

Mid Term Examination

Spring 2021

Exam Time: 60 minutes.

PHM212s: Complex, Special Functions and Numerical Analysis

The Exam Consists of TWO Questions in THREE Pages. Answer All Questions

Total Marks: 20 Marks

MODEL ANSWER

General Instructions:

- Please read the examination paper carefully.
- Be sure to solve each question in its paper (you can use the back).
- Programmable & Graphical Calculators are NOT Allowed.

Question no. 1 (12 marks)

a) By two different methods obtain a closed form for $\Gamma\left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right)$ where n is any positive integer.

[4 Marks]

Method (1)

Using Legendre Duplication Formula

$$\therefore \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2x) = 2^{2x-1} \Gamma(x) \Gamma\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \dots [1]$$

Let $x = n + 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2n + 2) = 2^{2n+1} \Gamma(n + 1) \Gamma\left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma\left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{(2n+1)! \sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2n+1} n!} \dots [1]$$

Method (2)

$$\Gamma\left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right) = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(n - \frac{3}{2}\right) \dots \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} (2n+1)(2n-1)(2n-3) \dots 5.3.1 \sqrt{\pi} \dots [1]$$

$$= \frac{(2n+1)! \sqrt{\pi}}{2^{n+1} [2n(2n-2)(2n-4) \dots 6.4.2]} = \frac{(2n+1)! \sqrt{\pi}}{2^{n+1} [2^n n!]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma\left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{(2n+1)! \sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2n+1} n!} \dots [1]$$

b) Evaluate in terms of the Gamma function the

integral $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^x} dx$ and state the condition on k such that the integral converges.

[4 Marks]

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^k k^{-x} dx$$

$$\text{Let } k^{-x} = e^{-t} \Rightarrow -x \ln k = -t \dots [1]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{t}{\ln k} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{\ln k} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{t}{\ln k}\right)^k e^{-t} \frac{1}{\ln k} dt \dots [1]$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\ln k}\right)^{k+1} \int_0^{\infty} t^k e^{-t} dt$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\ln k}\right)^{k+1} \Gamma(k+1) \dots [1]$$

$$\rightarrow k+1 > 0 \Rightarrow k > -1 \text{ (Domain for } \Gamma(x) \text{)}$$

$$\rightarrow k > 0 \text{ (Domain for } \ln(x) \text{)}$$

$$\rightarrow \ln k > 0 \Rightarrow k > 1 \text{ (for Integral Limits)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k > 1} \dots [1]$$

C) Find the area enclosed by the curve

$$x^{2/5} + y^{2/5} = 1$$

[4 Marks]

$$Area = 4 \int_0^1 y \, dx$$

$$= 4 \int_0^1 \left(1 - x^{2/5}\right)^{5/2} dx \quad \dots \boxed{1}$$

$$\text{let } x^{2/5} = t \Rightarrow x = t^{5/2} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{5}{2} t^{3/2} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Area = 4 \int_0^1 (1-t)^{5/2} \frac{5}{2} t^{3/2} dt \quad \dots \boxed{1}$$

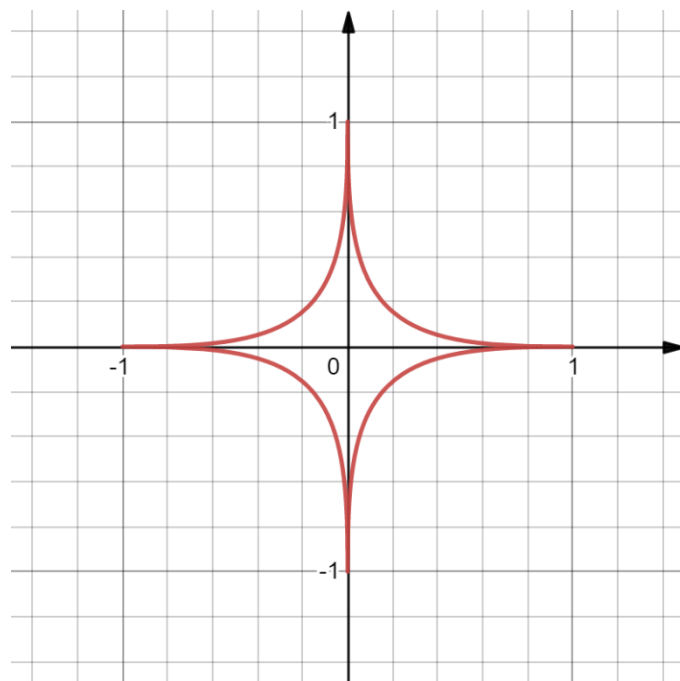
$$= 10 \int_0^1 t^{3/2} (1-t)^{5/2} dt$$

$$= 10 \beta\left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}\right) \quad \dots \boxed{1}$$

$$= 10 \frac{\Gamma(5/2) \Gamma(7/2)}{\Gamma(6)}$$

$$= 10 \frac{3/2 \cdot 1/2 \cdot \sqrt{\pi} \cdot 5/2 \cdot 3/2 \cdot 1/2 \cdot \sqrt{\pi}}{5!}$$

$$\Rightarrow Area = \frac{15\pi}{2^7} \text{ square units} \quad \dots \boxed{1}$$



Question no. 3 (8 marks)

Find two linearly independent solutions in powers of "x" for the following differential equations:

$$(1 - x^2) y'' - 2x y' + 12y = 0$$

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$$1) \rightarrow p(x) = \frac{-2x}{(1-x^2)}, q(x) = \frac{12}{(1-x^2)}$$

at $x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow p(x) \& q(x)$ are defined $\Rightarrow x_0 = 0$ is an Ordinary Point ... [1]

$$2) \rightarrow \text{Let } y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \text{ be a solution } \Rightarrow y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \Rightarrow y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} \quad \dots [1]$$

3) \rightarrow Substitute in equation [1]

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x^2) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - 2x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + 12 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 12 a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2n a_n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 12 a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} - n(n-1) a_n - 2n a_n + 12 a_n] x^n = 0$$

$$4) \rightarrow \because \text{coef.}(x^n) = 0 \Rightarrow (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} - n(n-1) a_n - 2n a_n + 12 a_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+2} = \frac{n(n-1) + 2n - 12}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n = \frac{n^2 + n - 12}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a_{n+2} = \frac{(n+4)(n-3)}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_n}; n \geq 0 \dots \text{Recurrence Relation} \quad \dots [3]$$

$$5) \rightarrow n = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{(4)(-3)}{(2)(1)} a_0, \rightarrow n = 2 \Rightarrow a_4 = \frac{(6)(-1)}{(4)(3)} a_2 = \frac{(4*6)(-3*-1)}{(2*4)(1*3)} a_0,$$

$$n = 4 \Rightarrow a_6 = \frac{(8)(1)}{(6)(5)} a_4 = \frac{(4*6*8)(-3*-1*1)}{(2*4*6)(1*3*5)} a_0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{2k} = \frac{[4*6*\dots*(2k+2)][-3*-1*1*\dots*(2k-5)]}{(2k)!} a_0 \dots \dots k \geq 1 \quad \dots [1]$$

$$\rightarrow n = 1 \Rightarrow a_3 = \frac{(5)(-2)}{(3)(2)} a_1 = \frac{-5}{3} a_1, n = 3 \Rightarrow a_5 = 0 = a_7 = a_9 = \dots = a_{2k+1} \quad \dots [1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 \left[1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{[4*6*\dots*(2k+2)][-3*-1*1*\dots*(2k-5)]}{(2k)!} x^{2k} \right] + a_1 \left[x - \frac{5}{3} x^3 \right]} \quad \dots [1]$$