
University of Swaziland



Final Examination – May 2009

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

Find the general solution of each differential equation.

(a) $y'' + 4y' - 21y = 0$ [4 marks]

(b) $y^{iv} + 5y'' - 36y = 0$ [4 marks]

(c) $y(1 + 2xy)dx + x(1 - xy)dy = 0$. [12 marks]

Question 2

(a) Find the inverse Laplace transform of

$$F(s) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right). \quad [8 \text{ marks}]$$

(b) Find the particular solution of

$$y(x + y^3)dx + x(y^3 - x)dy = 0, \quad y(2) = -1. \quad [12 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 3

Find the series solution of

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

about $x = 0$. [20 marks]

Question 4

(a) Use Laplace transforms to solve

$$\ddot{y} + 4y = t, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \dot{y}(0) = 0. \quad [14 \text{ marks}]$$

(b) Solve

$$x(1 + y^2)dx - y^2(1 - x^2)dy = 0. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 5

- (a) Solve the boundary-value problem

$$y'' - 4y' + 8y = \sin x, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(\pi) = 0. \quad [14 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) Find the general solution of

$$2x^2y'' - 3xy' + 2y = 0. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 6

- (a) Use *two methods* to find the particular integral, and hence general solution of the equation

$$y'' - 4y = e^{-2x}. \quad [14 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) Solve the ordinary differential equation

$$y'' - 2y' = 1. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 7

Solve

(a) $(1 + x^2)y' + x + x^3 = xy$ [10 marks]

(b) $xy' = y(1 + \ln x - \ln y), \quad y(1) = e^{1-\pi}$. [10 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}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$
$t^n e^{at}$	$\frac{n}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$
$\frac{1}{a-b}(e^{at} - e^{bt})$	$\frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
$\frac{1}{a-b}(ae^{at} - be^{bt})$	$\frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)}$
$\sin(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\cos(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
$\sin(at) - at \cos(at)$	$\frac{2a^3}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$
$e^{at} \sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
$e^{at} \cos(bt)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$
$\sinh(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$
$\cosh(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$
$\sin(at) \sinh(at)$	$\frac{2a^2}{s^4 + 4a^4}$
$\frac{d^n f}{dt^n}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$