

# EXAMINATION COVERSHEET

## Winter 2023 Final Examination



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Subject Code:	Math 142
Subject Title:	Essentials of Engineering Mathematics
Time Permitted to Write Exam:	2 Hours
Total Number of Questions:	11 (6 MCQ's + 5 written questions)
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### INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS FOR THE EXAM

1. Please note that subject lecturer/tutor will be unavailable during exams. *If there is a doubt in any of the exam questions i.e. problem solving etc. students should proceed by assuming values etc. Students should mention their assumption on the question paper.*
2. Answers must be written (and drawn) in black or blue ink
3. Any mistakes must be crossed out. Whitener and ink erasers must not be used.
4. Part A (MCQ): Answer ALL/ 6 questions. The marks for each question are shown next to each question. The total for Part A is 30 marks.
5. Part B (Written): Answer ALL/ 5 questions. The marks for each question are shown next to each question. The total for Part B is 70 marks.)
6. Total marks: 100. This Exam is worth 40% of your final marks for MATH 142.



## Part 1 MCQ's **30%** (Circle Your Choice)

### (5pts) Problem 1

Evaluate the improper integral

$$I = \int_6^8 \frac{4}{\sqrt{x-6}} dx$$

A)  $I = 8$

B)  $I = 8\sqrt{2}$

C)  $I = 6$

D)  $I = \infty$

E)  $I = 2\sqrt{2}$

[Solution](#)

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_6^8 \frac{4}{\sqrt{x-6}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 6^+} \int_t^8 4(x-6)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 6^+} \left[ 4 \frac{(x-6)^{-\frac{1}{2}+1}}{-\frac{1}{2}+1} \Big|_t^8 \right] \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 6^+} \left[ 8 \sqrt{x-6} \Big|_t^8 \right] \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 6^+} 8(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{t-6}) = 8\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Answer is B)**

### (5pts) Problem 2

Evaluate the improper integral

$$I = \int_{10}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$$

A)  $I = 10 \ln 10$

B)  $I = 100$

C)  $I = \sqrt{10}$

D)  $I = 10\sqrt{10}$

E)  $I = \infty$

[Solution](#)

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{10}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{10}^t \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln |\ln x| \Big|_{10}^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\ln |\ln t| - \ln \ln 10) = \infty \end{aligned}$$

**Answer is E)**

**(5pts) Problem 3**

Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2xy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

Which of the following is TRUE.

- A) The differential equation is linear
- B) The differential equation is separable
- C) The differential equation is homogeneous
- D) The differential equation is exact
- E) None of the above is true

Solution

This equation is not separable, because there is no way to write it in the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y)$$

The equation is also not linear, because the  $y^2$  term prevents us from putting it in the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$ . The equation is not homogeneous because the right-hand side cannot be written as a function of  $\frac{y}{x}$  alone.

To test for exactness we put the equation in the form

$$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$$

$$2xydx + (x^2 + y^2)dy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2x = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}.$$

So the equation is exact. **D) is correct.**

Moreover,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2xy}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{-2\cancel{x}y}{\cancel{x}^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2\right)} = \frac{-2\frac{y}{x}}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2}$$

The equation is homogeneous. **C) is correct.**

**Remark:** You should circle both **C)** and **D)**. You loose 2 points if you miss one choice.

**(5pts) Problem 4**

Let  $a_n$  be the sequence given by

$$\ln \frac{2}{1}, \ln \frac{3}{2}, \ln \frac{4}{3}, \dots$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  is equal to

A) 0

B) 1

C) 2

D) 3

E) 4

[Solution](#)

$$a_n = \ln \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) = \ln 1 = 0$$

**Answer is A)**

**(5pts) Problem 5**

If

$$S = \frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{10^2} + \frac{9}{10^3} + \dots,$$

then

A)  $S = \infty$

B)  $S = 1$

C)  $S = 10000$

D)  $S = 0.0001$

E)  $S = 90909$

Solution

$$S = \frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{10^2} + \frac{9}{10^3} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{10} \left( \frac{1}{10} \right)^{n-1}$$

S is a geometric series with  $a_1 = \frac{9}{10}$  and  $r = \frac{1}{10}$ .

$$|r| = \frac{1}{10} < 1 \Rightarrow S = \frac{\frac{9}{10}}{1 - \frac{1}{10}} = 1$$

**Answer is B)**

**(5pts) Problem 6**

If

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1},$$

then

$$A) \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$B) \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C) \quad \mathcal{L} = \infty$$

$$D) \quad \mathcal{L} = 4$$

$$E) \quad \mathcal{L} = 7$$

[Solution](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} \\ \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} &= \frac{1}{2(2n-1)} - \frac{1}{2(2n+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{(2n-1)} - \frac{1}{(2n+1)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{(2N-1)} - \frac{1}{(2N+1)} \right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(2N+1)} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Answer is B)**

## Part 2 Written Questions (70%)

### (16pts) Problem 1

Determine convergence or divergence of the following series.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(A)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^n}{n!} & \text{(B)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2n+1} \\ \text{(C)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{n^2+n+1}} & \text{(D)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{7}{n\sqrt{n}} \end{array}$$

#### Solution

(A)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^n}{n!}$ . Here we apply the ratio test with  $a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^n}{n!}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+2} \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{(-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^n}{n!}} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1)^{n+2} \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{(-1)^{n+1} 2^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| -(-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^n \cdot 2}{(n+1) n!} \cdot \frac{n!}{(-1)^{n+1} 2^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{(n+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{1} = 0 \quad \text{(4 points)} \end{aligned}$$

(B)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2n+1}$ . This is an alternating series with  $b_n = \frac{1}{2n+1}$ . Since

$$\begin{cases} b_n = \frac{1}{2n+1} > 0 \\ b_n = \frac{1}{2n+1} \text{ is decreasing} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} = 0 \end{cases},$$

the series converges by the alternating series test. (4 points)

(C)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{n^2+n+1}}$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{n^2+n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2}} = 1 \neq 0$ , the series diverges by the divergence test. (4 points)

(D)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{7}{n\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{7}{n^{3/2}}$ . This is a p-series with  $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$ . It converges by the p-series test. (4 points)

**(14pts) Problem 2**

Find the interval of convergence of the following power series

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

[Solution](#)

Center  $a = 2$ .

