
Applied Numerical Analysis – AE2220-I – Resit

Modules 1–6 — Thursday, 27 June 2019, 13:30–16:30

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Instructions:

- Make sure you have a machine-readable answer form.
- Write your name and student number on the answer form.
- Fill in the answer form **neatly** to avoid risk of incorrect marking.
- Fill in the **version number** of your quiz (see bottom right, 1-4) on the answer form.
- Use only pencil on the answer form, and correct with a rubber.
- Each question has exactly one correct answer.
- Correct answers will receive 5 points, unanswered questions 1 point, incorrect answers 0 points.
- This quiz has **24 questions** and **8 pages** in total.

Module 1: Taylor, Root-finding, Floating-point

Question 1 Consider the positive floating point number system $z = s \times 10^e$ where the base is 10. A total of 8 decimal digits are used to store s and e . What is the largest number that can be represented using this number-system if a machine epsilon of at least 1×10^{-6} must be achieved?

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| A: Unanswered | C: 9.999999×10^8 | E: 9.999999×10^9 | G: 1.0×10^9 |
| B: 9.99999×10^8 | D: 9.99999×10^9 | F: 1.0×10^8 | H: 1.0×10^{10} |
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Question 2 Write $f(x) = \sin x$ as a truncated Taylor series expansion about $x = 0$ with two *non-zero* terms. What is approximately the size of the first non-zero term in the truncation error at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$?

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| A: Unanswered | C: 0.05 | E: 0.07 | G: 0.09 |
| B: 0.008 | D: 0.06 | F: 0.08 | H: ∞ |
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Question 3 What is the approximation of the root of the function $f(x) = e^x - 1$, if three steps of repeated bisection are applied on a starting interval $[x_1, x_2] = [-3, 2]$? [Hint: To apply the method quickly it may help to roughly plot the function and spot the root.]

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| A: Unanswered | C: -0.2 | E: 0 | G: 0.15 |
| B: -0.5 | D: -0.125 | F: 0.125 | H: 0.75 |
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Question 4 A fixed-point iteration is applied to the function

$$f(x) := e^{a(x-1)} - x,$$

where $a \geq 0$ is a constant. This function has an exact root at $\tilde{x} = 1$ for all a . The specific iteration used is:

$$x_{n+1} := \varphi(x_n) = e^{a(x_n-1)},$$

and the initial guess is extremely close to one: $x_0 = 1 + \epsilon$, where $\epsilon > 0$ we can choose as small as we like. Under what condition on a does this iteration converge to 1?

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| A: Unanswered | E: $a > 1$ |
| B: $a < 2$ | F: $a > 2$ |
| C: $a < 1$ | G: Always converges to 1. |
| D: $a = 0$ | H: Always diverges. |
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Module 2: Polynomial Interpolation and Regression

Question 5 Consider the function $f(x) = x^3$. Let $p_2(x)$ be a degree-2 polynomial which interpolates $f(x)$ at $x_0 = 0$, $x_1 = 1$ and $x_2 = 2$. We define the L_1 -norm of the interpolation error on $[a, b]$ as:

$$\varepsilon = \int_a^b |p_2(x) - f(x)| dx.$$

What is the value of ε on the interval $[0, 1]$?

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| A: Unanswered | C: $-\frac{1}{3}$ | E: $-\frac{1}{4}$ | G: $-\frac{8}{3}$ |
| B: 0 | D: $\frac{1}{3}$ | F: $\frac{1}{4}$ | H: $\frac{8}{3}$ |
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Question 6 By Cauchy's theorem the interpolation error for a degree n -polynomial is

$$R_n(f; x) := f(x) - p_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \omega_{n+1}(x),$$

for suitable $\xi(x)$ and $\omega(\cdot)$. Based on this formula, for the interpolation problem of Question 5, what is the maximum interpolation error of any point in $[0, 1]$?

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| A: Unanswered | C: $2\sqrt{3}/9$ | E: $4\sqrt{3}/9$ | G: $\sqrt{3}$ |
| B: $\sqrt{3}/9$ | D: $3\sqrt{3}/9$ | F: $2\sqrt{3}/3$ | H: $4\sqrt{3}/3$ |
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Question 7 A data-set (x_i, f_i) containing $N + 1$ points with x_i all distinct, is approximated in 3 ways:

- Polynomial interpolation, giving $p(x)$
- Least-squares regression, giving $q(x)$
- Regression, minimizing $\min \sum_{i=0}^N |f_i - r(x_i)|$, giving $r(x)$

In the two regression cases, $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ are degree M polynomials with $M < N$. Which of the following is true *in general*?

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| A: Unanswered | C: $p = q \neq r$ | E: $p \neq q = r$ |
| B: $p = q = r$ | D: $p \neq q \neq r$ | |
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Question 8 Consider approximating a polynomial with a Fourier series. Using the basis functions

$$\varphi_0(x) = 1, \quad \varphi_1(x) = \cos x, \quad \varphi_2(x) = \sin x,$$

interpolate $f(x) = x^2$ using uniformly-spaced nodes on the interval $[0, \pi]$. What is the derivative of the interpolant at $x = 0$?

