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COURSE NAME: ADVANCED COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 hours

Answer All Questions in Section A. Choose two (2) Questions in section B.

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## Section A

Answer all questions in this section.

### Question 1

Evaluate the following expressions by writing a Fortran program for each, printing out the answers on the screen.

(a)  $y = s^2 + r^3$ , where  $s = \cos x$ ,  $r = e^x$  and  $x = 0.5$ .

[3 marks]

(b)  $y = \tanh(f(z))$ , where  $f(z) = \log \sqrt{\frac{1+z}{1-z}}$ , and  $z = \frac{1}{2}$

[4 marks]

(c)  $y = \cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta)$ , where  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

[3 marks]

(d)  $y = \sin^{-1}(x) + \cos^{-1}(x)$ , for any value of  $x$ .

[5 marks]

## Question 2

Give the output of the following programs. (Or mark NO OUTPUT if the program won't compile or doesn't output anything.) You don't need to include leading or trailing blanks. For real values, assume outputs have 4 digits to the right of the decimal point by default.

```
(a) PROGRAM meloveprog
2    IMPLICIT NONE
3    write(*,*) "I love programming!"
4    END PROGRAM meloveprog
```

[2 marks]

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(b) PROGRAM mevarassn
2    IMPLICIT NONE
3    INTEGER :: woop
4    woop = 10
5    write(*,*) 'woop = ', woop
6    END PROGRAM mevarassn
```

[3 marks]

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(c) PROGRAM meif
2    IMPLICIT NONE
3    INTEGER :: input1, input2
4    read(*,*) input1, input2
5    write(*,*) "Lookie!"
6    IF (input1 < input2) THEN
7        write(*,*) "The first is less!"
8    ELSE IF (input1 > input2) THEN
9        write(*,*) "The first is greater!"
10    ELSE
11        write(*,*) "Huh?"
12    END IF
13    write(*,*) "Get lost!"
14    END PROGRAM meif
```

with the following input;

(i) {2, 3}

[3 marks]

(ii) {22, 22}

[3 marks]

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(d) PROGRAM medonest
  2   IMPLICIT NONE
  3   INTEGER :: i, j, aggregate = 0
  4   DO j = 1, 2
  5     DO i = 1, 3
  6       aggregate = aggregate + (j * i)
  7     END DO
  8   END DO
  9   write(*,*) aggregate
10  END PROGRAM medonest

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[4 marks]

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(e) PROGRAM meexpr5
  2   IMPLICIT NONE
  3   LOGICAL :: p = .TRUE., q = .FALSE., r
  4   r = (p .AND. q) .OR. (p .EQV. q)
  5   write(*,*) r
  6  END PROGRAM meexpr5

```

[5 marks]

### Question 3

- (a) The simple program below is written to read in the radius and calculate the area of the corresponding circle and volume of the sphere.

