

# MTH 4422 Final Exam Study Guide

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**Instructions.** Answer the following questions thoroughly.

1. Explain how the derivative of  $f(x)$  is computed numerically, using the Forward Difference Method.
2. Explain how the derivative of  $f(x)$  is computed numerically, using the Central Difference Method.
3. Explain how Taylor's Series can be used to approximate derivatives of higher order. In particular, explain how the second derivative of a function  $f(x)$  can be approximated.
4. Describe and explain Euler's Method (the "Bow and Arrow Method"), for solving a first order linear differential equation, using a geometric approach.
5. Describe and explain Euler's Method (the "Bow and Arrow Method"), for solving a first order linear differential equation, using the Taylor's Series approach.
6. Explain how a system of  $n$  equations in  $n$  variables is solved using forward elimination, maximal pivoting, and back substitution.