

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS 2005

BSc. / BEd. / B.A.S.S. II

TITLE OF PAPER : ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

COURSE NUMBER : M 213

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF  
SEVEN QUESTIONS.  
2. ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS : NONE

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL  
PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1

1. (a) If  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st}f(t)dt$  is the Laplace transform of  $f(t)$ , show that

i.  $\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = s\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - f(0)$  [6 marks]

ii.  $\mathcal{L}\{f''(t)\} = s^2\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - sf'(0) - f(0)$  [6 marks]

- (b) Use the method of variation of parameters to solve

$$y'' + y = \tan x$$

[8 marks]

QUESTION 2

2. (a) Use the method of undetermined coefficients to solve

$$y'' + 4y' + 3y = 5 \sin 2x$$

[8 marks]

- (b) Obtain the series solution of

$$2xy'' + (1+x)y' + y = 0$$

about  $x = 0$

[12 marks]

QUESTION 3

3. (a) Use the method of separation of variables to solve

i.  $e^y y' - x - x^3 = 0$  [5 marks]

ii.  $yy' + (1 + y^2) \sin x = 0$  [7 marks]

(b) Solve

$$y_1' + y_2 = 0$$

$$y_2' - y_1 = 0$$

$$y_1(0) = 1 \quad y_2(0) = 3$$

[8 marks]

QUESTION 4

4. (a) Integrate

$$y' = Ay \quad \text{where} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

[10 marks]

(b) Show that the differential equation

$$(3x + \cos y)dy + (3y + e^x)dx = 0$$

is exact and find the solution.

[10 marks]

QUESTION 5

5. (a) Obtain an integrating factor and solve the differential equation

$$\left(\frac{y^2}{2} + 2ye^x\right) dx + (y + e^x) dy$$

[10 marks]

- (b) Prove that the differential equation

$$x dy + y dx - 2x^2 y^3 dy = 0$$

has an integrating factor of the form  $x^n y^n$  and solve the equation [10 marks]

QUESTION 6

6. Use the method of Frobenius to obtain two linearly independent solutions of the differential equation

$$2x^2 y'' + (x^2 - x)y' + y = 0$$

about  $x = 0$ .

Give each solution in the form of a suitable series with only the first five terms.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 7

7. Use Laplace Transform technique to solve

(a)

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 6e^{-x}, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = 3$$

[8 marks]

(b)

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$$

[6 marks]

(c)

$$y'' - y = xe^x$$

[6 marks]

**TABLE OF LAPLACE TRANSFORM FORMULAS**

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^n}\right] = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} t^{n-1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-a}\right] = e^{at}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\sin at] = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \frac{1}{a} \sin at$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\cos at] = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}\right] = \cos at$$

**First Differentiation Formula**

$$\mathcal{L}[D^n x] = s^n \mathcal{L}[x] - s^{n-1}x(0) - s^{n-2}x'(0) - \dots - x^{(n-1)}(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(u) du\right] = \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}[f(t)] \quad \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s} F(s)\right] = \int_0^t \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] du$$

In the following formulas,  $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$ , so  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)]$ .

**First Shift Formula**

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{at}f(t)] = F(s-a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = e^{at} \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s+a)]$$

**Second Differentiation Formula**

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{d^n F(s)}{ds^n}\right] = (-1)^n t^n f(t)$$

**Second Shift Formula**

$$\mathcal{L}[u_a(t)g(t)] = e^{-as} \mathcal{L}[g(t+a)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[e^{-as}F(s)] = u_a(t)f(t-a)$$

**Convolution**

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)G(s)] = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] * \mathcal{L}^{-1}[G(s)]$$

where

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u) du.$$

**Periodic Functions**

If  $f(t+p) = f(t)$  for all  $t$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \frac{\int_0^p e^{-st} f(t) dt}{1 - e^{-ps}}$$