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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)

SMA 332: METHODS OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS I

DATE: 25/8/2022

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

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INSTRUCTION:

*Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions*

## QUESTION ONE (30MARKS) COMPULSORY

- a) State the equation representing each of the given canonical forms of 2nd order PDEs: hyperbolic, parabolic and elliptic forms. (3 marks)
- b) Decompose the Laplace equation  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ ,  $0 < x, y < L$  into ordinary differential equations (ODEs) in variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . (5 marks)
- c) State the Fourier Cosine series expansion of a function  $f(x)$  defined over the interval,  $-\pi < x < \pi$ . (2 marks)
- d) Show that the Fourier coefficient  $b_n$  of the Fourier series, you have defined in b) above is given by;  $b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  (5 marks)
- e) Given that  $u = u(x, y)$  and the change of variables  $\theta = \theta(x, y), \eta = \eta(x, y)$  such that  $u_y = u_{\theta} \theta_y + u_{\eta} \eta_y$ , show that;

$$u_{yy} = u_{\theta\theta}\theta_y^2 + 2u_{\theta\eta}\theta_y\eta_y + u_{\eta\eta}\eta_y^2 + u_{\theta}\theta_{yy} + u_{\eta}\eta_{yy} \quad (5)$$

marks)

- f) Use the Convolution theorem to determine the inverse Laplace transform of the

quotient 
$$\frac{6}{(s^2 + 1)(s^2 + 9)} \quad (5)$$

marks)

- g) Show that the Laplace transform  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$  is given by  $s^2\bar{y}(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)$  (5)

marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Classify the 2<sup>nd</sup> order partial differential equation (PDE)  $y^2u_{xx} + x^2u_{yy} = 0$  and transform it to canonical form. (13)

marks)

- b) Obtain the Fourier series expansion for the function

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^2, & -\pi < x < \pi \\ f(x) &= f(x + 2\pi) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Use partial fractions to determine the inverse Laplace transform of the quotient:

$$\frac{6+s^3}{(s+2)s^3} \quad (8)$$

marks)

- b) Solve the following 2<sup>nd</sup> differential equation using Laplace transform method;

$$y'' + 4y' + 5y = 8 \sin t \text{ subject to } y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0 \quad (12)$$

marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) A heavy-duty wire of length  $a$  that is fixed at  $x = 0$  and free to move at the other end  $x = a$  is initially at rest and subjected to a constant force. Assuming that the wire's displacement  $u(x, t)$  happens only in the  $x$  direction and  $u_x(a, t) = D$  where  $D$  is the displacement per unit length.

i. Show that the Laplace transform of the associated wave equation is given by

$$\text{the ODE } \frac{d^2 U(x,s)}{dx^2} = \frac{s^2}{c^2} U(x,s) \quad (5)$$

marks)

ii. Show that the solution to the ODE given in 4 a) i) above is

$$U(x,s) = \frac{cD \sinh(sx/c)}{s^2 \cosh(sa/c)} \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

b) Determine the Laplace transform of  $f(x) = \sin ax$ . (5 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) A thin bar of length  $\pi$  units is placed in boiling water (temperature  $100^\circ\text{C}$ ). After reaching  $100^\circ\text{C}$  throughout, the bar is removed from the boiling water. With the lateral sides kept insulated, suddenly, at time  $t = 0$ , the ends are immersed in a medium with constant freezing temperature  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . Taking  $c=1$ , find the temperature  $u(x,t)$  for  $t > 0$  using the separation of variables method

(10 marks)

b) Obtain the general solution to the 2<sup>nd</sup> order PDE  $yu_{tt} - k^2yu_{yy} = 2k^2u_r$  where  $k$  is a constant. (10 marks)