

MIDTERM EXAMINATION

Academic year 2012-2013, Semester 2

Duration: 90 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. a) (10 marks) Show that the differential equation

$$(e^{2y} - y \cos(xy))dx + (2xe^{2y} - x \cos(xy) + 2y)dy = 0,$$

is exact.

- b) (15 marks) Solve the equation given in a).

Question 2. (25 marks) Find the solution to the initial value problem

$$x(x+1)y' + xy = 1, \quad x \in (0, \infty); \quad y(e) = 1.$$

Question 3. a) (10 marks) Solve the differential equation

$$y'' - 3y' = 0.$$

- b) (15 marks) Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$y'' - 3y' = 8e^{3x} + 4 \sin x.$$

Question 4. (10 marks) a) Show that $y_1(x) = x$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$x^2y'' - 3xy' + 3y = 0.$$

- b) (15 marks) Solve the differential equation

$$x^2y'' - 3xy' + 3y = 2x^4e^x.$$

END.

SOLUTIONS:

Question 1. a) Let

$$M(x, y) = e^{2y} - y \cos(xy); \quad N(x, y) = 2xe^{2y} - x \cos(xy) + 2y.$$

Thus the given equation is exact.

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y) = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}(x, y) = 2e^{2y} - \cos(xy) + xy \sin(xy).$$

b) The general solution is given by

$$xe^{2y} - \sin(xy) + y^2 = C.$$

Question 2. The given equation is written as

$$y' + \frac{1}{x+1}y = \frac{1}{x(x+1)}, \quad x > 0.$$

The integrating factor is given by $I(x) = x + 1$. Thus, we get

$$(x+1)y' + y = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x > 0.$$

This gives

$$\frac{d}{dx}[y(1+x)] = \ln x + C, \quad x > 0.$$

Therefore, the general solution is

$$y(x) = \frac{\ln x + C}{x+1}.$$

Since $y(e) = 1$, the particular solution is $y(x) = \frac{\ln x + e}{x+1}$.

Question 3.

a) The general solution of the homogeneous equation is

$$y(x) = c_1 + c_2 e^{3x}.$$

b) A particular solution of $y'' - 3y' = 8e^{3x} + 4 \sin x$ is $y_p(x) = (8/3)e^{3x}x - (2/5)\sin x + (6/5)\cos x$. Thus the general solution of the equation $y'' - 3y' = 8e^{3x} + 4 \sin x$, is given by

$$y(x) = (8/3)e^{3x}x - (2/5)\sin x + (6/5)\cos x + c_1 + c_2 e^{3x}.$$

Question 4. a) So easy.

b) The general solution is given by

$$y(x) = 2e^x(x^2 - x) + c_1 x^3 + c_2 x.$$