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**TITLE OF PAPER : ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL  
EQUATIONS, PROBABILITY AND  
STATISTICS**

**COURSE NUMBER : E371**

**TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY FOUR OUT OF FIVE  
QUESTIONS. EACH QUESTION  
CARRIES 25 MARKS.**

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MARGIN.**

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MAPLE TO ANSWER THE  
QUESTIONS.**

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**E371 Ordinary Differential Equations, Probability and Statistics**

**Question one**

- (a) Given the following 2<sup>nd</sup> order homogeneous differential equation as

$$\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + 5 y(x) = 0$$

- (i) set  $y(x) = e^{ax}$  and find the appropriate values of  $a$ . Write down its general solution. **(4 marks)**

- (ii) if the initial conditions are given as  $y(0) = -1$  &  $\left. \frac{dy(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = 2$ ,

then find its specific solution and plot it for  $x = 0$  to  $5$ . **(5 marks)**

- (b) Given the following non-homogeneous differential equation as

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 10 y(t) = 5 e^{-4t} - 2t$$

- (i) find its particular solution  $y_p(t)$ , **(6 marks)**

- (ii) find the general solution to the homogeneous part of the given equation  $y_h(t)$  and then write down the general solution to the given non-homogeneous differential equation  $y_g(t)$  **(5 marks)**

- (iii) if the initial conditions are given as  $y(0) = 4$  &  $\left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = -1$ ,

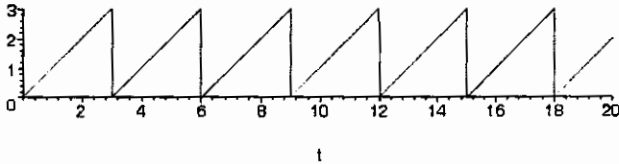
then find its specific solution and plot it for  $x = 0$  to  $5$ . **(5 marks)**

**Question two**

Given the following differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 6 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 13 y(t) = h(t)$$

with the initial conditions of  $y(0) = -3$  &  $\left. \frac{dy(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 5$ , and  $h(t)$  is the following jigsaw periodic function with the period of 3 as below



- (a) find the Laplace transform of  $h(t)$ , i.e.,  $H(s)$ ,  
 (Hint :  $H(s) = \frac{R(s)}{1 - e^{-3s}}$  where  $R(s)$  is the laplace transform of  $r(t)$ )  
 where  $r(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } t > 3 \end{cases}$  ) ( 6 marks )
- (b) find the Laplace transform of  $y(t)$ , i.e.,  $Y(s)$ , and show that  $Y(s) = F(s) + G(s) H(s)$  where  
 $F(s) = -\frac{3s + 13}{s^2 + 6s + 13}$  &  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 6s + 13}$  ( 8 marks )
- (c) find the inverse Laplace transforms of  $F(s)$ ,  $G(s)$  &  $H(s)$  and name them  $f(t)$ ,  $g(t)$  &  $h(t)$  respectively, ( 3 marks )
- (d) thus the inverse Laplace transform of  $Y(s)$ , i.e.,  $y(t)$ , can be found by  $y(t) = f(t) + (\text{convolution of } g(t) \text{ \& } h(t))$ . Find  $y(t)$  and then plot it for  $t = 0$  to 20 and make a brief comment. ( 8 marks )

### Question three

Given the following Bessel's equation as

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + (x^2 - 4)y(x) = 0 \quad ,$$

- (a) (i) use *dsolve* command to find its general solution , ( 2 marks )  
(ii) use *series* command to express  $\text{BesselJ}(2,x)$  &  $\text{BesselY}(2,x)$  into their power series up to  $x^{11}$  (i.e., would appear with  $O(x^{12})$ ).  
Then convert them into polynomials. ( 4 marks )
- (b) (i) set  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+s}$  and  $a_0 \neq 0$  , utilize the power series method to find its indicial equations and thus find the values of  $s$  &  $a_1$  , ( 6 marks )  
(ii) for  $s = 2$  , set  $a_0 = 1$  , use the recurrence relation to find the values of  $a_n$  up to  $n = 8$  . Show that this polynomial solution is linearly dependent to the independent solutions in (a)(ii). ( 9 marks )  
(iii) for  $s = -2$  , set  $a_0 = 1$  , use the recurrence relation to find the values of  $a_n$  up to  $n = 8$  . Show that this polynomial solution can not be found directly by power series method. ( 4 marks )

#### Question four

- (a) Given a discrete probability function  $f(1) = 0.05$  ,  $f(2) = 0.15$  ,  
 $f(3) = 0.27$  ,  $f(4) = 0.21$  ,  $f(5) = 0.18$  and  $f(6) = 0.14$  , find its  
cumulative probability distribution function  $G(x)$ , i.e., find the values of  $G(1)$ ,  
 $G(2)$  ,  $G(3)$  ,  $G(4)$  ,  $G(5)$  and  $G(6)$ . . Plot a bar chart of  $G(x)$  for  
 $x = 0$  to  $6$  . **( 7 marks )**
- (b) If on the average there are 3 defects out of every 400 products in a factory,  
(i) write down the probability of finding a defected and non-defected product,  
denote them as  $p$  and  $q$  respectively , **( 2 marks )**  
(ii) randomly picking up 300 of such products , find the probability of  
finding at least 2 but not more than 5 defected products among them.  
Find the answer using both Binomial and Poisson's cumulative  
distribution functions and compare them to find their percentage  
difference. **( 10 marks )**
- (c) Use the random number generator to generate an ensemble of 30 data of  $x$   
with its values ranging from 5 to 200 , then find its mean value , variance and  
standard deviation . **( 6 marks )**

### Question five

Given the following data of  $x$  as

$X = [ 4, 3.99, 4, 4.01, 4, 3.99, 4, 4.01, 4, 3.99, 4, 4.01, 4, 3.99, 4, 4.01, 4, 3.98, 4, 4.02, 4, 3.98, 4, 4.02, 4, 3.97, 4, 4.03 ]$

which represent on the average the distribution of 4 inch nail products

- (a) plot the histogram of  $X$  starting from  $x = 3.965$  with the increment of  $0.01$  until it reaches  $x = 4.035$  ( 7 marks )
- (b) find the mean value and standard deviation of the given  $X$  , ( 2 marks )
- (c) (i) if the confidence level is  $0.999$  , what would be the corresponding confidence range for the given  $X$  , ( 6 marks )
- (ii) if the confidence range is  $3.98 < x < 4.02$  , what would be the corresponding confidence level for the given  $X$  , ( 4 marks )
- (iii) if customer's requested confidence level and confidence range are  $0.9999$  and  $3.999 < x < 4.001$  respectively , what should be the value of the standard deviation in order to meet the customer's demand ? ( 6 marks )