



Answer the following problems (Full mark 100 pts)

1. (a) [5 pts] Give the definition of the fractional derivative operator (of Caputo sense) $D^\alpha f(t)$, $t > 0$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, discuss its existence and then discuss the validity of the following relations

- $D^\alpha D^\beta f(t) = D^{\alpha+\beta} f(t)$, $\alpha + \beta \in (1, 2)$
- $D^\alpha I^\beta f(t) = I^{\beta-\alpha} f(t)$, $\beta > \alpha$
- $D^\alpha I^\alpha f(t) = I^\alpha D^\alpha f(t) = f(t)$

- (b) [5 pts] Give the definition of the Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative operator $*D_\cdot^\alpha f(t)$, $t > 0$, discuss its existence and prove that for any constant $k \neq 0$, then $*D_\cdot^\alpha k \neq 0$, while $D^\alpha k = 0$.
- (c) [5 pts] Using two methods, find the solution of the fractional initial value problem $D^\alpha x(t) = \mu x(t)$, $t > 0$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $x(0) = x_0$, then prove that this solution satisfies the problem. Also, study the continuation of the solution ($\alpha \rightarrow 1$).

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2. Given the problem $-\Delta u + 5u = f$ in Ω , $u = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$, where f is a smooth function.

- (a) [5 pts] Define the space of solution.
- (b) [5 pts] Write the weak formula corresponding to the given problem.
- (c) [5 pts] State and prove Lax-Milgram theorem for this problem.
- (d) [5 pts] Write the matrix form of the solution of the problem by Ritz method with the basis $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \dots, \varphi_n$.

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3. [5 pts] State without proof:

- (i) The discrete and continuous forms of Gronwall's inequality,
(ii) Schwarz and Young's inequalities.

4. Given the problem $u_t - 4u_{xx} = f$ in $Q_T \equiv (0, 1) \times (0, T)$, where f is a smooth enough function and $Q_T = \Omega \times I$, $\Omega \equiv (0, 1)$, $\partial\Omega \equiv \{0, 1\}$, $I \equiv (0, T)$. The problem is associated with the Dirichlet boundary condition

$$u = 0, \quad (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times I,$$

and the initial condition $u(x, 0) = \sin \pi x$, $x \in \Omega$.

- (a) [5 pts] What is the weak solution of this problem?
 (b) [5 pts] Define Roth's solution and the corresponding step functions.
 (c) [5 pts] Derive the a priori estimates of the approximate solution.
 (d) [5 pts] Discuss the convergence and the error estimates of the approximate solution.

5. [10 pts] Apply Galerkin method to solve the boundary value problem

$$-u'' = \cos x, \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = 0,$$

with the basis

$$\sin x, \quad \frac{\sin 2x}{2}, \quad \frac{\sin 3x}{3}, \quad \frac{\sin 4x}{4}, \quad \dots$$

6. [10 pts] For all real numbers a_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, prove that

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (a_i - a_{i-1}) = a_n^2 - a_0^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - a_{i-1})^2$$

7. [20 pts] Let Ω be a rectangle $ABCD$ given in the following figure. Consider the problem $-\Delta u + 4u = f(x, y)$ in Ω , associated with the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 0, & \text{on } AD, & & u &= 5 & \text{on } BC, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + u &= 5, & \text{on } DC, & & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 2u &= 6 & \text{on } AB \end{aligned}$$

Write the weak formula for this boundary value problem. Discuss the existence and uniqueness of the approximate solution.

