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DURATION : 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

INSTRUCTION :  
1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS  
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3. STUDENTS ARE **PROHIBITED** TO  
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**Q1** (a) The velocity of a rocket is given by:

$$v(t) = 2000 \ln \left[ \frac{14 \times 10^4}{14 \times 10^4 - 2100t} \right] - 9.8t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 30$$

Where  $v$  is given in  $m/s$  and  $t$  is given in seconds.

(i) By taking  $h = 2s$ , approximate first derivative of  $v(t)$  to calculate the acceleration at  $t = 16s$  using 2-point forward, 2-point backward and 3-point central differential approximation.

(11 marks)

(ii) Find the exact value of the acceleration of the rocket using a scientific calculator.

(2 marks)

(iii) Calculate the absolute error for each method from **Q1(a)**.

(3 marks)

(iv) Identify the best method in approximating the acceleration of the rocket.

(1 mark)

(b) A point A is moving along the curve whose equations is  $f(x) = 2x^2 + \sin(x)$ . By using second derivatives for 3-point central and 5-point difference formula with  $h = 0.1$ . Calculate how far A is moving when  $x = 1.2$ .

(8 marks)

**Q2** According to Kirchhoff's voltage law, a simple series RL circuit that can consist of a resistor, an inductor and a power supply can be represented by the following equation.

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E(t)$$

Given  $E(t) = 120 V$ ,  $L = 3 H$ ,  $R = 15 \Omega$ ,  $i = 5.0570 A$  when  $t = 0.20 s$

(a) Calculate the  $i(t)$  between  $0.20 s$  and  $0.25 s$  with an interval of  $0.01 s$  using Euler's method.

(7 marks)

(b) Given  $i = 5.7080 A$  when  $t = 0.25 s$ , calculate the  $i(t)$  between  $0.20 s$  and  $0.25 s$  with an interval of  $0.01 s$  using finite-different method.

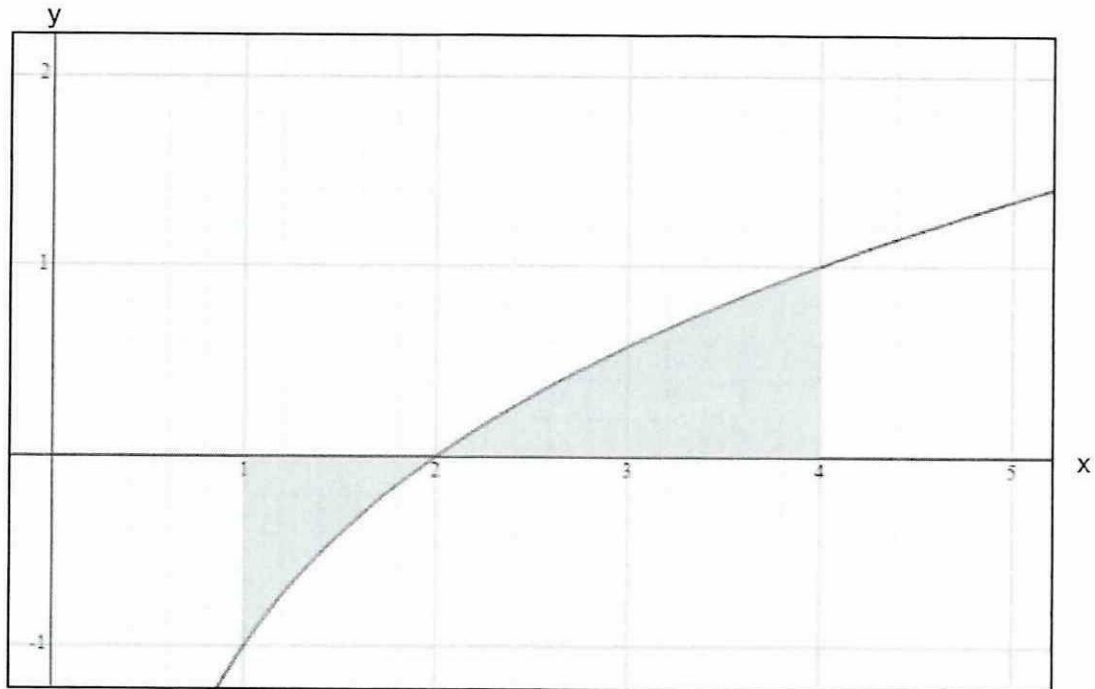
(12 marks)

