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MATH150 Introduction to Differential Equations

Final Examination (Version A)

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Directions:

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- DO NOT open the exam booklet until instructed to do so.
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- This is a closed book examination.
- You are advised to try the problems you feel more comfortable with first.
- You may write on both sides of the examination papers.
- There are 8 multiple choice questions. **DO NOT guess wildly! If you do not have confidence in your answer leave the question blank. Each incorrectly answered question will result in a 0.5 point deduction.**
- For the short and long questions, you must show the working steps of your answers in order to receive full points.
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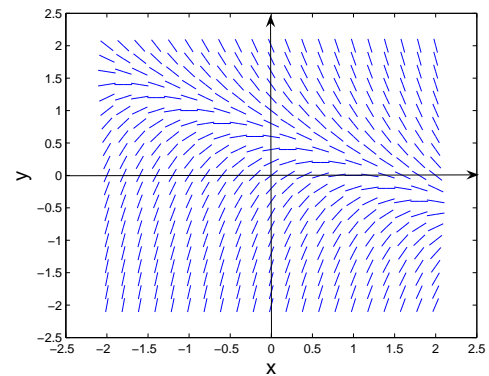
Question No.	Points	Out of
Q. 1-8		24
Q. 9-14		38
Q. 15		17
Q. 16		21
Total Points		100

Part I: Fill in answer in the allocated answer box for the following 8 multiple choice questions is worth 3 points each. DO NOT guess wildly! If you do not have confidence in your answer leave the box blank. Each incorrectly answered question will result in a 0.5 point deduction.

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Answer									

1. Match the graph of the direction field (slopefield) to the differential equation.

- (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x - 2y$
- (b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x + 2y$
- (c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - x - 2y$
- (d) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - y$
- (e) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x - 2y + 1$



2. Which of the following differential equations is/are linear equation(s)?

- (I) $\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} + y = e^t$
- (II) $\frac{dy}{dt} + ty^2 = 0$
- (III) $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \sin(t + y) = \sin t$

- (a) (I) (b) (II) (c) (III) (d) (I) and (II) (e) (II) and (III)

3. Determine the interval in which the solution of

$$(t^2 - 9)y' + (\ln t)y = 2t, \quad y(1) = 2$$

is certain to exist.

- (a) $t < 3$ (b) $3 < t$ (c) $-3 < t < 3$ (d) $0 \leq t \leq 3$ (e) $0 < t < 3$

4. Consider the differential equation

$$M(x, y) + N(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0. \quad (*)$$

Which of the following is/are sufficient condition(s) for (*) to be exact.

- (I) $\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial y}$.
- (II) There exists $F(x, y)$ such that $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = M$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = N$.
- (III) $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 0$.
- (a) (II) only
- (b) (II) and (III) only
- (c) (I) and (II) only
- (d) (I) and (III) only
- (e) (I), (II) and (III)

5. Consider the following differential equation

$$\frac{1}{t} \frac{dy}{dt} + y = 1$$

- (a) Integrating factor = $e^{\frac{t^2}{2}}$; General solution = $1 + Ce^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$
- (b) Integrating factor = e^{-t} ; General solution = C
- (c) Integrating factor = $e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$; General solution = $1 + Ce^{\frac{t^2}{2}}$
- (d) Integrating factor = e^t ; General solution = $Ce^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$
- (e) Integrating factor = t ; General solution = C

6. Suppose $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a set of fundamental solutions to the differential equation $y'' + (\sin x)y' + e^x y = 0$. Suppose $W(y_1, y_2)$ is the Wronskian of y_1 and y_2 . Then $W(y_1, y_2) =$

- (a) 0.
- (b) $ce^{\cos x}$ for some constant c .
- (c) ce^{-e^x} for some constant c .
- (d) $c_1 \sin x + c_2 e^x$ for some constants c_1 and c_2 .
- (e) None of the above.

7. Find the Laplace transform $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}$ of the solution of the given initial value problem :

$$2y'' + 4y' + 5y = e^{-2t} \sin 3t, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -1 .$$

(a) $Y(s) = \frac{2s + 4}{2s^2 + 4s + 5} + \frac{3}{(2s^2 + 4s + 5)(s^2 + 4s + 13)}$

(b) $Y(s) = \frac{2s - 6}{2s^2 + 4s + 5} + \frac{s + 2}{(2s^2 + 4s + 5)(s^2 + 4s + 13)}$

