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End - Term Examinations – May/June 2026

Date: 18-05-2026

Time: 01:00pm – 04:00pm

School: SOCSE	Program: CAI	
Course Code: CAI2506	Course Name: Numerical optimization in AI	
Semester: VI	Max Marks: 100	Weightage: 50%

CO - Levels	C01	C02	C03	C04	C05
Marks	24	24	44	44	44

Instructions:

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
- (ii) Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.

10Q x 2M=20M

1.	Differentiate between local optimum and global optimum.	2 Marks	L	C01
2.	Explain what happens if the learning rate is too large or too small in gradient-based optimization.	2 Marks	L	C01
3.	Find the first-order partial derivatives of $f(x, y) = x^2y + xy^2$	2 Marks	L	C02
4.	Define hessian matrix For a function: $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$	2 Marks	L	C02
5.	Explain the importance of Quasi-Newton Methods	2 Marks	L	C03
6.	Define line search?	2 Marks	L	C03
7.	Differentiate between Interior Penalty Method and Exterior Penalty Method	2 Marks	L	C04
8.	Define the Lagrange function for Multiple Constraints	2 Marks	L	C04
9.	Explain RMSprop with suitable example	2 Marks	L	C05
10.	Define Genetic Algorithm.	2 Marks	L	C05

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 80M

11.	a.	Describe the classification of optimization problems into linear and nonlinear, and convex and non-convex types with suitable diagrams.	10 Marks	L2	C01
	b.	Determine the stationary points of the function $f(x, y) = 3x^3 + 2y^2 - 6xy$ and classify the point	10 Marks	L3	C02
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12.	a.	Explain the necessary and sufficient conditions for optimality using first-order and second-order derivatives.	10 Marks	L2	C01
	b.	compute the Hessian matrix for the function $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 + 6xy + 4x + y$	10 Marks	L3	C02

13.	Minimize the loss function: $f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$ using newtons method. Given : The model: $\hat{y} = \mathbf{w}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ Data points: (5,12), (15,28), (25,45), (35,70) Initial values: $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ perform 2 iterations.		20 Marks	L3	C03
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14.	Consider a simple linear model $\hat{y} = wx$ with the following data point: $(x, y) = (2,4)$ The cost function is given by: $f(w) = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{y} - y)^2$ You are given: Initial parameter: $w_0 = 1$ Initial velocity: $v_0 = 0$ Learning rate: $\alpha = 0.1$ Momentum coefficient: $\beta = 0.9$ Using Momentum-based Gradient Descent, perform 2 iterations and compute the updated values of w and v at each step.		20 Marks	L3	C03

15.	Minimize the function: $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2 + xy$ Subject to the constraints: $x + 2y \geq 2, x \geq 0$ Derive the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker conditions and solve to determine the optimal values of x and y		20 Marks	L3	C04
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16.	Minimize the function: $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$ Subject to the constraints: $x + y > 1, x > 0$ using barrier method You are given: - Barrier parameter: $\mu = 1$ - Initial point: $(x_0, y_0) = (1,1)$ perform 2 iterations.		20 Marks	L3	C04

17.	Consider the loss function: $L(\theta) = (\theta x - y)^2$ You are given the Data points: $(x_1, y_1) = (1, 2), (x_2, y_2) = (2, 4)$ Initial parameter: $\theta = 0$ Learning rate: $\eta = 0.1$ Perform SGD updates for 4 iterations, using one data point at a time in the given order: $(1, 2) \rightarrow (2, 4) \rightarrow (1, 2) \rightarrow (2, 4)$	20 Marks	L3	C05
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18.	Consider the loss function: $L(\theta) = (\theta x - y)^2$ You are given the dataset divided into mini-batches: - Batch 1: $(1, 2), (2, 4), (3, 6)$ - Batch 2: $(4, 8), (5, 10), (6, 12)$ Initial parameter: $\theta = 0$ Learning rate: $\eta = 0.1$ Perform SGD updates and find the value of θ after 4 iterations	20 Marks	L3	C05