

**FINAL EXAMINATION**

Academic year 2012-2013, Semester 1

Duration: 120 minutes

**SUBJECT: Differential Equations**

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**Instructions:**

- Each student is allowed a scientific calculator and a maximum of two double-sided sheets of reference material (size A4 or similar), stapled together and marked with their name and ID. All other documents and electronic devices are forbidden.

**Question 1.** (15 marks) A large corporation starts at time  $t = 0$  to invest part of its receipts at a rate of  $P$  dollars per year in a fund for future corporate expansion. Assume that the fund earns  $r$  percent interest per year compounded continuously. So, the rate of growth of the amount  $A$  in the fund is given by

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = rA + P,$$

where  $A = 0$  when  $t = 0$ . Find the amount  $A$  provided  $P = \$100000$ ,  $r = 12\%$ , and  $t = 5$  years.

**Question 2.** (20 marks) Solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + y = \sin x + \cos x; \quad y(0) = 1; \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

**Question 3.** Find the general solution of the following differential equations:

a) (15 marks)

$$y^{(4)} - 3y'' + 2y' = 0.$$

b) (15 marks)

$$y'' - 2y' + y = x + 5 + xe^x.$$

**Question 4.** (15 marks) Solve the system of differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -x + 6y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = x - 2y. \end{cases}$$

**Question 5.** (20 marks) Show that  $y_p(x) = x$  is a solution of

$$x^3y'' + x^2y' - xy = 0, \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Use this information and the variation of parameters method to find the general solution of

$$x^3y'' + x^2y' - xy = x + 1, \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

End.

# SOLUTIONS:

**Question 1.** The general solution of  $\frac{dA}{dt} = rA + P$ , is given by

$$A(t) = -\frac{P}{r} + Ce^{rt}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Since  $A(0) = 0$ , it follows that  $A(t) = \frac{P}{r}(e^{rt} - 1)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . If  $P = 100000$ ,  $r = 0.12$  and  $t = 5$  then  $A(5) \approx \$685099$ .

**Question 2.** The general solution of  $y'' + y = 0$ , is

$$y(x) = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x.$$

A particular solution of  $y'' + y = \sin x + \cos x$  is given by  $y_p(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x \cos x + \frac{1}{2}x \sin x$ . Thus, the general solution of the nonhomogeneous equation is

$$y(x) = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x - \frac{1}{4}x \cos x + \frac{1}{2}x \sin x.$$

Since  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ , we get the particular solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{4} \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{4}(2-x) \cos x + \frac{1}{2}x \sin x.$$

**Question 3.**

a) The general solution of the given equation is

$$y(x) = c_1 + c_2 e^{-2x} + c_3 e^x + c_4 x e^x.$$

b) The general solution of the equation  $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$ , is

$$y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x.$$

A particular solution of  $y'' - 2y' + y = x + 5 + x e^x$  is given by  $y_p(x) = x + 7 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 e^x$ . Thus the general solution of the last differential equation is

$$y(x) = x + 7 + \frac{1}{6}x^3 e^x + c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x.$$

**Question 4.** The general solution of the given system is

$$x(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-4t}; \quad y(t) = \frac{1}{3}c_1 e^t - \frac{1}{2}c_2 e^{-4t}.$$

**Question 5.** The general solution of  $x^3 y'' + x^2 y' - xy = 0$  is given by

$$y(x) = c_1 x + c_2 \frac{1}{x}.$$

A particular solution of  $x^3 y'' + x^2 y' - xy = x + 1$  is given by

$$y_p(x) = \frac{-4x - 1 - 2 \ln x}{4x}.$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y(x) = \frac{-4x - 1 - 2 \ln x}{4x} + c_1 x + c_2 \frac{1}{x}.$$