(c) Investigate the absolute errors at each estimation at the **Q2(a)** and **Q2(b)** if the exact solution is  $i(t) = 8(1 - e^{-5t})$ .

(6 marks)

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**Q3** The graph for  $\int_1^4 \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{x}} dx$  is shown in **Figure Q3**.



**Figure Q3: Graph**

- (a) Approximate the total volume of the shaded area with subintervals of  $n = 10$  and  $n = 15$  by using:
  - (i) Trapezoidal rule. (12 marks)
  - (ii) Simpson's 1/3 rule (with appropriate subintervals). (8 mark)
- (b) Calculate the exact solution by using a scientific calculator. (1 mark)
- (c) Find the absolute errors for each of the methods in **Q3(a)**. (3 marks)
- (d) Determine which method gives the better approximation. (1 mark)

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- Q4** (a) The temperature distribution  $u(x, t)$  of a one-dimensional silver rod is governed by the heat equation as follows.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0.5 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

Given the boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = t^2$ ,  $u(0.6, t) = 6t + 0.12$ , for  $0 \leq t \leq 0.04s$  and the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = x(0.8 - x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 0.6mm$ , analyze the temperature distribution of the rod with  $\Delta x = 0.2mm$  and  $\Delta t = 0.02s$  using explicit method (i.e. Forward Time Central Space (FTCS) finite-difference approximation) in 4 decimal places.

(12 marks)

- (b) An elastic string is fixed at both ends and is governed by the wave equation as follows.

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0.25 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

Where  $u(x, t)$  of the displacement of the string with  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 0.4$ . The initial and boundary conditions are as follows.

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0.25$$

Analyze the displacement of the string using the central time central space (CTCS) explicit finite-difference approximation with  $\Delta x = 0.25cm$  and  $\Delta t = 0.2s$  in 4 decimal places.

(13 marks)

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## FORMULAE

**First Order Numerical differentiation:**

2-point forward difference

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

2-point backward difference

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

3-point central difference

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

3-point forward difference

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

3-point backward difference

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

5-point central difference

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x-2h) - 8f(x-h) + 8f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h}$$

**Second Order Numerical differentiation:**

3-point central difference formula (second derivative)

$$f''(x) \approx \frac{f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)}{h^2}$$

5-point formula for second derivative

$$f''(x) \approx \frac{-f(x-2h) + 16f(x-h) - 30f(x) + 16f(x+h) - f(x+2h)}{12h^2}$$

**Euler method**

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$$

**Boundary value problems:**

Finite difference method:

$$y_i' \approx \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h} \quad y_i'' \approx \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2}$$

**Numerical Integration:**

Trapezoidal rule:

$$\int_a^b f(x) d(x) \approx \frac{h}{2} \left[ f_0 + f_n + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_i \right]$$

Simpson's  $\frac{1}{3}$  rule:

$$\int_a^b f(x) d(x) \approx \frac{h}{3} \left[ f_0 + f_n + 4 \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} f_{2i-1} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{(n/2)-1} f_{2i} \right]$$

Simpson's  $\frac{3}{8}$  rule:

$$\int_a^b f(x) d(x) \approx \frac{3h}{8} \left[ f_0 + f_n + 3 \sum_{i=1}^{n/3} (f_{3i-2} + f_{3i-1}) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{(n/3)-1} f_{3i} \right]$$