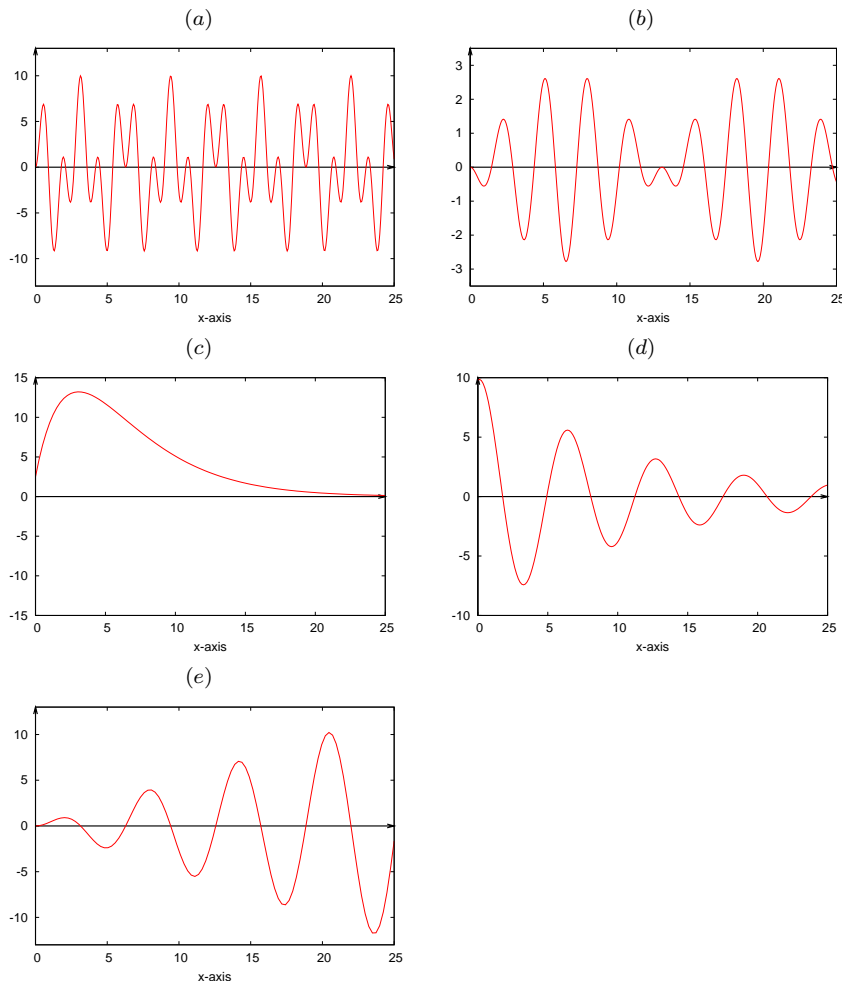
(c) $Y(s) = \frac{4s - 2}{2s^2 + 4s + 5} + \frac{3}{(2s^2 + 4s + 5)(s^2 + 4s + 13)}$

(d) $Y(s) = \frac{4s + 6}{2s^2 + 4s + 5} + \frac{3}{(2s^2 + 4s + 5)(s^2 + 4s + 13)}$

(e) $Y(s) = \frac{4s - 6}{2s^2 + 4s + 5} + \frac{3}{(2s^2 + 4s + 5)(s^2 + 4s + 13)}$

8. Which figure below best represents the solution to the initial value problem:

$$y'' + y = \cos t, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$



Part II: Answer each of the following 6 short questions. Show all your work for full credit.

Question	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
Points	/8	/6	/6	/6	/6	/6	/38

9. Suppose that the logistic equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx(M - x),$$

where k and M are positive constants, models a population $x(t)$ of fish in a lake after t months during which no fishing occurs. Now suppose that, because of fishing, fishes are removed from the lake at the rate of hx fishes per month, where h is a positive constant.

- (a) [3 pts] If $0 < h < kM$, show that the new fish population (with fishes removed at the above rate) still satisfy a logistic equation and hence find two equilibrium solutions when fishing occurs.

Answer: _____

- (b) [2 pts] Classify each equilibrium solution in (a) as asymptotically stable or unstable.

Answer: _____

- (c) [3 pts] If $h = kM$, show that $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ i.e. the lake is eventually fished out.

Answer: _____

10. [6 pts] Find the *general solution* of the differential equation

$$y'' - 2y = e^{-x} \sin x.$$

Answer: _____ .

11. Consider a piecewise continuous function

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} t - \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq t < \frac{\pi}{2}; \\ \cos t & \text{if } \frac{\pi}{2} \leq t < \pi; \\ 0 & \text{if } t \geq \pi. \end{cases}$$

- (a) [3 pts] Express $g(t)$ in terms of unit step functions $u_c(t)$ and the functions appearing in the definition of $g(t)$.

Answer: $g(t) =$ _____

- (b) [3 pts] Find the Laplace transform of $g(t)$.

Answer: $\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\} =$ _____

12. [6 pts] Use the method of Laplace transform to solve

$$f(t) = \sin 3t + \int_0^t f(s) \sin 3(t-s) ds.$$

Answer: _____ .

