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APPLIED MATHEMATICS
AMAT 27582 – Scientific Computing using Appropriate Software II

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Instructions to candidates

Programmable Calculators Are Not Allowed

Answer only **Four (04)** Questions. **Question 01** is **compulsory** and **THREE** other questions should be attempted from rest of the four questions.
 You are **not allowed** to remove any page from this booklet.

1. Answer **ALL** the following multiple-choice questions by writing the letter corresponding to the correct answer in the table provided below.

Note: Only one letter can be written in each box for each question.

Question No.	Answer
(i)	
(ii)	
(iii)	
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(v)	

Question No.	Answer
(vi)	
(vii)	
(viii)	
(ix)	
(x)	

- (i) Which syntax is used to print a new line in a `fprintf` command?
- A. `\nl` B. `\\n` C. `\n` D. `\new` E. `\nt`
- (ii) Which of the following MATLAB functions can be used for polynomial curve fitting of arbitrary degree?
- A. `fitpoly` D. `lsqcurvefit`
 B. `polyval` E. `fminsearch`
 C. `polyfit`
- (iii) What is the transformed linear form of the saturation growth rate model $y = \frac{ax}{b+x}$?
- A. $\ln(y) = \ln(a) + bx$ D. $\ln(y) = ax^b$
 B. $y = a + bx$ E. $\frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{a}$
 C. $\frac{1}{y} = \frac{b}{ax} + \frac{1}{a}$

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(iv) What is the disadvantage of linearizing a nonlinear model for regression?

- A. Reducing computational cost
- B. Increasing model complexity
- C. Biased parameter estimations
- D. Overfitting the original data
- E. None of the above

(v) Which syntax will solve for the following differential equation using the built-in function **ode45** with a time interval of 0 to 5 ?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3y + t, \quad y(0) = 1.$$

- A. `[t, y] = ode45(@(t, y) 3*y + t, [0 5], 0);`
- B. `[t, y] = ode45(@(t, y) 3*y + t, [0 5], 1);`
- C. `[t, y] = ode45(@(t, y) 3y + t, [0 5], 1);`
- D. `[t, y] = ode45(@(t, y) 3*y + t, [0 1], 5);`
- E. `[t, y] = ode45(@(y, t) 3*y + t, [0 5], 1);`

(vi) What does the following code compute?

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x = 0:0.1:1;  
y = x.^2;  
trapz(x, y);
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- A. The area under the curve $y = x^2$ from 0 to 1
- B. The area under the curve $y = x^2$ from 0 to 0.1
- C. Derivative of the function x^2
- D. Simpson's rule integration of x^2
- E. Tripoidal integration of the curve $y = 2x$

(vii) Suppose that **A** represents the coefficient matrix and **b** represents the right-hand side vector of a given linear system of equations. In MATLAB, which syntax is used to solve the system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$?

- A. `x=b\A` B. `x=b*inv(A)` C. `x=A\b` D. `solve(A,b)` E. `A*x==b`

(viii) Which MATLAB function is used for one-dimensional optimization?

- A. `fminsearch`
- B. `fminbnd`
- C. `fzero`
- D. `lsqcurvefit`
- E. `linprog`

(ix) What is extrapolation?

- A. Estimating values inside data bounds
- B. Estimating values beyond given data range
- B. Smoothing noisy data
- D. Differentiating discrete data
- F. Finding outliers of a given data set

(x) What condition is required for guaranteed convergence of iterative methods?

- A. Matrix must be symmetric
- B. Matrix must be diagonally dominant
- C. Matrix must be singular
- D. Matrix must be sparse
- E. None of the above

2.

(a) Write down a MATLAB script file to obtain the plots of the following functions $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$:

$$f_1(x) = \frac{e^x \cos(\pi x)}{(x^2 + 3)}, \quad f_2(x) = e^{-0.1x} \sin(2\pi x) \quad x \in [0, 5].$$

Your code should contain the following specifications:

- i Create **50** equally spaced points in the interval **[0, 5]** and assign it to the variable **x** .
- ii Define f_1 and f_2 using anonymous function in MATLAB.
- iii Evaluate the functions at x .
- iv Plot the graph of f_1 as red solid line and f_2 as green dash line in the same figure.
- v Plot should contain a legend and axes should be labeled.

(b)

- i Using backward substitution or otherwise, write a MATLAB script file to

solve $Ax = b$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$.

- ii Modify the required lines of your code to get user input for the vector b .

3.

(a) Write a MATLAB script file to find the minimum of the function $f(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + 4$ near $x = -1$ using the built-in function *fminunc*. You need to obtain the function value at the minimum point to be determined.

(b) A hot object is cooling in a room at temperature $T_{room} = 20^\circ C$. According to **Newton's Law of Cooling**, the rate of temperature change of the object is proportional to the difference between the object's temperature and the room temperature:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_{room}),$$

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Given that the initial object temperature $T(0) = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the constant $k = 0.1$. Write a MATLAB script file to

- i find the temperature over time from $t = 0$ to $t = 60$ minutes using `ODE45()`,
- ii plot the temperature distribution vs time.
- iii Use `fprint` command to print in the final time to one decimal place and the corresponding temperature to four decimal places.

4. The composite midpoint rule which approximate integral $I = \int_a^b f(x)dx$ is given by

$$I = h \left(\sum_{j=1}^n f(x_j) \right); \quad h = \frac{(b-a)}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad x_j = a + \left(j - \frac{1}{2}\right)h$$

where n is the number of subintervals in $[a, b]$ interval.

- (a) Write a MATLAB function file `composite_midpoint_rule.m` to implement the above method.
- (b) Write a MATLAB script file to evaluate the following integral

$$\int_1^3 \ln(x+1)dx$$

using the function file `composite_midpoint_rule.m` with $n = 10$.

- (c) Use the MATLAB built-in function `quad()` to verify the result obtained in part (b).

5. The following table contains some data representing a relationship between hours studied and test scores of an experiment conducted for a particular group of students.

Hours Studied (x)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Test scores (y)	52	55	61	66	71	75	77

Suppose that you want to fit a linear regression model of the type $y = a_1x + a_0$ and obtain the goodness of fit R^2 value in the usual notation to the given data set above. The corresponding formula for obtaining slope a_1 , intercept a_0 and R^2 are given below:

$$a_1 = \frac{n \sum x_i y_i - \sum x_i \sum y_i}{n \sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2}, \quad a_0 = \bar{y} - a_1 \bar{x}, \quad R^2 = 1 - \left(\frac{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{\sum (y_i - a_0 - a_1 x_i)^2} \right)$$

Where $(\bar{\cdot})$ represents the mean value of the data set and n is the length of the data set.

- (a) Write a MATLAB function file `Linear_regression.m` by taking x, y as inputs to output the values a_1, a_0 and R^2 .
- (b) Write a MATLAB script file to obtain the corresponding linear model for the above data set.
- (c) Explain how you would determine the accuracy of the model based on R^2 value of the fit.

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