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Math 240
Intro Diff Equations

Final Exam

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Time: 2 hours

Calculators and mobile phones are not allowed in the exam.

1. Given the equation $(x - x^2 y \ln y) y' + y = 0$, find the solution curve passing through the point $(2, 1)$. [5 pts]
2. Consider the equation $x y'' + 2 y' + 4 x y = 0$: [4 + 4 pts]
 - (a) Given that $y_1 = \frac{\sin 2x}{x}$ is one solution, use reduction of order to find a second solution y_2 such that y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent.
 - (b) Use the answer to part (a) to find a particular solution to the equation

$$x y'' + 2 y' + 4 x y = 4.$$

3. Definitions and theory: [1 + 2 + 3 pts]
 - (a) What does it mean to say that a function $F(t)$ is of exponential order as $t \rightarrow \infty$?
 - (b) Is the function $F(t) = \tan t$ sectionally continuous over the interval $[0, 3]$? Explain your answer.
 - (c) Show that if $F(t)$ is of Class A, then $f'(s) = L\{-t F(t)\}$, where $f(s) = L\{F(t)\}$.

4. Given the function: [5 pts]

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 1 - t, & 1 \leq t < \pi \\ \sin t, & t \geq \pi \end{cases}$$

Write $F(t)$ in terms of unit step functions then find its Laplace Transform.

5. Use Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem: [6 pts]

$$y'' + 4y = 8e^{-2t}, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

6. Use the Laplace Transform method to solve for $F(t)$, where [5 pts]

$$F(t) = e^{4t} + 6 \int_0^t \cosh(4\beta) F(t - \beta) d\beta.$$

7. Find a power series solution to the equation [5 pts]

$$(x^2 + 1)y'' + 3xy' + 8y = 0.$$

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1. By inspection:

$$(x - x^2 y \ln y) dy + y dx = \dots = d(xy) - \frac{(xy)^2}{y} \ln y dy = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{(xy)^2} d(xy) - \frac{\ln y}{y} dy = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{xy} + (\ln y)^2 = c \rightarrow c = 1/2 \text{ if } y(2) = 1$$

2. (a) Put $y = v y_1 \rightarrow y' = v y_1' + y_1 v' \rightarrow y'' = v y_1'' + 2v' y_1' + y_1 v''$ and substitute in the equation to get

$$x(v y_1'' + 2v' y_1' + y_1 v'') + 2(v y_1' + y_1 v') + 4x v y_1 = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$v'' + (4 \cot 2x) v' = 0 \rightarrow v' = \csc^2 2x \rightarrow v = -\frac{\cot 2x}{2} \rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 2x}{x}$$

(b) First put the equation in the form $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = R(x)$ which, in this case, is

$$y'' + \frac{2}{x} y' + 4y = \frac{4}{x}$$

Take $y_1 = (\sin 2x)/x$ and $y_2 = (\cos 2x)/x$ and find the Wronskian:

$$W(y_1, y_2) = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = \dots = \frac{2}{x^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{W(y_1, y_2)} = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Accordingly,

$$y_p = -\frac{\cos 2x}{x} \int^x \frac{\sin 2t}{t} \frac{t^2}{2} \frac{4}{t} dt + \frac{\sin 2x}{x} \int^x \frac{\cos 2t}{t} \frac{t^2}{2} \frac{4}{t} dt = \dots = \frac{1}{x}$$

3. Parts (a) and (c) in the book. The function $\tan t$ is not sectionally continuous over the given interval since it has an infinite discontinuity at $t = \pi/2 \in (0, 3)$.

4. In terms of unit step functions $F(t)$ becomes

$$F(t) = 1 + \alpha(t-1)(1-t-1) + \alpha(t-\pi)(\sin t - 1 + t)$$

$$= 1 - \alpha(t-1)((t-1)+1) - \alpha(t-\pi)(\sin(t-\pi) - (t-\pi) - \pi + 1)$$

Since $L[\alpha(t-c)G(t-c)] = e^{-cs}g(s)$, it follows that

$$L[F(t)] = f(s) = \frac{1}{s} - e^{-s} \left[\frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \right] - e^{-\pi s} \left[\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1 - \pi}{s} \right]$$

5. Based on the initial condition we have $L[y''] = s^2 L[y] - 2s$ and the transform of the equation becomes

$$(s^2 + 4)L[y] = 2s + \frac{8}{s+2} \rightarrow L[y] = \frac{2s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{8}{(s+2)(s^2 + 4)}$$

Use partial fractions to get

$$L[y] = \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} + \frac{1}{s+2} \rightarrow y = \cos 2t + \sin 2t + e^{-2t}$$

6. The integral equation involves a convolution, that is

$$F(t) = e^{4t} + 6G * F(t)$$

where $G(t) = \cosh 4t$. LT becomes

$$f(s) = \frac{1}{s-4} + 6g(s)f(s) = \frac{1}{s-4} + \frac{6s}{s^2-16}f(s) \rightarrow f(s) = \frac{1}{5} \left[\frac{6}{s-8} - \frac{1}{s+2} \right]$$

Take the inverse transform to get $F(t) = (6e^{8t} - e^{-2t})/5$.

7. Start with $y = a_0 + a_1 x + \sum_2 a_n x^n$ and substitute in the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x^2 + 1) \sum_2 n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + 3a_1 x + \sum_2 3n a_n x^n + \sum_0 8a_n x^n &= 0 \\
 \sum_2 n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_2 n(n-1) a_n x^n + 3a_1 x + \sum_2 3n a_n x^n + \sum_0 8a_n x^n &\equiv 0 \\
 \sum_0 (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n + \sum_2 n(n-1) a_n x^n + 3a_1 x + \sum_2 3n a_n x^n + \sum_0 8a_n x^n &= 0 \\
 (2a_2 + 8a_0) + (6a_3 + 11a_1)x + \sum_2 [(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+2} + (n^2 + 2n + 8)a_n] x^n &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Equate the coefficients to zero to get (for $n > 1$)

$$a_n = -\frac{n^2 - 2n + 8}{n(n-1)} a_{n-2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n-2}} = -1$$