

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals  
Department of Mathematics, Math 371  
Exam II, Second Semester (222), 2022-2023  
Net Time Allowed: 90 minutes  
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1. Write clearly with a pen or dark pencil in the designed area for each question.
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9. Use 4 decimal places in your calculations.

1. **(8 points)** To construct a clamped cubic spline  $S(x)$  that passes through the points  $(1,1)$ ,  $(2,4)$ , and  $(4,8)$ , where  $S'(1) = 2$  and  $S'(4) = 6$ , one need first to solve the system  $Ax = b$  where  $x = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A$  and  $b$ .

2. **(8 points)** Given the following data to find the least squares polynomial of degree two that approximates the data:

$x_i$	1	2	3	5
$y_i$	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.6

Find the system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  where  $x = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . do not solve the system.

3. **(10 points)** Trapezoidal rule applied to  $\int_0^2 f(x)dx$  gives the value 4 and  $f(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then, approximating the integral by Simpson's rule.

4. **(10 points)** Given  $f(x) = \ln x$ , suppose  $f'(8.5)$  is to be approximated by the forward difference formula with error at most  $10^{-3}$ . What is the maximum possible value of  $h$ ?

5. **(12 points)** a) Show that the initial-value problem

$$y' = \frac{\sin(2t - 2ty)}{t^2}, \quad 1 \leq t \leq 2, \quad y(1) = 2, \quad y \in R.$$

has a unique solution.

- b) Consider the initial-value problem given in (a) with the exact solution  $y(t) = 1/2 \sin(2t) - 1/3 \cos(3t) + 4/3$ . Compute the error bound for  $|y(1.5) - w_1|$ . (Hint:  $h = 0.5$ .)

6. **(10 points)** The population of termites  $y(t)$  (in thousands) in a tree grows at day. A pesticide is applied to the tree to eliminate the termites. As a result, the population of termites  $y(t)$  satisfies

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y - 3e^{-\frac{1}{3}t}$$

It is estimated that there are 2.5 thousands termites in the tree when pesticide applied ( $t = 0$ ).

- a) Use Euler's method with steps of  $h = 0.5$  to estimate the amount of termites (in thousands). Fill in the table with the appropriate approximations.

$t_i$ (in days)	0	0.5	1
$w_i$ (in thousands)	2.5		

- b) Consider the initial-value problem given in (a) with the exact solution  $y(t) = \frac{e^t}{4} + \frac{9e^{-\frac{4t}{3}}}{4}e^t$ . Compute the actual errors in the approximation of  $y(t)$ .

7. **(12 points)** A natural cubic spline  $S(x)$  on  $[1, 3]$  is defined by

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} S_0(x) = 1 + a(x - 1) - b(x - 1)^3, & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2. \\ S_1(x) = 1 + c(x - 2) - \frac{3}{4}(x - 2)^2 + d(x - 2)^3, & \text{if } 2 \leq x \leq 3 \end{cases}$$

If  $S(x)$  interpolant the data  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1)$ , and  $(3, 0)$ , find  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$ .



8. **(10 points)** A car runs from the beginning to the end of a race track, within 18 seconds. The car speed at each 6-second interval is recorded and is given from the beginning of the race, in feet per second, by the entries in the following table.

Time	0	6	12	18
Speed	124	134	148	156

Approximate the length of the track. (Hint: distance is the antiderivative of speed.)

