

1. TYPE OF DEGREE: BSc.
2. SESSION: May 2008.
3. MODULE CODE: MA1915.
4. MODULE TITLE: Calculus and Numerical Methods.
5. TIME ALLOWED: 3 hours (plus 5 minutes reading time).
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  - a. NUMBER OF QUESTIONS: Part A has 7 questions, Part B has 4 questions. Full Marks: 100.
  - b. Answer **all** questions from **Section A**. Answer **two** questions from **Section B**. If more than **two** questions from **Section B** are answered, marks from the best **two** answers will be counted. Then **Section A** carries 50 % of the total marks available for the paper, and all questions in **Section B** carry equal marks.  
An indication of the marks allocated to each sub-section of a question is shown in brackets in the righthand margin.
7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Calculators: Casio fx 82, Casio fx 83 and Casio fx 85 ONLY.

**A1.** Evaluate the limits

a.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 4}{2x^2 - x - 1},$$

[3 marks]

b.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(2x) - 1}{\cos(3x) - 1}.$$

[4 marks]

**A2.** a. Differentiate

(i)

$$f(x) = x^3 \ln(2x),$$

[2 marks]

(ii)

$$g(x) = \cos(3x^4 - 2x).$$

[2 marks]

b. (i) Determine the natural domain of the function

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \sin x}}.$$

[2 marks]

(ii) Differentiate the function

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \sin x}}.$$

[2 marks]

**A3.** Evaluate the following definite integrals:

a.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} dx,$$

[3 marks]

b.

$$\int_0^1 (x + 3)e^{2x} dx,$$

[3 marks]

c.

$$\int_{\frac{1}{e}}^e |\ln x| dx.$$

[3 marks]

**A4.** Use an appropriate test to determine whether the following series converge or diverge:

a.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2 + 1},$$

[3 marks]

b.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-n}}{1 + e^{-n}}.$$

[3 marks]

**A5.** Determine the first three non-zero terms in the MacLaurin series of  $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$ .

Hence, evaluate approximately the integral

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

and obtain the value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-x^2} - 1 + x^2}{x^4}.$$

[6 marks]

**A6.** a. Explain why the equation

$$\ln\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) + x^2 = 0$$

must have a solution in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

[2 marks]

b. Find this solution, correct to  $\pm 0.1$  using Newton's method, with  $x_0 = 1$ .

[5 marks]

**A7.** Using Lagrange polynomials fit an interpolating polynomial through the points  $f(0.2) = 1.4$ ,  $f(0.4) = 0.9$ ,  $f(0.6) = 1.7$  and hence give an estimate of  $f(0.5)$ .

[7 marks]

**B1.** Consider the function

$$f : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) := \sin^2 x - 3 \sin x + 2.$$

- Determine the roots of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ . Compute  $f(0)$ ,  $f(\pi)$  and  $f(2\pi)$ . [4 marks]
- Determine the coordinates of the critical points of  $f$  and classify them. Explain your answers. What are the absolute minima and maxima of  $f$ ? [5 marks]
- Compute the roots of the equation  $f''(x) = 0$  and the values of  $f$  at these points. Are these points of inflection? Explain your answers. [5 marks]
- Sketch the graph of  $f$  indicating the above features in your graph. [4 marks]
- Give the complete function specification (domain, codomain, rule) for the composition  $g \circ f$  when

$$g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) := \ln x$$

and  $f$  is given above. Determine the coordinates of the absolute maxima and minima of  $g \circ f$  if they exist. Does  $g \circ f$  have any asymptotes? If yes, give their equation(s). Sketch the graph of  $g \circ f$  indicating the above features in your graph. [7 marks]

**B2.** a. Use an integrating factor to obtain the solution to:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy = e^{x^2}, \quad y(0) = 1.$$

[6 marks]

b. Find the general solution to:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 2 \cos(2x).$$

[12 marks]

c. A curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is mapped by the position vector

$$\mathbf{r} = t \cos^2 t \mathbf{i} + t \sin 2t \mathbf{j}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi.$$

Use parametric differentiation to determine the gradient of the curve at the point  $t = \pi/4$ . Hence, determine the Cartesian equation of the tangent line to the curve at the point  $t = \pi/4$ . [7 marks]

**B3.** A surface is specified by  $z = f(x, y)$  where  $f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - 6xy$ .

- a. The surface has four critical points, two of which are located at  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$ . Classify these critical points and locate the other two. [13 marks]
- b. Find the normal vector and tangent plane to the surface at the point  $(-1, 0, -1)$ . [6 marks]
- c. Determine the volume enclosed by the above tangent plane, the  $xy$ -plane and the four planes  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ . [6 marks]

**B4.** Consider the initial value problem (IVP)

$$y' = te^{-3t} - y, \quad t \geq t_0$$
$$y(t_0) = y_0.$$

- a. Write a Matlab function `Euler` which solves approximately the above IVP on the interval  $[t_0, b]$  using Euler's method. The inputs should be  $t_0, y_0, b$  and  $n$ , the number of steps. The outputs should be  $t = (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n)$  and  $y = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ , where  $t_i = t_0 + i \cdot h$ ,  $h = (b - t_0)/n$  and  $y_i$  is the estimate of  $y(t_i)$  obtained by Euler's method with step size  $h$ . (You do not need to include comment statements). [10 marks]
- b. Let  $t_0 = 0$  and  $y_0 = 0$  then using Euler's method, first with  $h = 0.1$  and second with  $h = 0.05$ , calculate two estimates for  $y(0.2)$ . [10 marks]
- c. Given that the exact solution of the IVP in (b) is

$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}te^{-3t} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{-t}.$$

Compute the errors when using  $h = 0.1$  and  $h = 0.05$ . Comment on your results. [3 marks]

- d. What order of error do we expect for Euler's method? [2 marks]