**Radius of convergence:**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(x-2)^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2+1}}{\frac{(x-2)^n}{n^2+1}} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-2)^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2+1} \times \frac{n^2+1}{(x-2)^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-2)}{(n+1)^2+1} \times \frac{n^2+1}{1} \right| = |x-2| \end{aligned}$$

$$R = 1 \quad \textbf{(4 points)}$$

$$a - R = 2 - 1 = 1 \quad \textbf{(2 points)}$$

$$a + R = 2 + 1 = 3 \quad \textbf{(2 points)}$$

- When  $x = 1$ , the series becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2+1} \text{ which is a convergent alternating series.} \quad \textbf{(2 points)}$$

- When  $x = 3$ , the series becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}.$$

Using the limit comparison test to compare the series with  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ , we see that it converges by the  $p$ -series test. **(2 points)** Hence,

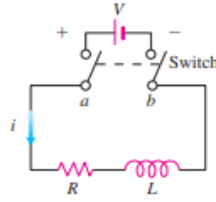
the interval of convergence is

$$IC = [1, 3]. \quad \textbf{(2 points)}$$



**(12pts) Problem 3**

The diagram in the Figure below represents an electrical circuit whose total resistance is a constant  $R$  ohms and whose self-inductance, shown as a coil, is  $L$  henries, also a constant. There is a switch whose terminals at  $a$  and  $b$  can be closed to connect a constant electrical source of  $V$  volts.



Ohm's Law,  $V = RI$ , has to be modified for such a circuit. The modified form is a linear differential equation given by

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = V$$

where  $i$  is the intensity of the current in amperes and  $t$  is the time in seconds. By solving this equation, we can predict how the current will flow after the switch is closed. If the switch is closed at time  $t = 0$  ( $i = 0$ ), How will the current flow as a function of time if  $\frac{R}{L} = 3$  and  $\frac{V}{L} = 5$  ?

Solution

We first start by writing the equation in standard form.

$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = \frac{V}{L} \Leftrightarrow \frac{di}{dt} + 3i = 5$$

$$IF = e^{\int 3dt} = e^{3t} \quad (4 \text{ points})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [ie^{3t}] = 5e^{3t}$$

$$i = e^{-3t} \int 5e^{3t} dt + Ce^{-3t}$$

$$i = e^{-3t} \frac{5}{3} e^{3t} + Ce^{-3t}$$

$$i = \frac{5}{3} + Ce^{-3t} \quad (4 \text{ points})$$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $i = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$0 = \frac{5}{3} + C$$

$$C = \frac{-5}{3} \quad (4 \text{ points})$$

$$i = \frac{5}{3} - \frac{5}{3}e^{-3t}$$

**(14pts) Problem 4**

Show that the differential equation is exact and solve the initial value problem

$$(\cos x - x \sin x + y^2) dx + 2xy dy = 0, \quad y(\pi) = 1.$$

Solution

$$M = \cos x - x \sin x + y^2, \quad N = 2xy.$$

**Exactness condition:**

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2y = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \text{The equation is exact.} \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

$$\begin{cases} f_x = \cos x - x \sin x + y^2 \\ f_y = 2xy \end{cases}.$$

Using the second equation, we have

$$f(x, y) = \int 2xy dy = xy^2 + C(x). \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

Plugging this into the first equation we have

$$y^2 + C'(x) = \cos x - x \sin x + y^2$$

$$C'(x) = \cos x - x \sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned} C(x) &= \int (\cos x - x \sin x) dx \\ &= x \cos x + C \end{aligned} \quad (4 \text{ points})$$

$$f(x, y) = xy^2 + x \cos x.$$

The solution is

$$xy^2 + x \cos x = C$$

$$y(\pi) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$C = \pi - \pi = 0$$

The particular solution is

$$xy^2 + x \cos x = 0 \quad (4 \text{ points})$$

**(14pts) Problem 5**

Show that the equation is Bernoulli and solve it.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(xy^3 - 1)$$

Hint:  $\int -3xe^{-3x} dx = \frac{1}{3}e^{-3x}(3x + 1) + C$

Solution

We have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = xy^4.$$

The equation is Bernoulli with  $n = 4$ . **(2 points)**

$$y^{-4} \frac{dy}{dx} + y^{-3} = x.$$

Put

$$u = y^{-3} \quad \textbf{(2 points)}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = -3y^{-4} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y^{-4} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{du}{dx}.$$

The equation becomes

$$-\frac{1}{3} \frac{du}{dx} + u = x$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} - 3u = -3x \quad \textbf{(6 points)}$$

$$IF = e^{-3x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [e^{-3x} u] = -3xe^{-3x}$$

$$e^{-3x} u = \frac{1}{3} e^{-3x} (3x + 1) + C$$

$$u = \frac{1}{3} (3x + 1) + Ce^{3x}$$

$$y^{-3} = \frac{1}{3} (3x + 1) + Ce^{3x}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x + \frac{1}{3} + Ce^{3x}}} \quad \textbf{(4 points)}$$