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Title of Paper : Ordinary Differential Equations

Course Number : M213

Time Allowed : Three (3) hours

Instructions :

1. This paper consists of SEVEN questions.
2. Each question is worth 20%.
3. Answer ANY FIVE questions.
4. Show all your working.

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Question 1

Find the general solution of each differential equation.

(a) $y'' - 5y' - 36y = 0$ [5]

(b) $x dx - e^{x-y} dy = 0, \quad y(0) = \ln 2$ [10]

(c) $(y'')(y') = \frac{1}{2}.$ [5]

Question 2

Use the method of Frobenius to find the series solution of

$$4xy'' + 2y' + y = 0$$

about $x = 0$. [20]

Question 3

(a) Find the inverse Laplace transform of

$$F(s) = \frac{4s + 3}{s(s + 2)^2}. \quad [10]$$

(b) Solve

$$dy = (x - 2y)dx. \quad [10]$$

Question 4

Solve for $y(x)$:

(a) $y'' + 8y' + 16y = 0$ [5]

(b) $y''' - y'' - 6y' = 6$ [5]

(c) $y'' - 9y = 3e^{9x}$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = -1$. [10]

Question 5

(a) Use Laplace transforms to solve the initial-value problem

$$\ddot{y} + 4\dot{y} + 4y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \dot{y}(0) = 1. \quad [10]$$

(b) Consider the Bernoulli's differential equation

$$y' + yp(x) = y^n q(x).$$

Show that the substitution $v(x) = [y(x)]^{1-n}$ transforms Bernoulli's equation into a linear equation. [10]

Question 6

Solve

(a) $(x - 2y + 3)dx - (4y - 2x + 3)dy = 0$ [10]

(b) $x(1 - \ln x + \ln y)dy - ydx = 0$, $y(1) = 1$ [10]

Question 7

- (a) Find the general solution of

$$\ddot{y} + y = \sec t. \quad [12]$$

- (b) Consider the following statement about first order ODEs.

All separable equations are exact.

Is the statement true or false? Discuss. [8]

Table of Laplace Transforms

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
t^n	$\frac{n}{s^{n+1}}$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}$
e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
$t^n e^{at}$	$\frac{n}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
$\frac{1}{a-b}(e^{at} - e^{bt})$	$\frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
$\frac{1}{a-b}(ae^{at} - be^{bt})$	$\frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
$\sin(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\cos(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\sin(at) - at \cos(at)$	$\frac{2a^3}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$
$e^{at} \sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
$e^{at} \cos(bt)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
$\sinh(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$
$\cosh(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
$\sin(at) \sinh(at)$	$\frac{2a^2}{s^4 + 4a^4}$
$\frac{d^n f}{dt^n}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$