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EMT212 – Computational Engineering
(Kejuruteraan Pengkomputeran)

Duration: 3 hours
(Masa: 3 Jam)

Please check that this examination paper consists of SIX (6) pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

[Sila pastikan bahawa kertas peperiksaan ini mengandungi ENAM (6) muka surat yang bercetak sebelum anda memulakan peperiksaan ini.]

Instructions: Answer ALL **FIVE (5)** questions.

[Arahan: Jawab **SEMUA LIMA (5)** soalan]

1. (a) Oscillating pressure measurements $u(t)$ from a turbine are taken over time t . The data best fits the curve as in **Figure 1**. State ONE advantage and TWO disadvantages of the Golden Section search method if it is used to find the minimum value in the data.

(3 marks)

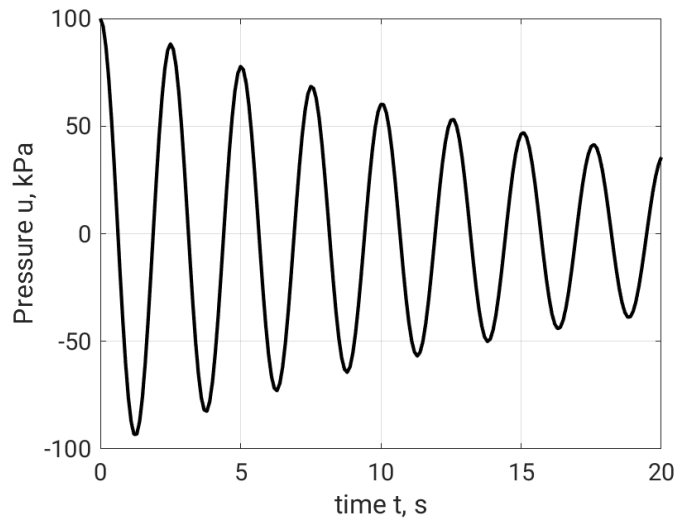


Figure 1

- (b) With the aid of a sketch, explain how the Lagrange multiplier can be used to find the shortest distance from the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) to the plane $ax + by + cz = d$. Do not show any calculations.

(2 marks)

- (c) Explain why the slack variables are necessary in solving an optimization problem with the simplex method.

(2 marks)

- (d) The continuity equation can be applied to describe the flow of crude-oil in a pipeline. With the aid of a sketch, explain why the divergence theorem can have used to derive the continuity equation for this application.

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2. Consider a right tetrahedron as shown in **Figure 2** where its vertices are at $(0,0,0)$, $(a,0,0)$, $(0,a,0)$, and $(0,0,a)$. The tetrahedron floats in water such that HALF of its height is in water. Assume its base is parallel to the surface of the water.

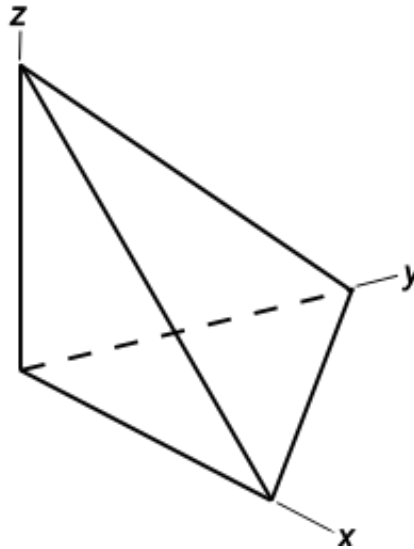


Figure 2

- (a) Sketch the vector field $\mathbf{f}(x, y, z)$ of force due to the water pressure on the immersed part of the tetrahedron. You may use a 2-D sketch to simplify the vector field. (6 marks)
- (b) Express the magnitude of the total force \mathbf{F} on the tetrahedron due to the water pressure in terms of the surface integral over the affected area. DO NOT evaluate the integral. (7 marks)
- (c) Use the divergence theorem to express the magnitude of the buoyancy in terms of a and the density of water ρ by evaluating the integrals. (7 marks)
3. Using the divergence theorem, derive the transient heat equation in the Appendix. (8 marks)
- (a) State at least TWO assumptions that validate the derivation. (5 marks)
- (b) State at least ONE condition to convert the equation into the steady-state equation. (2 marks)

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4. A long thin rod with a length of 10 cm, is insulated at all points except at its ends. At $t = 0$, the temperature of the rod is zero, and the left end of the wire is fixed at 60°C and the right end is fixed at 20°C for all times. The heat generation in the rod is absent and thermal conductivity of the rod is taken as $k = 0.925\text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$.

