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Module 4M13

COMPLEX ANALYSIS AND OPTIMIZATION

*Answer not more than three questions.*

*The questions may be taken from any section.*

*All questions carry the same number of marks.*

*The approximate percentage of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

*Attachment:*

*4M13 datasheet (4 pages).*

*Answers to Sections A and B should be tied together and handed in separately.*

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Single-sided script paper

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Engineering Data Book

CUED approved calculator allowed

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printed on the subsequent pages of this  
question paper until instructed that you  
may do so by the Invigilator**

## SECTION A

- 1 (a) The impulse response function of a dynamic system is given by the integral

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\omega_n^2 + 2i\beta\omega_n\omega - \omega^2} d\omega$$

where  $\omega_n$  is the natural frequency of the system and  $\beta$  is the damping ratio ( $\beta \ll 1$ ). By using contour integration, evaluate the impulse response function, carefully distinguishing between the cases  $t < 0$  and  $t > 0$ . [50%]

- (b) The following result can be obtained by elementary methods of integration

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Confirm this result by considering the following contour integral in the complex plane

$$J = \oint_{C_1+C_2+C_3+C_4} \frac{\ln(z)}{1+z^2} dz$$

Here  $C_1$  is a small circle around the origin,  $C_2$  lies just above the positive real axis,  $C_3$  is a circle of infinite radius centred on the origin, and  $C_4$  lies just below the real axis. [50%]

2 (a) The function  $f(z) = u + iv$  is an analytic function of the complex variable  $z = x + iy$ . The Cauchy-Riemann equations which relate  $u$  and  $v$  are given by

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

(i) Explain the considerations which lead to the Cauchy-Riemann equations and hence derive these equations. [20%]

(ii) The real part of an analytic function is  $u = 2xy$ . Deduce the complex part of the function and hence find the complete function  $f(z)$ . [20%]

(b) Briefly describe what is meant by a Laurent series expansion of a complex function and compare this to a Taylor series expansion. [10%]

(c) A function  $f(z)$  has the form

$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z-a)^3}$$

where  $g(z)$  has no singularities.

(i) Expand  $g(z)$  about the point  $z = a$  using a Taylor series, and hence derive the first four terms in the Laurent series expansion of  $f(z)$  about this point. Deduce the value of the residue of  $f(z)$  at  $z = a$ . [20%]

(ii) Evaluate the following integral

$$J = \text{P.V.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ix}}{(x-2)^3} dx \quad [30\%]$$

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## SECTION B

3 (a) Starting from the Taylor series expansion for the value of a function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  at a point  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}$  near a point  $\mathbf{x}_k$ , derive Newton's Method, i.e. show that successive estimates of the location of the minimum of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  are given by

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k - H(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

where  $\nabla f$  is the gradient of  $f$  and  $H$  is its Hessian.

Briefly discuss some of the advantages and disadvantages of Newton's Method. [30%]

To minimise the bearing load  $F$  of a dual bailer twister drive mechanism an engineer can adjust  $L$ , the distance between the traverse bar and the mechanism pivot, and  $R$ , the distance from the pivot to the attachment point of the connecting rod.

Analysis shows that

$$F \propto \frac{2}{u} \left( \frac{J}{L^2} + \frac{mL}{3} + M_1 \right) + M_2 u$$

where  $u = R/L$ ,  $J$  is the mechanism's effective moment of inertia,  $m$  is the mass per unit length of the arm connecting the mechanism to the traverse bar,  $M_1$  is the mass of the twister and  $M_2$  is the mass of the connecting rod.

For the design under consideration  $J = 2 \text{ kgm}^2$ ,  $m = 3 \text{ kgm}^{-1}$ ,  $M_1 = 8 \text{ kg}$  and  $M_2 = 5 \text{ kg}$ .

