

1. (15%) Find the general solutions of the following ODE's.

(a)  $y' = y e^x$

(b)  $y' + y = x/y$

(c)  $x^2 y'' + 4xy' - 4y = 0$

2. (a) (7%) Find the Laplace transform for  $y(t) = t^2 e^{-at}$ .

(b) (8%) If the Laplace transform of  $y(t)$  is  $Y(s) = \frac{s^3}{s^4+4}$ , please find

(i) the Laplace transform of  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  (ii) the value of  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  at  $t=0$ .

3. (10%) Solve the differential equation  $y'' + y' + 2xy = 0$  by series solution:

(a) Assuming  $y(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m$ , find the recurrence relation for  $a_m$ .

(b) Select two separate sets of  $[a_0, a_1] = [0, 1]$  and  $[1, 0]$ , find the series solutions for each set up to 4 terms.

4. (10%) The definition of Bessel function of order  $n$  is

$$J_n(x) = x^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+n} m! (n+m)!}$$

(a) Show that  $\int x J_0(x) dx = x J_1(x)$ .

(b) Show that  $J_0(x)$  has a bounded value everywhere.

5. You will be solving the following partial differential equation (PDE) problem using the "Method of Separation of Variables":

$$u_t = u_{xx} \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \text{ and } t > 0$$

$$\text{B.C.s: } u_x(0, t) = u_x(\pi, t) = 0 \text{ for } t > 0$$

$$\text{I.C.: } u(x, 0) = \cos^2(x) \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

(4%) (a) Why can the "Method of Separation of Variables" be applied to this problem?

(6%) (b) What are the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions associated with this problem?

(10%) (c) Please find the solution of this PDE problem

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6. If a vector field  $\underline{F} = (2xy - y^4 + 3)\underline{i} + (x^2 - 4xy^3)\underline{j}$ ,  $C$ : the path connecting  $(0,0)$  and  $(2,1)$ .

(5%) (a) Please show the reason why  $\underline{F}$  is a conservative vector field.

(5%) (b) If  $\underline{F}$  is a conservative vector field, there exists a (scalar) potential function  $\phi$ . Please also show the relationship between  $\underline{F}$  and  $\phi$ .

(5%) (c) Please calculate  $\phi$  and  $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$ .

7. You are given the following matrix  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(4%) (a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$

(4%) (b) If  $A$  is similar to  $D$  (a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues as the diagonal components), what are the transition matrix  $P$  and its inverse  $P^{-1}$ ?

(7%) (c) Use the results from (a) and (b) to solve the following system of ODEs:

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = 5x_1 + 4x_2 + e^{2t}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -6x_1 - 5x_2 + 2e^{2t} + t$$

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