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MATH-CMPS 251
MID TERM EXAMINATION
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Closed Book, One hour 15 minutes

SUBMIT THE QUESTION SHEET WITH BOOKLET
(ONLY NON-PROGRAMMABLE AND NON-GRAPHIC
CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED)

STUDENT NAME	
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Problem	Out of	Grade
1	10	
2	10	
3	15	
4	15	
TOTAL	50	

1. Let $x \in \mathbb{F} \equiv \mathbb{F}(b, p, e_{min}, e_{max})$, with $x = \pm m \times b^e$.

-(4 points) Fill in the missing statements in the following MATLAB program that generates the positive elements of a floating-point system $\mathbb{F}(b, p, e_{min}, e_{max})$.

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function x=float(b,p,emin,emax)
x=[];
epsm=b^(-p+1);
%M represents all possible values taken by the mantissa
M=.....;
E=b^emin;
for .....
    x=[x M*E];
    E=E*.....;
end
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-(3 points) How many floating-point operations (additions and multiplications) would be required to execute the above program.

-(3 points) Find the cardinality of \mathbb{F} if $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}(7, 6, -4, 4)$

2. Consider the floating-point system $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}(10, 7, -6, 7)$. This system uses rounding to the closest.

(a) (4 points) Fill in the following table.

Values of following parameters and elements in IEEE single precision system	
x_{\min}	
x_{\max}	
ϵ_M (epsilon machine)	
Representation of $\frac{1}{13}$	
$\text{succ}(\frac{1}{13})$	

(b) (6 points) Convert $x = (653.325)_{10}$ into octal form? Give then the hexadecimal form of the internal IEEE single precision floating point representation of x , using rounding to the closest.

Conversion of $x = (653.325)_{10}$	to octal and IEEE hexadecimal form
Corresponding octal form	
Corresponding IEEE hexadecimal form	

3. Consider the function $f(x) = e^{-x} - 4x(1 - x)$.

- (a) (3 points) Show graphically that this function has only 2 distinct roots on $(-\infty, \infty)$. Locate these roots.

- (b) (3 points) Find the least number of iterations that provide an approximation to r within 6 significant figures using the bisection method.

Number of iterations:	<input type="text"/>
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-Apply the bisection method twice to find approximations to EACH of the two roots.

Approximation to first root :	<input type="text"/>
Approximation to second root:	<input type="text"/>

- (c) (4 points) Let $f(x) = a - \frac{1}{x}$, $a > 0$
-Write the Newton iteration to find the root r of $f(x)$.

-Give the interval (α, β) such that when $x_0 \in (\alpha, \beta)$ the iteration converges. Justify your answer.

(d) (5 points) Prove that the Newton sequence $\{x_n\}$ verify:

$$\left|x_n - \frac{1}{a}\right| = a^n \left|x_0 - \frac{1}{a}\right|^{2^n}$$

-Assume that $1 \leq a < 2$ and $|x_0 - \frac{1}{a}| \leq \frac{1}{2}$. How many iterations are needed to get $\frac{1}{a}$ within 6 significant figures.

4. Consider the system of linear equations $Ax = b$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4,4}$, $x, b \in \mathbb{R}^4$, given by:

$$\begin{aligned}9x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_3 + 5x_4 &= 20 \\2x_1 + 7x_3 + 8x_4 &= 9 \\6x_1 + 8x_2 + x_3 &= 15 \\4x_1 + 5x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 &= 12\end{aligned}$$

- (a) (10 points) Give the augmented matrix $[A|b]$ of this system, then solve the given system (i.e. find x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) using Gauss reduction with **scaled partial pivoting** followed by backward substitution. Specify all the parameters of the reduction, particularly the scales, the multipliers and the interchange of rows through an index vector IV . Carry out this procedure using whenever necessary **fraction representation** of numbers.

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- (b) (10 points) Find the determinant $\det(A)$ of the system matrix A , then specify the elements of the 4 by 4 matrices L and U , which verify

$$B = A(IV, :) = LU$$

Write out this equality, exhibiting the elements of B, L and U .