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*****MA102 Mathematics-II : Test 4*****

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Total Time: **90** Minutes (10:00 am to 11:30 am)

Total Marks: **25** Marks

Instructions:

- The question paper has **FIVE** questions. Answer **ALL** questions. Answers to all subdivisions/ subparts of a question should appear together.

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1. Find a fundamental set of solutions of the linear homogeneous system $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(5 marks)

Solution:

Step 1: Finding the eigenvalues of A

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad \implies \quad (-1)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 5) = 0.$$

Therefore the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda_1 = -2$, $\lambda_2 = -2 + i$ and $\lambda_3 = -2 - i = \overline{\lambda_2}$.
(1 mark)

Step 2: Finding the eigenvectors of A

Corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = -2$, we find the nontrivial solution of $(A - \lambda_1 I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ as follows.

$$(A + 2I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \quad \implies \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It gives that $x_1 = 0$ and $x_2 = 0$. We choose $x_3 = 1$. Therefore $\mathbf{v}_1 = (0, 0, 1)^T$ is an eigenvector corresponding to the real eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = -2$.
(1 mark)

Corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = -2 + i$, we find the nontrivial solution of $(A - \lambda_2 I)\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ as follows.

$$(A - (-2 + i)I)\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} \quad \implies \quad \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It gives that $w_3 = 0$ and $-iw_1 + w_2 = 0$. Choose $w_1 = 1$, we get $w_2 = i$. Therefore $\mathbf{w} = (1, i, 0)^T$ is an eigenvector corresponding to the complex eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = -2 + i$.

Set

$$\mathbf{u} = \text{Re}(\mathbf{w}) = (1, 0, 0)^T \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} = \text{Im}(\mathbf{w}) = (0, 1, 0)^T.$$

(1 mark)

Step 3: Writing the matrices P, D, P^{-1}

The matrix P is given by

$$P = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{u} \quad \mathbf{v}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix D is given by

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(1 mark)

Step 3: Computing the matrices e^{Dt} and e^{At}

$$e^{Dt} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} \cos t & e^{-2t} \sin t \\ 0 & -e^{-2t} \sin t & e^{-2t} \cos t \end{bmatrix}.$$

A fundamental matrix e^{At} is given by

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= P e^{Dt} P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} \cos t & e^{-2t} \sin t \\ 0 & -e^{-2t} \sin t & e^{-2t} \cos t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \cos t & e^{-2t} \sin t & 0 \\ -e^{-2t} \sin t & e^{-2t} \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(1 mark)

A fundamental set of solutions to $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ is given by $\{\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3\}$ where

$$\Phi_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \cos t \\ -e^{-2t} \sin t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \sin t \\ e^{-2t} \cos t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_3(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note: If some one takes different eigenvectors, then the matrix P will be different and the further calculation will change accordingly. If some one takes the matrix P as $P = [\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{v} \ \mathbf{v}_1]$ then $P = I = P^{-1}$ and hence $D = A$ and $e^{Dt} = e^{At}$.

2. Using the **method of variation of parameters**, solve the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 4e^{2t} \\ 4e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(5 marks)

Solution:

Step 1: Finding a Fundamental Matrix $\Phi(t)$

Step 1(a): Finding the eigenvalues of A

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad \implies \quad (3 - \lambda)^2 - 1 = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8 = 0.$$

Therefore the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda_1 = 2$ and $\lambda_2 = 4$. (0.5 mark)

Step 1(b): Finding the eigenvectors of A

Corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 2$, we find the nontrivial solution of $(A - \lambda_1 I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ as follows.

$$(A - 2I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \quad \implies \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It gives that $x_1 = x_2$. We choose $x_1 = 1$. Therefore $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1)^T$ is an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 2$. (0.5 mark)

Corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 4$, we find the nontrivial solution of $(A - \lambda_2 I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ as follows.

$$(A - 4I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \quad \implies \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It gives that $x_1 = -x_2$. We choose $x_1 = 1$. Therefore $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, -1)^T$ is an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 4$. (0.5 mark)

