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SMA 336: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION II

DATE: 27/9/2019

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

Instructions to the Candidate:

Attempt question *one (compulsory)* and any other *two questions*.

Question 1 (30mks)

- a.) i.) define the Wronskian of a set of functions $F = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n\}$ (3 marks)
ii.) Show that the Wronskian of the functions x^2 and $x^2 \ln x$ is non-zero. (4 marks)
- b.) State the existence and uniqueness theorem for the nth order linear differential equation. (2 marks)
- c.) Consider the second order linear differential equation $(2x+1)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4(x+1)\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$. Determine the linearly independent solution of the equation by reducing the order. (5 marks)
- d.) Consider the differential equation $3x^2dx + 3y^2dy - (x^3 + y^3 + e^{2z})dz = 0$; solve the equation by taking one of the variables as a constant. (5 marks)

e.) i.) consider the nth order differential equation

$a_0 \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_{n-1} \frac{dy}{dx} + a_n y = F$. State three conditions that the equation could be an nth order linear differential equation. (3 marks)

ii.) determine a first integral of the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = xy^2$ (3 marks)

f.) solve the equation $y'' - y = x$ at $x = 0$ using the power series solution method. (3 marks)

Question 2(20mks)

a.) define linearly independent solution of a linear system of differential equations.(3 marks)

b.) consider the system of differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2x - y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 3x + 6y$$

i.) show that

$$x = e^{5t}$$

$$y = -3e^{5t}$$

and

$$x = e^{3t}$$

$$y = -e^{3t}$$

are linearly

independent solutions of the system (6 marks)

ii.) determine the solution $x = f(t)$, $y = g(t)$ of the system which is such that $f(0) = 0$, $g(0) = 2$ (4 marks)

c.) use the operator method to determine the general solution of the linear systems.

$$(D - 1)x + Dy = 2t + 1$$

$$(2D + 1)x + 2Dy = t$$

10 marks)

Question 3(20mks)

Consider the system of differential equations below;

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -2x + 2x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -3x + y + 3x^2$$

a.) determine;

i.) the critical points (4 marks)

ii.) the nature of the critical points (3 marks)

- b.) linearize the system of the differential equation (8 marks)
 c.) solve the system for x and y . (5 marks)

question 4 (20mks)

- a.) consider the differential equation

$$x^2 \sin x \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - (3x^2 \sin x + x^3 \cos x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (6x \sin x + 2x^2 \cos x) \frac{dy}{dx} - (6 \sin x + 2x \cos x)y = 0$$

- i.) show that $y = x$ is a solution of the differential equation above. (3 marks)

- ii.) reduce the third order equation to a second order equation and solve it. (7 marks)

- b.) consider the following differential equation;

$$(z + z^3) \cos x dx - (z + z^3) dy + (1 + z^2)(y - \sin x) dz = 0$$

- i.) verify the integrability condition for the equation (3 marks)

- ii.) solve the equation (7 marks)

Question 5(20mks)

- a.) Consider the Legendre equation $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + p(p + 1)y = 0$. This equation has two independent series solution ;

$$y = c_0 \left[1 - \frac{p(p+1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{p(p-2)(p+1)(p+3)}{4!} x^4 + \dots \right] \\ + c_1 \left[x - \frac{(p-1)(p+2)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{(p-1)(p-3)(p+2)(p+4)}{5!} x^5 + \dots \right]$$

Which is denoted by $y = c_0 y_1 + c_1 y_2$. Show that the Legendre polynomial of order three

is given by $p_3(x) = \frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x$ (3 marks)

b.) The Rodriguez formula for Legendre's polynomial of order n is given by;

$$p_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$$

Determine the Legendre's polynomial for;

i.) $p_1(x)$ (2 marks)

ii.) $p_2(x)$ (3 marks)

c.) Prove that;

i.) $J_{-p}(x) = (-1)^p J_p(x)$ (4 marks)

ii.) Bessel's function of order zero is given by

$$J_0(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4^2} - \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2} + \dots$$
 (4 marks)

d.) Show that the differential equation $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + x^3 y = 2e^x$

$$y(1) = 2, \quad y'(1) = 5$$

has a unique solution (4 marks)