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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
MATH 422: ODE II

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 20/09/2021

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer question one (Compulsory) and any other two questions

## QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

(a) Show that  $y_1 = e^t \sin t$  and  $y_2 = e^t \cos t$  are a fundamental set. [4 marks]

(b) Solve the system. [5 marks]

(c) Determine whether the vectors function are linearly dependent (LD) or linearly independent (LI). [3 marks]

$$(d) \underline{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3t} \\ 0 \\ e^{3t} \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{3t} \\ e^{3t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-3t} \\ -e^{-3t} \\ e - 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

Are a fundamental set for a system  $\underline{x}' = Ax + fct$  whose particular integral is  $\begin{pmatrix} 5t + 1 \\ 2t \\ 4t + 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Write down specific /particular solution to the system. [3 marks]

(e) Convert the differential equation with a system of first order differential equations in matrix form. [5 marks]

$$\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - \frac{7d^3 y}{dx^3} + \frac{4d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{5dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

(f) Show that the singular point of the equation below is regular.

$$(x - 3)^2 y'' + 2(x - 3)y' + 4y = 0 \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- (a) The general Bessel's equation is  $x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - t^2)y = 0$
- (i) Write down the Bessel's equation of order  $\frac{1}{2}$ . [2 marks]
  - (ii) Determine and classify the singular points of the Bessel's equations. [4 marks]
  - (iii) State the significance of classifying the singular points of a differential equation. [3 marks]

(b) Solve the differential equation  $y'' + xy'y = 0$  for a series solution at  $x_0 = 0$ . [8 marks]

(c) Solve the initial value problems  $\begin{cases} x^1 = A \underline{x} \\ x_1(0) = 1, x_2(0) = 2, x_3(0) = 3 \end{cases}$  given that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 [8 marks]

**QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)**

- (a) (i) State the Rodrigues formula for finding the Legendre polynomials  $p_n(x)$ . [1 mark]
- (ii) Use the Rodrigues formula stated in a(i) above to obtain  $p_5(x)$ . [6 marks]
- (b) Find the power series of the D.E  $y' - 2y = 0$  [8 marks]
- (c) Reduce the equation  $x''' + 2x'' + 5x' + 7x = 0$  into a system of linear first order equations in matrix form. [5 marks]

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

(a) The Legendre polynomials  $p_n(x)$  are given by

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^{n/2} \frac{(-1)^k (2n - 2k)! x^{(n-2k)}}{k!(n-k)!(n-2k)!}$$

$P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$  [5 marks]

(b) Solve the initial value problem.

$x^1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \underline{x(t)}$  given that  $x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  [8 marks]

(c) Use systematic elimination to solve

$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2x - y$  [7 marks]

$\frac{dy}{dt} = x$

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