Step 1(c): Writing a Fundamental Matrix $\Phi(t)$

A fundamental matrix $\Phi(t)$ is given by

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{4t} \\ e^{2t} & -e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 2: Computing $\Phi^{-1}(t)$

$$\Phi^{-1}(t) = \left(\frac{-1}{2e^{6t}} \right) \begin{bmatrix} -e^{4t} & -e^{4t} \\ -e^{2t} & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & e^{-2t} \\ e^{-4t} & -e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 3: Computing $\int_0^t \Phi^{-1}(u)F(u) du$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \Phi^{-1}(u)F(u) du &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2u} & e^{-2u} \\ e^{-4u} & -e^{-4u} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4e^{2u} \\ 4e^{4u} \end{bmatrix} du \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} 4e^{2u} + 4 \\ 4e^{-2u} - 4 \end{bmatrix} du = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} + 4t - 2 \\ -2e^{-2t} - 4t + 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} + 2t - 1 \\ -e^{-2t} - 2t + 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(1 mark)

Step 4: Computing $\mathbf{x}_p(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_p(t) &= \Phi(t) \int_0^t \Phi^{-1}(u)F(u) du = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{4t} \\ e^{2t} & -e^{4t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} + 2t - 1 \\ -e^{-2t} - 2t + 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -2te^{4t} + 2e^{4t} + 2te^{2t} - 2e^{2t} \\ 2te^{4t} + 2te^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{x}_p(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} te^{4t} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{4t} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} te^{2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}. \end{aligned}$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 5: Computing $\mathbf{x}_h(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_h(t) &= \Phi(t)\Phi^{-1}(0)\mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{4t} \\ e^{2t} & -e^{4t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{x}_h(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 6: Writing the unique solution $\mathbf{x}(t)$ to the given IVP

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t) &= \mathbf{x}_h(t) + \mathbf{x}_p(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} te^{4t} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{4t} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} te^{2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ \mathbf{x}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} te^{4t} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{4t} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} te^{2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}. \end{aligned}$$

(0.5 mark)

Note: If a student computes the particular solution **without using the method of variation of parameters** then award **zero** marks.

3. Find the general solution in the neighborhood of the ordinary point $x_0 = 0$ of

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

(5 marks)

Solution:

Step 1: Writing Form of the Series Solution, Substituting it in the ODE, Shifting the indices and Gathering all terms of same power of x

Let $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ for $|x| < R$, where $R > 0$.

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, \quad y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} .$$

Substituting in the given ODE, we get

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

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

(0.5 mark)

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

$$(2a_2 - 2a_0) + 6a_3 x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} + n(n-1) a_n + 2n a_n - 2a_n] x^n = 0 .$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 2: Equating each coefficient to zero

$$2a_2 - 2a_0 = 0 \quad \implies \quad a_2 = a_0 .$$

$$6a_3 = 0 \quad \implies \quad a_3 = 0 .$$

(0.5 mark)

For $n \geq 2$,

$$(n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} + n(n-1) a_n + 2n a_n - 2a_n = 0 \quad \implies \quad a_{n+2} = \frac{(-1)(n-1)}{(n+1)} a_n .$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 3: Expressing a_n for $n \geq 2$ in terms of a_0 and a_1

$$\begin{aligned}a_4 &= \frac{(-1)(2-1)}{(2+1)}a_2 = \frac{-a_2}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}a_0 . \\a_5 &= \frac{(-1)(3-1)}{(3+1)}a_3 = \frac{-2a_3}{4} = 0 . \\a_6 &= \frac{(-1)(4-1)}{(4+1)}a_4 = \frac{-3a_4}{5} = \frac{1}{5}a_0 . \\a_7 &= \frac{(-1)(5-1)}{(5+1)}a_5 = \frac{-4a_5}{6} = 0 .\end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$a_{2n+1} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots .$$

(0.5 mark)

$$a_{2n} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} a_0}{(2n-1)} \quad \text{for} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots .$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 3: Writing Two LI Solutions

We get two linearly independent solutions as

$$f_1(x) = a_0 + a_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)} x^{2n} \quad \text{for} \quad |x| < 1 ,$$

(0.5 mark)

$$f_2(x) = a_1 x \quad \text{for} \quad |x| < \infty .$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 4: Writing the General Solution

The general solution to the given ODE is given by

$$y(x) = A y_1(x) + B y_2(x) \quad \text{for} \quad |x| < 1 ,$$

where

$$y_1(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)} x^{2n} \quad \text{for} \quad |x| < 1 ,$$

$$y_2(x) = x \quad \text{for} \quad |x| < \infty ,$$

and A and B are arbitrary real constants.