13. [6 pts] Find the Fourier series of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & -2 \leq x < 0; \\ -x, & 0 \leq x \leq 2. \end{cases}$$

Answer: _____ .

14. [6 pts] Given that $y(x) = x$ is a solution of

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

Find the general solution of the above differential equation.

Answer: _____ .

Part III: Answer the following two long questions.

15. A mass of 2 kg stretches a hanging spring downward by 0.25 metres. The mass is then acted on by an external force $20 \cos(8t)$ Newtons, and is damped by a force which is opposite to the direction of motion and proportional to the magnitude of velocity. It is known that the damping force is 2 Newtons when the velocity is 0.25 metres/second. Let us assume that the acceleration due to gravity is 10 metres/second².

(a) [2 pt] Find the spring constant k ; so, force = $k \cdot$ stretch.

Answer: $k =$ _____

(b) [2 pt] Find the damping constant γ ; so, force = $\gamma \cdot$ velocity.

Answer: $\gamma =$ _____

(c) [3 pt] Let u denote the distance of the mass from its equilibrium position. Write down a 2nd order differential equation for u .

Answer: _____

(d) [6 pt] Suppose the mass is initially at rest at its equilibrium position. Formulate the initial value problem for u and hence solve for u .

Answer: $u =$ _____

- (e) [4 pt] Express the steady-state solution in the form $R \cos(\omega t - \delta)$ and hence find the amplitude and phase of the motion.

Answer: _____

16. (A) Suppose an elastic string of length 50cm is being fixed at both ends in a horizontal position. Let $u(x, t)$ be the vertical displacement of the string at x centimeters from one end and at time t . Suppose the displacement function satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} 4u_{xx} &= u_{tt}, & t > 0; \\ u(0, t) &= 0 = u(50, t), & t \geq 0; \\ u_t(x, 0) &= 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq 50, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x/50, & 0 \leq x \leq 25; \\ (x - 50)/25, & 25 < x \leq 50. \end{cases}$$

- (a) [2 pts] Sketch the initial position of the string given by $f(x)$:

Answer: The sketch is _____.

- (b) [1 pt] Is the string released initially at rest _____ (answer "yes" or "no")?

- (c) [6 pts] Suppose a solution to (1) is in the form

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n u_n(x, t) \quad (2)$$

where $u_n(x, t) = X_n(x)T_n(t)$ for each $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Derive with reason the boundary value problem satisfied by $X_n(x)$. Then solve the problem.

Answers _____.

- (e) [3 pts] Derive with reason the boundary value problem satisfied by $T_n(t)$. Then solve the problem.

Answers: _____ .

- (f) [3 pts] Explain how one can determine the unknown coefficients c_n . Write down a formula for c_n without actually evaluating the integrals.

Answer: _____ .

- (B) Suppose the problem (A) above is modified so that the displacement function $u(x, t)$ still satisfy (1) but with new conditions $u(x, 0) = 0$ and $u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$, $0 \leq x \leq 50$ instead, where $g(x)$ is some given function. We again assume that a solution $u(x, t)$ takes the form (2) for some different c_n .

- (g) [2 pts] Is the string released at rest initially _____ (answer "yes" or "no") ?

- (h) [4 pts] Determine with details the $u_n(x, t)$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$.

Answer: _____ .

Table 1: Laplace transforms

	$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{F(s)\}$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$
1	1	$\frac{1}{s}, \quad s > 0$
2	e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}, \quad s > a$
3	$t^n, \quad n = \text{positive integer}$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \quad s > 0$
4	$t^p, \quad p > -1$	$\frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{s^{p+1}}, \quad s > 0$
5	$\sin at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}, \quad s > 0$
6	$\cos at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}, \quad s > 0$
7	$\sinh at$	$\frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}, \quad s > a $
8	$\cosh at$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}, \quad s > a $
9	$e^{at} \sin bt$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}, \quad s > a$
10	$e^{at} \cos bt$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}, \quad s > a$
11	$t^n e^{at}, \quad n = \text{positive integer}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}, \quad s > 0$
12	$u_c(t)$	$\frac{e^{-cs}}{s}, \quad s > 0$
13	$u_c(t) f(t-c)$	$e^{-cs} F(s)$
14	$e^{ct} f(t)$	$F(s-c)$
15	$f(ct)$	$\frac{1}{c} F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right), \quad c > 0$
16	$\int_0^t f(t-\tau) g(\tau) d\tau$	$F(s) G(s)$
17	$\delta(t-c)$	e^{-cs}
18	$f^{(n)}(t)$	$s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$
19	$(-t)^n f(t)$	$F^{(n)}(s)$