```
1  ! *****
2  program Circle
3  ! *****
4  implicit none
5  real*8 PI,r,A,V
6
7  PI=4.0d0*atan(1.0d0)
8  write(*,*) 'please enter the value of thr radius,r'
9  read(*,*) r
10
11  A=PI*r**2
12  V=4*PI*r**3
13  write(*,*) 'The area is ,', A
14  write(*,*) 'The Volume is ,', V
15 end
```

- (i) Modify this program such that it stops with a warning if the radius given is negative.

[4 marks]

- (ii) Modify the program such that it computes a complex value of the volume and area, given a complex value of the radius.

[4 marks]

- (b) Modify the code in (a) such that it reads  $10\text{cm} \leq r \leq 20\text{cm}$ , in steps of  $0.2\text{cm}$  from a file and writes out the area and a volume in another file.

[7 marks]

## Section B

Choose two (2) questions in this section

### Question 4

A classical numerical problem is the summation series to evaluate a function. Consider the infinite series for  $\sin x$ ;

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \cdots \approx \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$$

For  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$  radians (choose 30 values in this interval with equal spacing) compute the  $\sin x$  using the above approximation. Choose your  $N$  such that  $\left| \frac{n^{th} \text{ term}}{\text{sum}} \right| \leq 10^{-15}$ . Compare your results with the "exact" value obtained from the intrinsic function 'sin  $x$ ' in a table, also showing  $x$  in radians and degrees. Plot your results in a well labelled graph.

[25 marks]

### Question 5

The temperature distribution  $u(x, t)$  in a thin rod satisfies equation

$$\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

with boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0.$$

The initial temperature distribution at  $t = 0$  is given by the function

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0.5 & \text{if } x \in [x_1, x_2] \\ 0.3 & \text{if } x \notin [x_1, x_2] \end{cases}$$

where  $x_1 = 0.25$  and  $x_2 = 0.75$ . Calculate the temperature distribution  $u(x, t_f)$  for  $t_f = 0.0001, 0.001, 0.01, 0.05$ . Take  $N_x = 100$  and  $N_t = 1000$ .

[25 marks]

## Question 6

In the appendix the program LaplaceEq.f90 computes the electrostatic potential around conductors. The computation is performed on a square lattice of linear dimension  $L$ . A relaxation method is used to converge to the solution of Laplace equation for the potential. Construct the corresponding plots of  $V(i, j)$  for;

(a)  $L = 31, V_1 = 100, V_2 = 100$

[12 marks]

(b)  $L = 20, V_1 = 100, V_2 = 0$

[13 marks]



# Appendix

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1 program laplace_em
2 implicit none
3 !P defines the size of the arrays and is equal to L
4 integer,parameter :: P=31
5 logical,dimension(P,P) :: isConductor
6 real(8),dimension(P,P) :: V
7 !V1 and V2 are the values of the potential on the interior
8 !conductors. epsilon is the accuracy desired for the convergence
9 !of the relaxation method in subroutine laplace()
10 real(8) :: V1,V2,epsilon
11 integer :: L
12
13 !We ask the user to provide the necessary data: V1,V2 and epsilon
14 L = P
15 write(*,*) 'Enter V1,V2: '
16 read(*,*) V1,V2
17 write(*,*) 'Enter epsilon: '
18 read(*,*) epsilon
19 write(*,*) 'Starting Laplace: '
20 write(*,*) 'Grid Size= ',L
21 write(*,*) 'Conductors set at V1= ',V1,' V2= ',V2
22 write(*,*) 'Relaxing with accuracy epsilon= ',epsilon
23 !The arrays V and isConductor are initialized
24 call initialize_lattice(V,isConductor,L,V1,V2)
25 !We enter initialized V,isConductor. On exit the
26 !routine gives the solution V
27 call laplace(V,isConductor,L,epsilon)
28 !We print V in a file.
29 call print_results(V,L)
30
31 end program laplace_em
32 !*****
33 !subroutine initialize_lattice
34 !Initializes arrays V(L,L) and isConductor(L,L).
35 !V(L,L)= 0.0 and isConductor(L,L)= .FALSE. by default
36 !isConductor(i,j)= .TRUE. on boundary of lattice where V=0
