
University of Swaziland



Supplementary Examination 2008

BSc II, Bass II, BEd II

Title of Paper : Ordinary Differential Equations

Course Number : M213

Time Allowed : Three (3) hours

Instructions :

1. This paper consists of SEVEN questions.
2. Each question is worth 20%.
3. Answer ANY FIVE questions
4. Show all your working.

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Question 1

- (a) Find the general solution of

$$xe^{2xy}dx = (1 + y)dy. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) Find a solution of the equation

$$y'' - 7y' + 12y = x^2 \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 2

- (a) Obtain the general solution of

$$y^{iv} - 16y = 0. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) Use the method of Laplace transforms to solve

$$\ddot{y} + 4\dot{y} + 4y = e^{-2t}, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 3 Consider the equation

$$y' - 2xy = 0. \quad (1)$$

- (a) Find the general solution of (1) analytically. [6 marks]
(b) Find a series solution of (1) about $x = 0$. [14 marks]

Question 4

- (a) Your friend claims that

“All linear first order ODEs can be made exact.”

Is the statement right or wrong? Discuss.

[7 marks]

(b) Find the general solution of

$$y'' + 2y' + 10y = e^{-x}. \quad [13 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 5

(a) Solve

$$y(\ln y - \ln x - 1)dx + xdy = 0, \quad y(1) = 1. \quad [12 \text{ marks}]$$

(b) Find the general solution of

$$\frac{1}{x^2y}dx + \left(\frac{1}{xy^2} - 2y\right)dy = 0. \quad [8 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 6

(a) Find the general solution of

$$y'' - 16y = 0. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

(b) Find the solution of

$$y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$$

that satisfies the conditions $y(0) = y'(0) = 2$.

[14 marks]

Question 7

(a) Solve

$$yy' - xy^2 + x^2 = 0. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

(b) Using the *method of variation of parameters*, obtain the general solution of

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^{3x}. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

Table of Laplace Transforms

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}$
e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
$t^n e^{at}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
$\frac{1}{a-b}(e^{at} - e^{bt})$	$\frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
$\frac{1}{a-b}(ae^{at} - be^{bt})$	$\frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
$\sin(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\cos(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\sin(at) - at \cos(at)$	$\frac{2a^3}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$
$e^{at} \sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
$e^{at} \cos(bt)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
$\sinh(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$
$\cosh(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
$\sin(at) \sinh(at)$	$\frac{2a^2}{s^4 + 4a^4}$
$\sinh(at) \sin(at)$	$\frac{2a^3}{s^4 - a^4}$
$f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$