(1 mark)

4. Find a series solution $y_1(x)$ corresponding to the root r_1 about the singular point $x_0 = 0$ of the differential equation

$$4x^2 y'' - 8x^2 y' + (4x^2 + 1) y = 0$$

and write $y_1(x)$ in a closed form. (5 marks)

Solution:

Step 1: Writing Form of the Series Solution, Substituting it in the ODE, Shifting the indices and Gathering all terms of same power of x

Let $y(x) = x^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ for $0 < x < R$, where $a_0 \neq 0$ and for some $R > 0$.

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) a_n x^{n+r-1}, \quad y''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1) a_n x^{n+r-2}.$$

Substituting in the given ODE, we get

$$4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1) a_n x^{n+r} - 8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) a_n x^{n+r+1} + 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} = 0.$$

(0.5 mark)

$$4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1) a_n x^{n+r} - 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+r-1) a_{n-1} x^{n+r} + 4 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n-2} x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} = 0.$$

$$(4r(r-1) + 1) a_0 x^r + [4r(1+r) a_1 - 8r a_0 + a_1] x^{r+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [4(n+r)(n+r-1) a_n - 8(n+r-1) a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} + a_n] x^{n+r} = 0.$$

(1 mark)

Step 2: Equating the coefficient of the lowest power of x to zero to get Indicial equation and its roots

Equating the coefficient of x^r to zero, we get the **indicial equation** as

$$4r(r-1) + 1 = 4r^2 - 4r + 1 = 0.$$

(0.5 mark)

Its roots are

$$\text{Exponents : } r_1 = r_2 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Since $r_1 = r_2$, it follows that $r_1 - r_2 = 0$ is a nonnegative integer and we get only one series solution corresponding to $r_1 = 1/2$. (0.5 mark)

Step 3: Equating the coefficients of higher powers of x to zero

Equating the coefficient of x^{r+1} to zero by taking $r = 1/2$, we get

$$4r(1+r)a_1 - 8ra_0 + a_1 = 0 \quad \implies \quad a_1 = a_0 .$$

(0.5 mark)

Equating the coefficient of x^{n+r} to zero, we get

$$4(n+r)(n+r-1)a_n - 8(n+r-1)a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} + a_n = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 2 .$$

Putting $r = 1/2$, we get

$$a_n = \frac{8\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2}}{4n^2} = \frac{(2n-1)a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}}{n^2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2 .$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 4: Expressing a_n for $n \geq 1$ in terms of a_0

Now,

$$a_2 = \frac{3a_1 - a_0}{2^2} = \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{a_0}{2!} .$$

$$a_3 = \frac{5a_2 - a_1}{3^2} = \frac{a_0}{6} = \frac{a_0}{3!} .$$

$$a_4 = \frac{7a_3 - a_2}{4^2} = \frac{a_0}{24} = \frac{a_0}{4!} .$$

In general,

$$a_n = \frac{a_0}{n!} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2 .$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 5: Writing the series solution $y_1(x)$ along with its domain of convergence

$$y_1(x) = x^{1/2} \left\{ a_0 + a_0x + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_0}{n!} x^n \right\} = x^{1/2} \left\{ a_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right\} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \infty .$$

$$y_1(x) = a_0 |x|^{1/2} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right\} \quad \text{for } 0 < |x| < \infty .$$

(0.5 mark)

Step 6: Writing $y_1(x)$ in closed form

$$y_1(x) = a_0 |x|^{1/2} e^x \quad \text{for } 0 < |x| < \infty ,$$

where a_0 is an arbitrary real constant.

(0.5 mark)

5. (a) Write the system that is equivalent to the equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4x = 0$. Then, locate the critical point of the system and determine its type and stability.
- (b) Determine the type and stability of the critical point $(0,0)$ of the following nonlinear autonomous system.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= x + x^2 - 4xy, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -2x + y + 8y^2.\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Let $P_n(x)$ denote the Legendre polynomial of degree $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Compute the value of the integral $\int_{-1}^1 x P_9(x) P_{10}(x) dx$.