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| A: Unanswered | C: $\pi/4$ | E: $\pi/2$ | G: $\pi^2/4$ |
| B: 0 | D: $-\pi/4$ | F: $-\pi/2$ | H: $-\pi^2/4$ |
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Question 9 An interpolating polynomial passes through the points

x	3	5	x_2
y	20	12	30

The polynomial is of the form:

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - 3) + 2(x - 3)(x - 5).$$

What are the two possible values for x_2 ?

A: Unanswered

C: $x_2 = 1, 7$

E: $x_2 = 2, 6$

G: $x_2 = 4, -6$

B: $x_2 = 0, 9$

D: $x_2 = 2, 8$

F: $x_2 = 3, -5$

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Module 3: Advanced interpolation

Question 10 Consider the function $f(x, y) = 1/(x + y + 1)$. Evaluate this function at the nodes given in the table, and linearly interpolate (triangular patch). What is the value of the interpolant at the point $(x, y) = (1/2, 1/2)$?

i	1	2	3
x_i	0	1	1
y_i	0	0	1

A: Unanswered
B: 1

C: $\frac{1}{2}$
D: $\frac{2}{3}$

E: $\frac{1}{4}$
F: $\frac{2}{5}$

G: $\frac{1}{6}$
H: $\frac{2}{7}$

Question 11 Which of the following functions is not a linear, quadratic or cubic spline?

A: Unanswered
B:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^3 - \frac{9}{2}x^2 + 5x - \frac{3}{2}, & x \in [0, 1] \\ 3x^3 - \frac{15}{2}x^2 + 8x - \frac{5}{2}, & x \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$$

C:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^3 - 8x^2 + 8x - 1, & x \in [0, 1] \\ 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 2, & x \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$$

D:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 1, & x \in [0, 1] \\ 3x - 2, & x \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$$

E:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 - 2x + 1, & x \in [0, 1] \\ 3x^2 - 4x + 2, & x \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$$

Question 12 Given the function values of $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy + \sqrt{y} + 1$ at six nodes (the nodes are given in the table), we want to make an interpolation using the radial function $\varphi(r) = e^{-r^2}$. The interpolation condition leads to a linear system of dimension 6, which can be written as $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{f}$, where \mathbf{a} contains the unknown coefficients and \mathbf{f} is the vector with given function values $\mathbf{f} = (f_1 \ f_2 \ f_3 \ f_4 \ f_5 \ f_6)^T$. Compute the element $A_{5,6}$ of the matrix \mathbf{A} .

i	1	2	3	4	5	6
x_i	1	1	2	2	3	3
y_i	1	3	3/2	4	2	5/2

A: Unanswered
B: 0.00

C: 0.12
D: 0.67

E: 0.78
F: 1.00

G: 1.18
H: 1.28

Module 4: Numerical differentiation and Integration

Question 13 Consider the one-sided difference formula for the 1st-derivative of $f(x)$:

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{1}{h} [3f(x) - 4f(x-h) + f(x-2h)].$$

What is the order of the truncation error of this approximation?

- A: Unanswered
 - B: $\mathcal{O}(h)$
 - C: $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$
 - D: $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$
 - E: $\mathcal{O}(h^4)$
 - F: The approximation is exact.
 - G: The approximation is not consistent (error $\mathcal{O}(1)$).
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Question 14 A high-order central-difference formula for the 1st-derivative of $f \in C^6([a, b])$ is:

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i - 2h) - 8f(x_i - h) + 8f(x_i + h) - f(x_i + 2h)}{12h} + \epsilon$$

where ϵ is the truncation error. What is the value of the term in ϵ involving $f^{(5)}(x_i)$?

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| A: Unanswered | C: $-\frac{h^4 f^{(5)}(x_i)}{45}$ | E: $-\frac{h^4 f^{(5)}(x_i)}{75}$ |
| B: $-\frac{h^4 f^{(5)}(x_i)}{30}$ | D: $-\frac{h^4 f^{(5)}(x_i)}{60}$ | F: $-\frac{h^4 f^{(5)}(x_i)}{90}$ |
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Question 15 What is the degree of precision of the quadrature formula

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2} (f(-\sqrt{3}/3) + f(\sqrt{3}/3))?$$

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| A: Unanswered | C: 1 | E: 3 | G: 5 |
| B: 0 | D: 2 | F: 4 | H: 6 |
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Question 16 Fourier quadrature. Until now we have considered quadrature rules that integrate polynomials of degree d exactly. Using the same principles derive a quadrature rule that integrates the functions $\phi = [1, \sin(x), \cos(x)]$ exactly on the interval $x \in [0, \pi]$. For nodes use $x = (0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$. What are the corresponding weights?

