

**King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals**  
**Department of Mathematics & Statistics**  
**Math 472 Major Exam 1 (211)**

**Time Allowed : 120 Minutes**

---

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec #: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

---

- Mobiles are not allowed in this exam.
  - Answers should be neat, clear, and legible.
  - Show all steps
  - Write your answers in six significant digits
- 

Question #	Marks	Maximum Marks
1		14
2		14
3		10
4		15
5		12
6		10
Total		75

**Q1** (4+5+5 points) Consider  $f(x) = e^x$  and the nodes  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 2$  and  $x_3 = 3$ . Use Forward divided differences to construct the polynomials of degree ONE, TWO, and THREE.

Note:  $\Delta f(x_0) = f(x_1) - f(x_0)$ , and  $P_n(x) = f[x_0] + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{s}{k} \Delta^k f(x_0)$ .

Table 1: Time, Distance and Speed data of a moving car

Time	0	2
Distance	0	100
Speed	10	50

**Q2** (10+2+2 points) Data given in table 1 is obtained from a moving car on a straight road.

- (a) Use divided differences to construct a Hermite polynomial for the data.
- (b) Use that polynomial to predict the distance and speed of the car at  $t = 1$  seconds.
- (c) Find the predicted maximum speed for the car during the time period  $[0, 2]$ .

**Q3** (10 points) Use Lagrange interpolating polynomial to derive the Trapezoidal rule

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{2}[f(a) + f(b)] - \frac{h^3}{12}f''(\xi)$$

**Q4** (8+3+4 points) Consider the integral  $\int_1^4 x \ln x \, dx$ .

(a) Approximate the integral using composite Simpson's rule with  $N=6$ .

(b) Compute the absolute error between Exact and Numerical solutions.

(c) Determine value of  $h$  that will assure value of error less than  $10^{-5}$ . Use  $Error = -\frac{b-a}{180}h^4 f^4(\xi)$

**Q5** (6+6 points) Use the following formula and Richardson's extrapolation to construct formulas of order  $O(h^4)$  and  $O(h^6)$

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)}{2h} - \frac{h^2}{3!} f^{(3)}(x_0) - \frac{h^4}{5!} f^{(5)}(x_0) - \frac{h^6}{7!} f^{(7)}(x_0) - \dots$$

Use these formula to approximate  $f'(2)$  when  $f(x) = xe^x$  and  $h = 0.2$ . Find absolute error for these formulas. Use 6 decimal places in your calculations.

**Q6** (10 points) Use Gaussian quadrature of order TWO to approximate the integral  $\int_1^{1.5} x^2 e^{-x} dx$ .

Note:  $t_i = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$  and  $x = \frac{(b-a)t + a + b}{2}$