(b) Taking the control variables to be  $L$  and  $u$ , complete one iteration of Newton's Method from an initial solution  $L_1 = 1 \text{ m}$  and  $u_1 = 1$ . [45%]

(c) Using appropriate optimality criteria find the values of  $L$  and  $u$  that minimise  $F$ , and hence comment on the performance of Newton's Method observed in (b). [25%]

- 4 (a) Explain with illustrative examples how *slack variables* can be used to convert inequality constraints into equality constraints in linear programming problems. [10%]

A manufacturer produces two products A and B. Both products are made from raw materials C and D. To produce 1 kg of product A requires 0.4 kg of C and 0.6 kg of D. To produce 1 kg of product B requires 0.5 kg of C and 0.5 kg of D. The manufacturer has 100 kg of C and 80 kg of D available. Product A sells at a profit of £12 per kg, while product B sells at a profit of £10 per kg. The manufacturer's agent reports that in the current market he can sell up to 70 kg of product A and 120 kg of product B.

- (b) Set up a linear programming problem in standard form to identify how much of each product the manufacturer should produce to maximise profit. Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be the amounts of A and B produced respectively. Include slack variables as required to handle inequality constraints. [20%]

- (c) Solve the linear programming problem set up in (b) using phase 2 of the Simplex Method. A suitable initial feasible solution is one in which  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$  and slack variables take appropriate values. [70%]

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**OPTIMIZATION**  
**DATA SHEET**

**1. Taylor Series Expansion**

For one variable:

$$f(x) = f(x^*) + (x - x^*)f'(x^*) + \frac{1}{2}(x - x^*)^2 f''(x^*) + R$$

For several variables:

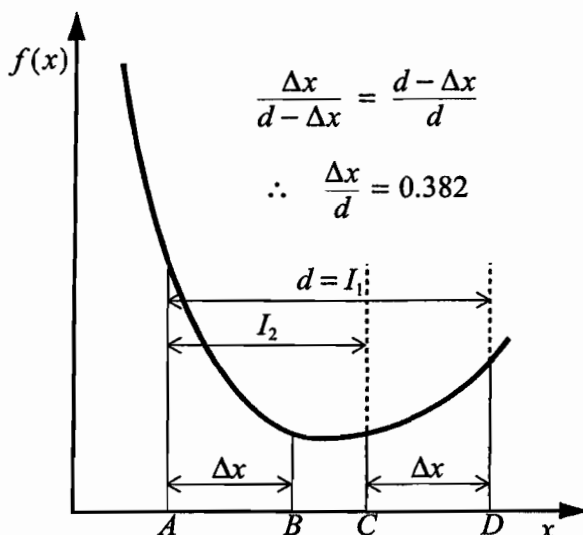
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*)^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^*) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) + R$$

where

$$\text{gradient } \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and hessian } \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla(\nabla f(\mathbf{x})) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}^*)$  is a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix and  $R$  includes all higher order terms.

**2. Golden Section Method**



$$\frac{\Delta x}{d - \Delta x} = \frac{d - \Delta x}{d}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta x}{d} = 0.382$$

- (a) Evaluate  $f(x)$  at points  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ .
- (b) If  $f(B) < f(C)$ , new interval is  $A - C$ .  
If  $f(B) > f(C)$ , new interval is  $B - D$ .  
If  $f(B) = f(C)$ , new interval is either  $A - C$  or  $B - D$ .
- (c) Evaluate  $f(x)$  at new interior point. If not converged, go to (b).

### 3. Newton's Method

- (a) Select starting point  $\mathbf{x}_0$
- (b) Determine search direction  $\mathbf{d}_k = -\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$
- (c) Determine new estimate  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{d}_k$
- (d) Test for convergence. If not converged, go to step (b)

### 4. Steepest Descent Method

- (a) Select starting point  $\mathbf{x}_0$
- (b) Determine search direction  $\mathbf{d}_k = -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)$
- (c) Perform line search to determine step size  $\alpha_k$  or evaluate  $\alpha_k = \frac{\mathbf{d}_k^T \mathbf{d}_k}{\mathbf{d}_k^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}_k) \mathbf{d}_k}$
- (d) Determine new estimate  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \alpha_k \mathbf{d}_k$
- (e) Test for convergence. If not converged, go to step (b)

### 5. Conjugate Gradient Method

- (a) Select starting point  $\mathbf{x}_0$  and compute  $\mathbf{d}_0 = -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0)$  and  $\alpha_0 = \frac{\mathbf{d}_0^T \mathbf{d}_0}{\mathbf{d}_0^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}_0) \mathbf{d}_0}$
- (b) Determine new estimate  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \alpha_k \mathbf{d}_k$
- (c) Evaluate  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})$  and  $\beta_k = \left[ \frac{|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})|}{|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)|} \right]^2$
- (d) Determine search direction  $\mathbf{d}_{k+1} = -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) + \beta_k \mathbf{d}_k$
- (e) Determine step size  $\alpha_{k+1} = \frac{\mathbf{d}_{k+1}^T \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})}{\mathbf{d}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) \mathbf{d}_{k+1}}$
- (f) Test for convergence. If not converged, go to step (b)