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| A: Unanswered | E: $w = (\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3})$ |
| B: $w = (-1, 2 + \pi, -1)$ | F: $w = (\frac{\pi}{3} - 1, \frac{\pi}{3} + 2, \frac{\pi}{3} - 1)$ |
| C: $w = (\frac{\pi}{2}, 0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ | G: $w = (0, \pi, 0)$ |
| D: $w = (\frac{\pi}{2} + 1, -2, \frac{\pi}{2} + 1)$ | H: $w = (\frac{\pi}{2} - 1, 2, \frac{\pi}{2} - 1)$ |
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Module 5: Numerical solution of ODEs

Question 17 Consider a difference scheme $\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{y}_i)$ applied to an initial-value problem with exact solution $y(t)$. Let the scheme predict a discrete solution \mathbf{y}_i at time t_i . Which of the following statements are true?

- (i) The *global error* at time t_{i+1} is $|y(t_{i+1}) - \mathbf{y}_{i+1}|$.
- (ii) The *local error* at time t_{i+1} is $|\mathcal{D}(y(t_i)) - y(t_{i+1})|$.
- (iii) If $y(t)$ is a polynomial of degree ≤ 1 , and \mathcal{D} is at least 1st-order accurate, then $y(t_i) = \mathbf{y}_i$ for all i .

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| A: Unanswered | D: (ii) | G: (ii) and (iii) |
| B: None | E: (i) and (ii) | H: All |
| C: (i) | F: (i) and (iii) | |
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Question 18 Which of the following numerical schemes are *implicit*?

- (i) $y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t f(y_{n+1})$
- (ii) $y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t f(y_n)$
- (iii) $y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (f(y_n) + f(y_{n+1}))$
- (iv) $y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (f(y_n) + f(y_{n-1}))$
- (v) $y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (f(y_n) + f(\hat{y}))$, $\hat{y} = y_n + \Delta t f(y_n)$

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| A: Unanswered | E: (ii), (iv), (v) |
| B: (i), (iii) | F: (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) |
| C: (ii), (iv) | G: (iii), (iv), (v) |
| D: (ii), (iii), (iv) | H: (iv), (v) |
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Question 19 Consider the linear ODE

$$y'' + 2\lambda y' + \lambda^2 y = 0.$$

For what real values of λ is the solution y stable?

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| A: Unanswered | C: $\lambda > 1/\sqrt{2}$ | E: $\lambda < 1$ | G: $\lambda > 0$ |
| B: $\lambda < 1/\sqrt{2}$ | D: $\lambda > 1$ | F: $\lambda < 0$ | |
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Question 20 The ODE $u' = -5u$ with initial condition $u(0) = u_0$ is solved numerically using (a) the forward-Euler method (explicit), and (b) the backward-Euler method (implicit). In both cases the stepsize $\Delta t = 0.3$. Of the two methods, which are stable?

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| A: Unanswered | C: (a) only | E: Both |
| B: Neither | D: (b) only | |

Module 6: Numerical optimization

Question 21 Consider the problem of finding the maximum of the function $f(x) = 2 \sin x - \frac{x^2}{10}$ with an initial guess $x_0 = 5.0$. The generic update for Newton's method for optimization reads:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \zeta(x_n).$$

What is the expression for $\zeta(x)$ for the given function $f(x)$?

A: Unanswered

C: $\tan x$

E: $\frac{20 \sin x - x^2}{20 \cos x - 2x}$

B: $x - \tan x$

D: $\frac{10 \cos x - x}{-1 - 10 \sin x}$

Question 22 You are jogging on a path which can be described by a curve $y = \log x$ (where the natural logarithm is used). Your car is parked at the origin $(0, 0)$. You want to stop jogging at the point closest to your car. Use Newton's method to minimize the *squared* distance to the car, with an initial guess of $x_0 = 1$. What is the value of x_1 ?

A: Unanswered

C: $\frac{1}{2}$

E: $\frac{1}{4}$

G: $\frac{1}{6}$

B: 1

D: $\frac{1}{3}$

F: $\frac{1}{5}$

H: $\frac{1}{8}$

Question 23 Steepest descent for minimizing the function $f(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in N -dimensions requires the gradient $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ on each iteration i . Assuming the function $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ is not known explicitly, it can be approximated at $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ by a difference rule (e.g. forward/backward/central differences). What is the *minimum* number of evaluations of $f(\cdot)$ required to approximate the gradient in this way?

A: Unanswered

C: 2

E: N

G: $2N$

B: 1

D: $N - 1$

F: $N + 1$

H: N^2

Question 24 Quadratic forms always have a single stationary point, which may be a minimum, maximum, or saddle point. Consider the quadratic form

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \cdot A \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} + c.$$

Under what condition does this function have a **minimum**? [Hint: If you get stuck consider first 1d and then 2d examples.]

A: Unanswered

B: A is a multiple of the identity matrix

C: A is diagonal

D: A is symmetric

E: A is positive definite

F: $(-A)$ is positive definite

G: A is equal to $\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}^T$
