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FACULTY OF SCIENCES
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Course Code: MTH423
Course Title: Integral Equations
Credit Unit: 3
Time Allowed: 3 Hours
Total: 70 Marks
Instruction: Answer Question One (1) and Any other Four (4) Questions

1.(a) Define the following equations:

- (i) An integral equation (2 marks)
- (ii) Fredholm integral equation (2 marks)
- (iii) Volteral integral equation (2 marks)

(b) Classify the following equations

(i) $u(x) = x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 - \int_0^x (x-t)u(t)dt = 0$ (2 marks)

(ii) $u(x) = \frac{1}{2} + x - \int_0^1 (x-t) u^2(t)dt = 0$ (2 marks)

(iii) $u'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x - \int_0^x t u(t)dt = 0$ (2 marks)

(iv) $u(x) = \int_0^1 (x-t)^2 u(t)dt = 0$ (2 marks)

(c) (i) Show that $u(x) = e^x$ is a solution of the equation

$$u(x) = 1 + \int_0^x u(t)dt \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

(ii) Show that $u(x) = x$ is a solution of the integral equation

$$u(x) = \frac{5}{6}x - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 (x+t)u(t)dt \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

2. (a) Convert the Volterra integral equation to an initial problem

$$u(x) = x + \int_0^x (t-x)u(t)dt \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Solve the Fredholm integral equation

$$u(x) = \frac{9}{10}x^2 + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}x^2t^2u(t)dt \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

3. (a) Use the transformation formula $\int_0^x \int_0^{x_1} \int_0^{x_2} \dots \int_0^{x_{n-1}} f(x_n) dx_n \dots dx_1 = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^x (x-t)^{n-1} f(t) dt$,

convert the quadruple integral to a single integral.

$$\int_0^x \int_0^x \int_0^x \int_0^x u(t) dt dt dt dt \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Convert the following initial value problem to an equivalent Volterra integral equation

$$y''' - 3y'' - 6y' + 5y = 0 \quad y(0) = y'(0) = y''(0) = 1 \quad (9 \text{ marks})$$

4. (a) Define degenerate kernels for Fredholm equations (2 marks)

(b) Solve the Volterra integral equation $u(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \int_0^x (t-x)u(t)dt$ by converting it to equivalent initial value problem (10 marks)

5. (a) Define Sturm-Liouville problem (2 marks)

(b) Given the equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = f(x)$ with $y(0) = 0, y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$. Determine the integral formulation of the problem (10 marks)

subject to boundary conditions $y(0) = 1, y(\pi) = \pi - 1$

6. (a) Show that $u(x) = \sinh x$ is a solution of the Volterra integral equation

$$u(x) = x + \int_0^x (x-t) u(t) dt, \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Solve the Volterra integral equation $\int_0^x \sin \alpha(x-y) \varphi(y) dy = 1 - \cos \beta x$ (6 marks)