37 !isConductor(i,j)= .TRUE. on sites with i= L/3+1, 5<= j <= L-5
38 !isConductor(i,j)= .TRUE. on sites with i=2*L/3+1, 5<= j <= L-5
39 !V(i,j) = V1 on all sites with i= L/3+1, 5<= j <= L-5
40 !V(i,j) = V2 on all sites with i=2*L/3+1, 5<= j <= L-5
41 !V(i,j) = 0 on boundary (i=1,L and j=1,L)
42 !V(i,j) = 0 on interior sites with isConductor(i,j)= .FALSE.
43 !INPUT:
44 !integer L: Linear size of lattice
45 !real(8) V1,V2: Values of potential on interior conductors
46 !OUTPUT:
47 !real(8) V(L,L): Array provided by user. Values of potential
48 !logical isConductor(L,L): If .TRUE. site has fixed potential
49 ! If .FALSE. site is empty space
50 !*****
51 subroutine initialize_lattice(V,isConductor,L,V1,V2)
52 implicit none
53 integer :: L
54 logical,dimension(L,L) :: isConductor
55 real(8),dimension(L,L) :: V
56 real(8) :: V1,V2

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57 integer :: i,j
58
59 !Initialize to 0 and .FALSE (default values for boundary and
60 !interior sites).
61 V = 0.0D0
62 isConductor = .FALSE.
63 !We set the boundary to be a conductor: (V=0 by default)
64 do i=1,L
65 isConductor(1,i) = .TRUE.
66 isConductor(i,1) = .TRUE.
67 isConductor(L,i) = .TRUE.
68 isConductor(i,L) = .TRUE.
69 enddo
70 !We set two conductors at given potential V1 and V2
71 do i=5,L-5
72 V ( L/3+1,i) = V1
73 isConductor( L/3+1,i) = .TRUE.
74 V (2*L/3+1,i) = V2
75 isConductor(2*L/3+1,i) = .TRUE.
76 enddo
77
78 end subroutine initialize_lattice
79 !*****
80 !subroutine laplace
81 !Uses a relaxation method to compute the solution of the Laplace
82 !equation for the electrostatic potential on a 2 dimensional
83 !squarelattice of linear size L.
84 !At every sweep of the lattice we compute the average Vav of the
85 !potential at each site (i,j) and we immediately update V(i,j)
86 !The computation continues until Max |Vav-V(i,j)| < epsilon
87 !INPUT:
88 !integer L: Linear size of lattice
89 !real(8) V(L,L): Value of the potential at each site
90 !logical isConductor(L,L): If .TRUE. potential is fixed
91 ! If .FALSE. potential is updated
92 !real(8) epsilon: if Max |Vav-V(i,j)| < epsilon return to
93 !callingprogram.
94 !OUTPUT:
95 !real(8) V(L,L): The computed solution for the potential
96 !*****
97 subroutine laplace(V,isConductor,L,epsilon)
98 implicit none
99 integer :: L
100 logical,dimension(L,L) :: isConductor
101 real(8),dimension(L,L) :: V
102 real(8) :: epsilon
103 integer :: i,j,icount
104 real(8) :: Vav,error,dV
105
106 icount = 0 !counts number of sweeps
107 do while (.TRUE.) !an infinite loop:
108 error = 0.0D0 !Exit when error<epsilon
109 do j=2,L-1
110 do i=2,L-1
111 !We change V only for non conductors:
112 if( .NOT. isConductor(i,j))then
113 Vav = ( V(i-1,j)+V(i+1,j)+V(i,j+1)+V(i,j-1)) * 0.25D0
114 dV = DABS(V(i,j)-Vav)

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115     if(error .LT. dV ) error = dV !maximum error
116     V(i,j) = Vav           ! we immediately update V(i,j)
117     endif
118     enddo
119     enddo
120     icount = icount + 1
121     write(*,*) icount, ' err= ',error
122     if( error .LT. epsilon) return !return to main program
123     enddo
124
125 end subroutine laplace
126 !*****
127 !subroutine print_results
128 !Prints the array V(L,L) in file "data"
129 !The format of the output is appropriate for the splot function
130 !of gnuplot: Each time i changes an empty line is printed.
131 !INPUT:
132 !integer L: size of array V
133 !real(8) V(L,L): array to be printed
134 !OUTPUT:
135 !no output
136 !*****
137 subroutine print_results(V,L)
138 implicit none
139 integer          :: L
140 real(8),dimension(L,L) :: V
141 integer          :: i,j
142
143 open(unit=11,file="data")
144 do i=1,L
145   do j =1,L
146     write(11,*)i,j,V(i,j)
147   enddo
148   write (11,*)'' !print empty line for gnuplot, separate isolines
149 enddo
150
151 end subroutine print_results

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