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**Instructions:**

- The duration of the exam is 80 minutes.
- This is a closed book exam consisting of 4 questions, for a total of 25 points.
- There are 9 pages in this exam question booklet, of which page 9 contains a table of formulas. Both page 8 (blank) and page 9 (formulas) may be detached if you wish and used for scrap paper.
- Answer the questions in this exam question booklet in the space provided. If you need extra space, you may use the backs of the pages as long as you clearly indicate where your answers are and the order in which different parts should be read (if needed). Otherwise, writing on the backs of pages will not be considered.
- Only **non-programmable, non-graphing calculators** are permitted.
- Cellular phones, unauthorized electronic devices or course notes are not allowed during this exam. Phones and devices must be turned off and put away in your bag. Do not keep them in your possession, such as in your pockets. If caught with such a device or document, academic fraud allegations may be filed, which may result in you obtaining a 0 (zero) for the exam, amongst other sanctions.

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Good luck!

Do not write anything in the following table.

| Question | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
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| Maximum  | 7 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 25    |
| Score    |   |   |   |   |       |

### Table of Formulas

**Lagrange interpolating polynomial** for points  $(x_j, f_j)$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, n$ :

$$p_n(x) = L_0(x)f_0 + \dots + L_n(x)f_n, \quad \text{where}$$

$$L_i(x) = \frac{(x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_{i-1})(x - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x - x_n)}{(x_i - x_0) \cdots (x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_n)}.$$

Error approximation for Lagrange interpolating polynomial: for some  $\xi \in [x_0, x_n]$ ,

$$\epsilon_n(x) := f(x) - p_n(x) = (x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_n) \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!}.$$

**Newton's Divided Difference interpolating polynomial** for  $(x_j, f_j)$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, n$ :

$$p_n(x) = f_0 + f[x_0, x_1](x - x_0) + f[x_0, x_1, x_2](x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots \\ \cdots + f[x_0, \dots, x_n](x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_{n-1}), \quad \text{where:}$$

$$f[x_j, x_{j+1}] = \frac{f_{j+1} - f_j}{x_{j+1} - x_j}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f[x_j, \dots, x_k] = \frac{f[x_{j+1}, \dots, x_k] - f[x_j, x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_j}$$