(1.5 + 1.5 + 2 = **5** marks)

Solution:

5(a) The Linear Autonomous System that is equivalent to the differential equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4x = 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -4x.\end{aligned}$$

The critical point of this system is $(0,0)$. (0.5 mark)

Now, we find the eigenvalues of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. The characteristic polynomial of A is $\lambda^2 + 4 = 0$. So, $\lambda_1 = 2i$ and $\lambda_2 = -2i$ are the eigenvalues of A . (0.5 mark)

Since the eigenvalues are complex and pure imaginary, the critical point $(0,0)$ is a **center** and **stable**. (0.5 mark)

Note: If somebody writes just the critical point $(0,0)$ is a center and stable without computing the eigenvalues of A , then award only 0.5 mark.

5(b) Consider the corresponding linear autonomous system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= x, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -2x + y.\end{aligned}$$

Now, we find the eigenvalues of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. The characteristic polynomial of A is $(1 - \lambda)^2 = 0$ and hence $\lambda = 1$ is the repeated real eigenvalue of A .
(0.5 mark)

Since the eigenvalues are real, equal and positive, the critical point $(0, 0)$ is a **node** and **unstable** for the Linear Autonomous System.
(0.5 mark)

Since the eigenvalues are real, equal and positive; and A is **non-diagonal**, we conclude that $(0, 0)$ is a **node** and **unstable** for the given Nonlinear Autonomous System.
(0.5 mark)

Note: If somebody writes just the critical point $(0, 0)$ is a node and unstable for the given Nonlinear Autonomous System **without computing the eigenvalues of A** , then award only 0.5 mark.

5(c) We know that the Bonnet's three term recurrence relation given by

$$(n + 1) P_{n+1}(x) - (2n + 1)x P_n(x) + n P_{n-1}(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N} .$$

Take $n = 10$ in the above expression and we get

$$11 P_{11}(x) - 21 x P_{10}(x) + 10 P_9(x) = 0 .$$

Multiplying the above equation by $P_9(x)$, we get

$$x P_{10}(x)P_9(x) = \frac{10}{21} P_9(x)P_9(x) + \frac{11}{21} P_{11}(x) P_9(x) .$$

(1 mark)

$$\int_{-1}^1 x P_{10}(x)P_9(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{10}{21} P_9(x)P_9(x) dx + \int_{-1}^1 \frac{11}{21} P_{11}(x) P_9(x) dx .$$

We know that

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x)P_n(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n , \\ \frac{2}{2n+1} & \text{if } m = n . \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{-1}^1 x P_{10}(x)P_9(x) dx = \frac{10}{21} \times \frac{2}{19} = \frac{20}{399} .$$

(1 mark)

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We know that the Bonnet's three term recurrence relation given by

$$(n+1) P_{n+1}(x) - (2n+1)x P_n(x) + n P_{n-1}(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Take $n = 9$ in the above expression and we get

$$10 P_{10}(x) - 19x P_9(x) + 9 P_8(x) = 0.$$

Multiplying the above equation by $P_{10}(x)$, we get

$$x P_9(x) P_{10}(x) = \frac{10}{19} P_{10}(x) P_{10}(x) + \frac{9}{19} P_8(x) P_{10}(x).$$

(1 mark)

$$\int_{-1}^1 x P_9(x) P_{10}(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{10}{19} P_{10}(x) P_{10}(x) dx + \int_{-1}^1 \frac{9}{19} P_8(x) P_{10}(x) dx.$$

We know that

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_n(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n, \\ \frac{2}{2n+1} & \text{if } m = n. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{-1}^1 x P_9(x) P_{10}(x) dx = \frac{10}{19} \times \frac{2}{21} = \frac{20}{399}.$$

(1 mark)

Note: One can **derive** in same way the following

$$\int_{-1}^1 x P_n(x) P_{n-1}(x) dx = \frac{2n}{4n^2 - 1}$$

and substitute the value for n to get the desired answer. If a student derives the above expression and substitutes for n , then he/she gets 2 marks. If a student does not derive the above expression, but just uses this expression, then he/she gets only 0.5 mark.

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