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Mathematics

ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

(For those who joined in July 2012 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Two independent solutions of $y'' + y' = 0$ are

- (a) 1 and e^x
- (b) 1 and e^{-x}
- (c) e^x and e^{-x}
- (d) e and e^x

2. One solution of $xy'' - (2x+1)y' + (x+1)y = 0$ is
 $y =$ _____

- (a) e^{-x}
- (b) e^{-2x}
- (c) e^x
- (d) e^{2x}

3. The particular solution of $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + p(p+1)y = 0$, where p is a constant, is known as

- (a) Legendre's polynomial
- (b) Hermite's polynomial
- (c) Bessel's Polynomial
- (d) Chebyshev's polynomial

4. The power series $\sum a_n(x-x_0)^n$ is a power series in _____.

- (a) x
- (b) x_0
- (c) $x - x_0$
- (d) $x + x_0$

5. The series of the form $y = a_0x^m + a_1x^{m+1} + \dots$ is called _____ series solution.

- (a) Frobenius
- (b) Airy's
- (c) Hermite's
- (d) None of these



6. A singular point $x = 1$ of the differential equation $x^3(x-1)y'' - 2(x-1)y' + 3xy = 0$ is _____.

- (a) regular (b) irregular
(c) ordinary (d) none

7. The famous series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ whose sum was discovered by _____.

- (a) Newton (b) Euler
(c) Bessal (d) Legendre

8. For any value of P , the function $J_p(x)$ has _____ number of positive zeros.

- (a) 0 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) ∞

9. The equation $y(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t, y(t)) dt$ in the method of successive approximations is called _____ equation.

- (a) Differential (b) Integral
(c) Approximate (d) None

10. The derivatives of the exponential function are _____ multiples of the function itself.

- (a) Variable (b) Non-constant
(c) Constant (d) None of these

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Find the general solution of $y'' - xf'(x)y' + f(x)y = 0$.

Or

(b) Find the general solution $y'' - f(x)y' + [f(x) - 1]y = 0$.

12. (a) Find the general solution of $y'' + y = 0$ in the form $y = a_0y_1(x) + a_1y_2(x)$.

Or

(b) Find the general solution of $(1-x^2)y'' + 2xy' - 2y = 0$ in terms of power series in x .



13. (a) Find the indicial equation and its roots for the following differential equation $x^3 y'' + (\cos 2x - 1)y' + 2xy = 0$.

Or

- (b) Find the indicial equation and roots of it for the equation

$$4x^2 y'' + (2x^4 - 5x)y' + (3x^2 + 2)y = 0.$$

14. (a) Show that $\frac{d}{dx} J_0(x) = -J_1(x)$ with usual notations.

Or

- (b) Show that $\frac{d}{dx} [x J_1(x)] = x J_0(x)$.

15. (a) If $w(t)$ is the Wronskian of the two solutions $x = x_1(t), y = y_1(t)$ and $x = x_2(t), y = y_2(t)$ of the homogeneous system $\frac{dx}{dt} = a_1(t)x + b_1(t)y$; $\frac{dy}{dt} = a_2(t)x + b_2(t)y$, then show that $w(t)$ is satisfies $\frac{dw}{dt} = [a_1(t) + b_2(t)]W$.

Or

- (b) Verify that the homogeneous linear system $\frac{dx}{dt} = 4x - y$; $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + y$ has both $x = e^{3t}, y = e^{3t}$ and $x = e^{2t}, y = 2e^{2t}$ as solutions on any closed interval.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) If y_1 is a nonzero solution of equation $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ and $y_2 = v y_1$, where v is given by formula $v = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int P dx} dx$, is the second solution, show by computing the Wronskian that y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent.

Or

- (b) Show that $y_1 = x$ is a solution of $x^2 y'' + xy' - y = 0$. Also find the general solution.

17. (a) Solve $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + p(p+1)y = 0$ where p is a constant.

Or



- (b) Let x_0 be an ordinary point of the differential equation $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$, and let α_0 and α_1 be arbitrary constants. Then there exists a unique function $y(x)$ that is analytic at x_0 , is a solution in certain neighborhood of this point and satisfies the initial conditions $y(x_0) = \alpha_0$, $y'(x_0) = \alpha_1$.

18. (a) Find two independent Frobenius series solutions of each of the following equations $xy'' + 2y' + xy = 0$.

Or

- (b) Find two independent Frobenius series solutions of each of the following equation $xy'' - y' + 4x^3y = 0$.

19. (a) Show that $\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x)P_n(x)dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \\ \frac{2}{2n+1} & \text{if } m = n \end{cases}$

Or

- (b) If $P(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $n \geq 1$ such that $\int_{-1}^1 x^k P(x) dx = 0$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, show that $P(x) = CP_n(x)$ for same constant C .

20. (a) State and prove Picard's theorem.

Or

- (b) Let $f(x, y)$ be a continuous function that satisfies a Lipschitz condition $|f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq k|y_1 - y_2|$ on a strip defined by $a \leq x \leq b$ and $-\infty < y < \infty$. If (x_0, y_0) is any point of the strip, then prove that the IVP $y' = f(x, y)$, $y(x_0) = y_0$ has one and only one solution $y = y(x)$ on the interval $a \leq x \leq b$.

