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 Paper Title : Differential Equations-I
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 Pass Marks : 32 Duration: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answers all the questions:

1. Answer any three from the following questions: 10 × 3 = 30

- (a) Define a regular singular point. Solve the Bessel's equation $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - p^2)y = 0$ in series, taking $2p$ as non-integral about the point $x = 0$. 1+9=10
- b) Define an indicial equation. Solve in series the equation $x(1-x)y'' - 3xy' - y = 0$ near the point $x = 0$. 1+9=10
- c) Define an equivalent integral equation of an initial value problem. Apply Picard's successive approximation method to the initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dx} = y, y(0) = 1$ and show that the successive approximations tend to the limit e^x , the exact solution. 1+9=10
- d) Define Lipschitz continuity. Prove that if f is continuous and satisfy a Lipschitz condition in $R = \{(x, y) : |x - x_0| \leq a, |y - y_0| \leq b, a > 0, b > 0\}$ and if a solution of the initial value problem: $y' = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0$ exists, then it is unique. 1+9=10
- e) Transform the equation $y''(x) = f(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$ into a system of first order equations. Solve the equation $y'' + 4y' + 40y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$ by transforming into a system of equations. 2+8=10

2. Answer any two from the following questions: $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) i) Represent the following linear equation

$$y^{(4)} - 6y^{(3)} + 25y^{(2)} + 7y^{(1)} + 8y = 12 \text{ in vector matrix form.}$$

ii) Prove that if the Wronskian of two solutions of the differential equation $a_0(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$ where

$a_0(x), a_1(x), a_2(x)$ are continuous and $a_0 \neq 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ is

linearly independent, then $W(x) = Ae^{-\int \frac{a_1(x)}{a_0(x)} dx}$. $5+5=10$

b) i) Show that the Wronskian of the functions x^2 and $x^2 \log x$ is non-zero. Can these functions be independent solutions of an ODE? If so, determine the D.E.

ii) Prove that two solutions of the linear homogeneous second order differential equation $a_0(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$

where $a_0(x), a_1(x), a_2(x)$ are continuous and $a_0 \neq 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$

are linearly dependent if and only if their Wronskian is identically zero. $5+5=10$

c) Show that linearly independent solutions of $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$ are $e^x \sin x$ and $e^x \cos x$. What is the general solution? Find the solution $y(x)$ with initial condition $y(0) = 2$ and $y'(0) = 3$. 10

d) Consider the system $Y' = AY + B$ where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} e^x \\ e^{-x} \end{pmatrix}$.

Show that $\varphi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3x} & 2xe^{3x} \\ 0 & e^{3x} \end{pmatrix}$ is a fundamental matrix. Compute

a solution Y of the system with $Y(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. 10

3. Answer any three from the following questions: $10 \times 3 = 30$

- a) i) Prove that the necessary and sufficient condition for a second order linear differential equation

$$a_0(x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2(x)y = 0 \text{ where } a_0(x) \neq 0 \text{ on } [a, b]$$

to be self-adjoint is that $a_0'(x) = a_1(x)$ on $[a, b]$.

- ii) Prove that the adjoint of $L_2 = L_2^*$

- iii) Find the adjoint equation of the equation

$$(2x+1) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0 \quad 6+2+2=10$$

- b) i) Transform the second order linear differential equation $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ into the normal form $u'' + q(x)u = 0$.

- ii) Find the normal form of Bessel's equation

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - p^2)y = 0 \text{ and use it to show that every non-trivial solution has infinitely many positive zeros. } 5+5=10$$

- c) Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the Sturm-Liouville system

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + \lambda y &= 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ y(0) &= 0, \quad y'(\pi) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad 10$$

- d) Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the periodic Sturm-Liouville system

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + \lambda y &= 0, \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi \\ y(-\pi) &= y(\pi), \quad y'(-\pi) = y'(\pi) \end{aligned} \quad 10$$

- e) What is a periodic Sturm-Liouville system. Define eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of a Sturm-Liouville system. Prove that the eigenfunctions of a periodic Sturm-Liouville system in $[a, b]$ are orthogonal with respect to the weight function $s(x)$ in $[a, b]$.

$$1+2+7=10$$
