

**MTL 101**  
**LINEAR ALGEBRA AND DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**  
**MAJOR: PART A**

**Notation:**  $x'(t)$ ,  $x''(t)$  and  $x'''(t)$  denote the first, second and third derivatives of function  $x$  with respect to variable  $t$ , respectively.

**PART A: 10:00 to 11:20.**

**No Submission is allowed after 11:20.  
If you submit PART A with PART B, it will not be graded.**

**Question 1: (3 Marks)** Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves  $x = ce^{t^2}$ .

**Question 2: (5 Marks)** Consider the IVP

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\cos x}{1-t^2}, \quad x(0) = x_0,$$

with  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find the largest interval  $|t| < h$  on which the existence and uniqueness theorem guarantees a unique solution.

**Question 3: (4 Marks)** Solve the following ODE

$$(xdt + tdx) t \cos\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) = (tdx - xdt) x \sin\left(\frac{x}{t}\right).$$

**Question 4: (6 Marks)** Consider the differential operator with constant coefficients

$$L = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} - 2\frac{d}{dt} + 1$$

and let  $f(t) = \sin(t) + e^t + t$ .

(a) Determine  $M$ , a linear differential operator with constant coefficients, such that it annihilates  $f$ .

(b) Taking into account **part(a)**, find the general solution of  $L(x(t)) = f(t)$  using the method of undetermined coefficients.

**Question 5: (8 Marks)** Consider the differential equation

$$t^3 x''' + t^2 x'' - 2x = 1 \tag{1}$$

(a) Reduce (1) into an ODE with constant coefficients and find the corresponding first order system.

(b) Find the fundamental matrix of the first order system obtained in **part(a)**.

(c) Using the method of variation of parameters for the first order system obtained in **part(a)**, find the general solution of (1).

**END OF PART A**

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**PART B: 11:45 to 13:05.  
No Submission is allowed after 13:05.**

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**Question 1: (6 Marks)** Discuss the existence and uniqueness of the solutions for the following IVPs:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1' &= |x_1|^p + t^2, \quad p \geq 1 \\x_2' &= \tan^{-1}(x_2), \\x_1(1) &= 0, \quad x_2(1) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1' &= |x_2|^p + t^2, \quad 0 < p < 1 \\x_2' &= \sin(x_1), \\x_1(1) &= 0, \quad x_2(1) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

**Question 2: (5 Marks)** Solve the following IVP using Laplace Transform:

$$x'' + 3x' + 2x = \sin(t) + \delta(t - 2)$$

with initial conditions  $x(0) = 0$  and  $x'(0) = 5$ . Here  $\delta(t - 2)$  is the Dirac Delta function centred at  $t = 2$ . Check if the solution is continuously differentiable ( $C^1$ ).

**Question 3: (6 Marks)** Find the inverse Laplace Transform of the following functions:

$$(a) \ln\left(1 - \frac{a^2}{s^2}\right), \quad (b) \frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}.$$

**Question 4: (7 Marks)** Consider the following linear system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1' &= -2x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 \\x_2' &= -5x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 \\x_3' &= -x_1 + x_2 + \lambda x_3\end{aligned}$$

If  $\vec{x} = \vec{a}te^{2t}$  is a solution of this system for some constant vector  $\vec{a}$ , then find the general solution of the system.

**END OF PART B**