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MAP 1302 Differential Equations I

Answer ALL Questions

Time: Three (03) hours.

1. (a) Define the following terms:

(i). Ordinary differential equation ,

[05 Marks]

(ii). Degree of a differential equation.

[05 Marks]

(b) Let $F(D) = p_0 D^n + p_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + p_n$ where p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n are constants and n is a positive integer. Prove that,

(i) $F(D)e^{ax} = e^{ax}F(a)$,

[15 Marks]

(ii) $F(D^2)\cos ax = F(-a^2)\cos ax$,

[15 Marks]

(iii) $\frac{1}{D+a}f(x) = e^{-ax} \frac{1}{D}e^{ax}f(x)$.

[20 Marks]

(c) Find the general solutions of the following differential equations:

(i) $(D^3 + D^2 - D - 1)y = \cos 2x$,

[20 Marks]

(ii). $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^{e^x}$

[20 Marks]

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2. (a) Discuss the method of finding the general solution of the Clairaut's equation $y = px + f(p)$, where $f(p)$ is a function of $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$. **[20 Marks]**

Use this method to find the general solution of the equation $y^2 + x^2 p^2 - 2xyp = 4p^2$.

[20 Marks]

- (b) In the following differential equations, $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$.

(i) Solve the differential equation, $p^2 + 2py \cot x - y^2 = 0$, by first expressing p in terms of x and y . **[20 Marks]**

(ii). Solve the differential equation $6y^2 p^2 + 3xp - y = 0$, for x . **[20 Marks]**

(iii). Solve the differential equation $xp^2 + 2xp - y = 0$, for y . **[20 Marks]**

3. If M and N are functions of x and y , then the equation $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ is called exact when there exists a function $f(x, y) = C$, where C is an arbitrary constant, such that $df(x, y) = M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy$.

Show that the necessary and sufficient condition for the differential equation

$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ to be exact is $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$. **[40 Marks]**

Verify that the differential equation, $x(1 - \sin y) dy = (\cos x - \cos y - y) dx$ is exact and solve it.

[60 Marks]

4. (a). Show that, if $n \neq 0, 1$, the change of the dependent variable given by the substitution $z = y^{1-n}$, transforms the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n$ into a linear differential equation in z . **[25 Marks]**

Hence, solve the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} - y = e^{-x} y^2$. **[25 Marks]**

(b) Show that, the substitution $v = \frac{y^2}{x}$ converts any differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{y} f\left(\frac{y^2}{x}\right) \text{ into a separable differential equation.} \quad [20 \text{ Marks}]$$

Using the above method, find all solutions of the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{y} \left(\frac{y^4}{x^2} - \frac{y^2}{2x} \right)$. [30 Marks]

5. (a). Obtain the method of finding the general solution of the Riccati's equation,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = P(x) + Q(x)y + R(x)y^2. \quad [30 \text{ Marks}]$$

(b). Outline the method of finding the general solution of Riccati's equation when one particular integral is known. [20 Marks]

Show that $y = x + \frac{1}{x}$ is a particular integral of the differential equation

$$y_1 = 2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{1}{x} \right) y - \frac{1}{2} y^2, \text{ and hence obtain its general solution.} \quad [50 \text{ Marks}]$$