- (a) Write the mathematical expression, the initial condition, and the boundary conditions for the stated transient heat conduction problem.

(4 marks)

- (b) For the transient heat problem stated, find the temperature distribution of the rod using finite difference implicit method for 5 spatial and 3 temporal grid points. Let $\Delta x = 2.5\text{ cm}$. $\Delta t = 0.1\text{ s}$.

(24 marks)

- (c) Using central finite difference scheme, find the temperature distribution of the rod when it reached steady state conditions. Use 5 grid points for your calculations. Let $\Delta x = 2.5\text{ cm}$.

(8 marks)

- (d) Sketch the temperature distribution in the rod for $t = \{1, 2, 3\}\text{ s}$ and steady state condition in the same curve.

(4 marks)

5. A steady-state heat conduction problem in a 10-cm wire is governed by the following differential equation,

$$-2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = x$$

The left end of the wire is fixed at 10°C and the right end is fixed at 50°C .

This problem is to be solved using the central finite difference scheme and is discretized into **N** number of grid points. Write a **MATLAB code** to construct the system matrix **A** and vector **b** using **FOR** function.

DO NOT write the complete code to solve the linear system.

(15 marks)

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APPENDIX 1

1. Newton's Method

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f'(x_i)}{f''(x_i)}$$

2. Formulas for first finite differences

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x_i) &= \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})}{h} + O(h) \\ f'(x_i) &= \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{h} + O(h) \\ f'(x_i) &= \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1})}{2h} + O(h^2) \end{aligned}$$

3. Formulas for second finite differences

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x_i) &= \frac{f(x_{i+2}) - 2f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_i)}{h^2} + O(h) \\ f''(x_i) &= \frac{f(x_i) - 2f(x_{i-1}) + f(x_{i-2})}{h^2} + O(h) \\ f''(x_i) &= \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{h^2} + O(h^2) \end{aligned}$$

4. Heat equation

$$-\alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = Q(x, t)$$

5. Convective boundary condition

$$hu + ku' = hu_\infty$$

6. Discrete form of 1D Poisson's equation

$$-k \frac{u_{i-1} - 2u_i + u_{i+1}}{h^2} = f_i$$

7. Explicit and implicit methods for heat equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\lambda(u_{i+1}^l - 2u_i^l + u_{i-1}^l) &= u_i^{l+1} - u_i^l - sf_i^{l+1} \\ -\lambda u_{i+1}^{l+1} + (1 + 2\lambda)u_i^{l+1} - \lambda u_{i-1}^{l+1} &= u_i^l + sf_i^{l+1} \\ \lambda &= \frac{\alpha s}{h^2} \end{aligned}$$

8. Integrals of sine and cosine

$$\int \sin ax \, dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos ax + C$$

$$\int \cos ax \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin ax + C$$

9. Spherical coordinates

$$x = \rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta; \quad y = \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta; \quad z = \rho \cos \varphi$$

$$\rho \geq 0; \quad 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi$$

$$dV = \rho^2 \sin \varphi \, d\rho d\theta d\varphi$$

10. Cylindrical coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta; \quad y = r \sin \theta; \quad z = z$$

$$dV = r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta$$

11. Taylor series at point a

$$u(x) = u(a) + u'(a)(x-a) + u''(a) \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} + u'''(a) \frac{(x-a)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\dots + u^{(n)}(a) \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} + \dots$$

12. Volumes of selected shapes

Sphere: $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Tetrahedron: $\frac{a^3}{6\sqrt{2}}$

Cone: $\frac{1}{3}Ah$

13. Miscellaneous

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\oint_C M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

$$\oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{F}(x,y,z) \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\oint_S (\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \, dS = \iiint_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} \, dV$$