

<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>S 2004 M172 : Numerical PDE</b>
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**Instructions:** Read all instructions carefully. Write your name and student number above. Clearly indicate your answers & show all your work on your answer sheet. For many problems partial credit is available. 6 Problems worth 100 Points.

**Grading Notes:** For those questions with multiple parts, please circle or box your answers so that I do not have to search for them.

**Problems. Show all work on your answer sheets. Partial credit is available.**

P1 (10 pnts) Give a discretization of the one dimensional elliptic “P”DE

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} = f & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) = 0 \\ u(1) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Your discretization should be of the form

$$AU = b$$

By Taylor’s theorem, what is the size of the discretization error?

P2 (10 pnts) Give *either* the Ritz (weak) formulation or the Galerkin (weak) formulation of the PDE

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla^2 u = f & \text{on } \Omega, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

You do *not* need to give both, or derive either, or show they are equivalent.

P3 (20 pnts) Suppose you are trying to solve the linear system

$$Ax = b,$$

where A is an  $n \times n$  symmetric, positive definite matrix.

- (a) Define what “positive definite” means.
- (b) Give pseudocode for one of the following iterative solvers:
  - i. Jacobi,
  - ii. Gauss Seidel,
  - iii. Steepest Descent,
  - iv. Conjugate Gradient Method.

You need only give pseudocode for *one* of these methods. You may assume that the initial iterate,  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ , is given as input to the algorithm. Your algorithm should calculate the  $k^{\text{th}}$  iterate, where  $k$  is input to the algorithm.

P4 (20 pnts) Let  $A$  be a symmetric, positive definite,  $n \times n$  matrix, with  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  the discretization of an elliptic PDE. Consider the iterative method

$$Q\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = (Q - \omega A)\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \omega\mathbf{b}.$$

(a) Show that

$$\mathbf{e}^{(k+1)} = (\mathbf{I} - \omega Q^{-1}A)\mathbf{e}^{(k)}.$$

(b) Show that a necessary and sufficient condition for convergence of this method is that the spectral radius of  $\mathbf{I} - \omega Q^{-1}A$  be less than 1. (*Recall:* the spectral radius of a matrix  $B$  is the maximal value of  $|\lambda|$  for  $\lambda$  an eigenvalue of  $B$ .)

P5 (30 pnts) Let  $A$  be a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix. We wish to solve the problem

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}.$$

by using the iteration

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = (\mathbf{I} - \omega A)\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \omega\mathbf{b}.$$

Suppose that the eigenvalues of  $A$  are all in the interval  $[3/4, 7/8]$ . Let  $\mathbf{e}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}$  solves the linear system.

- Find upper and lower bounds on the eigenvalues of  $B = \mathbf{I} - \omega A$ .
- Pick the  $\omega$  such that the spectral radius of  $B$  is minimized.
- For your  $\omega$ , give an upper bound on  $\|\mathbf{e}^{(k+1)}\|_2 / \|\mathbf{e}^{(k)}\|_2$ .
- Suppose we can find  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  such that  $\|\mathbf{e}^{(0)}\|_2 \leq 1$ . How many iterations are needed to obtain an approximate solution with accuracy of  $1 \times 10^{-10}$ ? (*Hint:* if you have forgotten your calculator, you may use the fact that  $\log_{10}(13)$  is very close to  $10/9$ .)

P6 (10 pnts) State some substantive question which you thought might appear on this exam, but did not. Answer this question (correctly).