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MATHEMATICS
MAT 1C05 : Differential Equations



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

PART – A

Answer four questions from this Part. Each question carries 3 marks.

1. Show that the equation $4x^2y'' - 8x^2y' + (4x^2 + 1)y = 0$ has only one Frobenius series solution.
2. For the equation $y' = y$, find a power series solution of the form $\sum a_n x^n$.
3. Show that $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$.
4. Show that $x = e^{4t}$, $y = e^{4t}$ and $x = e^{-2t}$, $y = -e^{-2t}$ are two solutions of the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = x + 3y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3x + y$. Also find the particular solution of this system for which $x(0) = 5$ and $y(0) = 1$.
5. Find the critical points of the equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{c}{m} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{g}{a} \sin x = 0$ (The equation of motion for the damped vibrations of a pendulum of length a whose bob has mass m).
6. Does the initial value problem $y' = 3y^{2/3}$, $y(0) = 0$ has a unique solution in the interval $|x| < 1$? Explain why or why not.



PART - B

Answer any four questions from this Part without omitting any unit. Each question carries 12 marks.

UNIT - I

7. a) Express $\sin^{-1} x$ in the form of a power series $\sum a_n x^n$ by solving $y' = (1-x^2)^{-1/2}$ in two ways.

b) Find the general solution of

$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + p(p+1)y = 0$ in terms of power series in x where p is a constant.

8. a) Show that the indicial equation of $x^2 y'' + xy' + x^2 y = 0$ has only root and

deduce that $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} x^{2n}$ is the corresponding Frobenius series solution.

b) Find two independent Frobenius series solutions of $xy'' + 2y' + xy = 0$.

9. a) Define hypergeometric series and derive this series as a solution of Gauss's hypergeometric equation.

b) Show that

$$i) F'(a, b, c, x) = \frac{ab}{c} F(a+1, b+1, c+1, x)$$

$$ii) e^x = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} F\left(a, b, a, \frac{x}{b}\right).$$

UNIT - II

10. a) Establish the orthogonality property of the Legendre polynomials.

b) Find the first three terms of the Legendre series of $f(x) = e^x$.



11. a) Show that $\frac{d}{dx}[x^P J_P(x)] = x J_{P-1}(x)$.

b) Show that $J_m(x)$ and $J_{-m}(x)$ are linearly dependent when $m \geq 0$ is an integer.

c) Assuming the formulas

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^P J_P(x)] = x^P J_{P-1}(x) \text{ and } \frac{d}{dx}[x^{-P} J_P(x)] = -x^{-P} J_{P+1}(x), \text{ prove that}$$

$$\frac{2P}{x} J_P(x) = J_{P-1}(x) + J_{P+1}(x). \text{ Also express } J_4(x) \text{ in terms of } J_0(x) \text{ and } J_1(x).$$

12. a) If $x = x_1(t)$, $y = y_1(t)$ and $x = x_2(t)$, $y = y_2(t)$ are two linearly independent solutions on $[a, b]$ of the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = a_1 x + b_1 y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = a_2 x + b_2 y$, then prove that the general solution of the system on $[a, b]$ is $x = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t)$, $y = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$ for any constants c_1 and c_2 .

b) Solve the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = x + y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 4x - 2y$.

UNIT - III

13. a) If the roots of the auxiliary equation of the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = a_1 x + b_1 y$,

$\frac{dy}{dt} = a_2 x + b_2 y$ where $a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \neq 0$ are real, distinct and of the same sign, then prove that the critical point $(0, 0)$ is a node.

b) Determine the nature and stability properties of the critical point $(0, 0)$ for the system $\frac{dx}{dt} = -4x - y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = x - 2y$.

14. a) Show that $(0, 0)$ is an asymptotically stable critical point for the system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -3x^3 - y, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x^5 - 2y^3.$$

b) Find the exact solution of $y' = x + y$, $y(0) = 1$. Starting with $y_0(x) = 1$, apply Picardi method to calculate $y_1(x)$, $y_2(x)$, $y_3(x)$ and show that $y_n(x)$ converge to the exact solution.

15. a) Let $f(x, y)$ be a continuous function that satisfies a Lipschitz condition $|f(x, y) - f(x, y_2)| \leq k |y_1 - y_2|$ on a strip $a \leq x \leq b$; $-\infty < y < \infty$. If (x_0, y_0) is any point of the strip, prove that $y' = f(x, y)$, $y(x_0) = y_0$ has exactly one solution $y = y(x)$ on the interval $a \leq x \leq b$.

b) For what points (x_0, y_0) does the initial value problem $y' = |y|$, $y(x_0) = y_0$ has a unique solution on some interval $|x - x_0| \leq h$? Give reason.