### 6. Gauss-Newton Method (for Nonlinear Least Squares)

If the minimum squared error of residuals  $\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x})$  is sought:

$$\text{Minimise } f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i^2(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x})$$

- (a) Select starting point  $\mathbf{x}_0$
- (b) Determine search direction  $\mathbf{d}_k = -[ \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}_k)^T \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}_k) ]^{-1} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}_k)^T \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}_k)$



$$\text{where } \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla r_1(\mathbf{x})^T \\ \vdots \\ \nabla r_m(\mathbf{x})^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial r_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial r_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial r_m}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial r_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Determine new estimate  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{d}_k$

(d) Test for convergence. If not converged, go to step (b)

## 7. Lagrange Multipliers

To minimise  $f(\mathbf{x})$  subject to  $m$  equality constraints  $h_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$ , solve the system of simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) + [\nabla \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^*)]^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} &= 0 \quad (n \text{ equations}) \\ \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^*) &= 0 \quad (m \text{ equations}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m]^T$  is the vector of Lagrange multipliers and

$$[\nabla \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^*)]^T = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla h_1(\mathbf{x}^*) & \dots & \nabla h_m(\mathbf{x}^*) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial h_m}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_n} & \cdots & \frac{\partial h_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 8. Kuhn-Tucker Multipliers

To minimise  $f(\mathbf{x})$  subject to  $m$  equality constraints  $h_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $p$  inequality constraints  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, p$ , solve the system of simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) + [\nabla \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^*)]^T \boldsymbol{\lambda} + [\nabla \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}^*)]^T \boldsymbol{\mu} &= 0 \quad (n \text{ equations}) \\ \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^*) &= 0 \quad (m \text{ equations}) \\ \forall i = 1, \dots, p, \quad \mu_i g_i(\mathbf{x}^*) &= 0 \quad (p \text{ equations}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  are Lagrange multipliers and  $\boldsymbol{\mu} \geq 0$  are the Kuhn-Tucker multipliers.

## 9. Penalty & Barrier Functions

To minimise  $f(\mathbf{x})$  subject to  $p$  inequality constraints  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, i = 1, \dots, p$ , define

$$q(\mathbf{x}, p_k) = f(\mathbf{x}) + p_k P(\mathbf{x})$$

where  $P(\mathbf{x})$  is a penalty function, e.g.

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^p (\max [0, g_i(\mathbf{x}) ])^2$$

or alternatively

$$q(\mathbf{x}, p_k) = f(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{p_k} B(\mathbf{x})$$

where  $B(\mathbf{x})$  is a barrier function, e.g.

$$B(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{g_i(\mathbf{x})}$$

Then for successive  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $p_k$  such that  $p_k > 0$  and  $p_{k+1} > p_k$ , solve the problem

$$\text{minimise } q(\mathbf{x}, p_k)$$

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**Numerical Answers**

Q1 (a) For  $t > 0$ :  $x(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_1} e^{-\beta\omega_n t} \sin(\omega_1 t)$

For  $t < 0$ :  $x(t) = 0$

Q2 (a) (ii)  $f(z) = -iz^2 + Ci$

(c) (i)  $\frac{1}{2} g''(a)$

(ii)  $-\frac{1}{2} \pi i e^{2i}$

Q3 (b)  $L_2 = 1.159 \text{ m}, U_2 = 1.365$

(c)  $L^* = 1.587 \text{ m}, U^* = 2.038$

Q4 (b) Minimise  $f(\bar{x}) = -12x_1 - 10x_2$

Subject to  $0.4x_1 + 0.5x_2 + x_3 = 100$

$0.6x_1 + 0.5x_2 + x_4 = 80$

$x_1 + x_5 = 70$

$x_2 + x_6 = 120$

(c)  $x_1^* = 70 \text{ kg}, x_2^* = 76 \text{ kg}$

