  $a, b, c$  so that  $\sum_{i=1}^4 |f(x_i) - y_i|^2$  is a minimum.
- (b) Solve the linear system and give the coefficients  $a, b, c$  you obtain.

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[3] Consider the following iterative method

$$\vec{x}^{k+1} = B\vec{x}^k + \vec{c}$$

where B is the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Does this iteration converge for arbitrary initial vectors,  $\vec{x}^0$ ? Justify your answer.  
(b) Can  $\alpha$  be chosen so that the following iteration converges for arbitrary initial vectors  $\vec{x}^0$ ?

$$\vec{z}^0 = \vec{x}^0$$

$$\vec{x}^{k+1} = B\vec{z}^k + \vec{c} \qquad \vec{z}^{k+1} = \alpha \vec{z}^k + (1 - \alpha)\vec{x}^k$$

Justify your answer.

[4] Consider the following Runge-Kutta method for solving the differential equation  $y' = f(y)$

$$\begin{aligned} y^* &= y^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} f(y^n) \\ y^{n+1} &= y^n + \Delta t \beta_1 f(y^n) + \Delta t \beta_2 f(y^*) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

- (a) How should  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  be chosen to obtain a first order method?  
(b) How should  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  be chosen to obtain a second order method?  
(c) The interval of absolute stability for all second order methods of the form (2) is  $(-2,0)$ . Give an example of a first order method of the form (2) that has a larger interval of absolute stability. Justify your answer.

[5] Consider

$$u_t = u_x + u_y$$

in  $\Omega : 0 \leq x, y \leq 1$  with periodic boundary conditions for  $t > 0$ , with  $u(x, y, 0)$  given to be smooth and periodic with period 1 in  $x$  and  $y$ .

(a) Construct a second order accurate convergent method that involves only approximations to the two one space dimensional problems  $u_t = u_x$  and  $u_t = u_y$ . Justify your answer.

(b) What, if any, is the advantage of using this method over standard 2 space dimensional finite difference approximations? Explain your answer.

[6](a) For which values of the constants,  $a, b, c$  can you obtain stable and convergent approximations to:

$$u_t = au_{xx} + 2bu_{xy} + cu_{yy},$$

to be solved for  $t > 0$ , on  $\Omega = 0 \leq x, y \leq 1$ ,  $u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y)$ , smooth and periodic with period 1 in  $x, y$ ?

(b) Give such a scheme. Justify your answers.

[7](a) Show formally that  $u$  is the solution of the variational problem

$$\min_{u \in H_0^1(I)} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_I k(x) \left( \frac{dv}{dx} \right)^2 dx - \int_I v \right]$$

where  $I = (0, 1)$  and

$$k(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in I_1 = (0, \frac{1}{2}) \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \in I_2 = (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \end{cases}$$

if and only if  $u$  satisfies

$$(i) -k(x) \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = 1 \text{ in } I_1 \text{ and } I_2.$$

$$(ii) u_1 = u_2 \text{ and } \frac{2du_1}{dx} = \frac{du_2}{dx} \text{ at } x = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ (Here } u_i = u|_{I_i}, i = 1, 2)$$

(b) Formulate a finite element method for the problem (i) and (ii) using piecewise linear functions.

(c) Determine the corresponding linear system in the case of a uniform partition and interpret this system as a difference approximation to (i) and (ii), again using piecewise linear functions.