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FINAL EXAMINATION

MATH 315

ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please answer all questions in the exam booklets provided.
2. Questions are not necessarily of equal weight.
3. This is a closed book exam.
4. Calculators are neither needed nor allowed.
5. Use of a regular dictionary is not permitted.
6. A table of Laplace Transforms is supplied.
7. This exam comprises the cover page, and 1 page of 6 questions.

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1. (a) Solve the initial value problem

$$y' + 4y = xy^3 \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

- (b) Solve the following initial value problem

$$(2x^2 + y)dx + (x^2y - x)dy = 0 \text{ with } y(1) = 2$$

- (a) Solve the following homogeneous linear differential equation

$$x^2y'' + xy' + y = 0 \text{ with } y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 1$$

- (b) Using variation of parameters, solve

$$2y'' - 3y' + y = e^x \text{ with } y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$$

In this question the majority of the marks are for carrying out the method indicated.

2. Solve the following differential equation

$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 12y = 0$$

in the form  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  by

- (a) finding the recurrence relation on the coefficients and show that there is a polynomial solution.  
(b) displaying a non-trivial polynomial solution.  
(c) finding a formula for the coefficients as a function of  $n$  for a solution which is not a polynomial.

3. A non-trivial solution of the ordinary differential equation

$$x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - \frac{1}{4})y = 0$$

is to be found using the method of Frobenius (i.e. a solution of the form  $y = x^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  with  $a_0 \neq 0$ ) by

- (a) first finding the indicial equation and its roots.  
(b) then finding the recurrence relation for the coefficients.  
(c) solving the recurrence relation for the coefficients in terms of  $a_0$  and a function of  $n$  using the larger root of the indicial equation.

4. (a) Find the Laplace transform  $L\{f(t)\}$  where

$$f(t) = \int_0^t \tau \cos(2\tau) e^{4(t-\tau)} d\tau.$$

- (b) Find the inverse Laplace transform  $L^{-1}\{F(s)\}$  where

$$F(s) = \frac{(s+2)e^{-2s}}{s(s^2+2s+1)}.$$

5. Using Laplace transform methods, solve

$$y'' - y' = g(t) + \delta(t-3)e^t \text{ with } y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0,$$

where the function  $g(t)$  is defined by

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

6. Apply the improved Euler method to the differential equation

$$y' = y + 2t \text{ with } y(1) = 2$$

using step size  $h = 0.1$  to compute an approximation to  $y(1.2)$ .

Show your work and display a table with the results of intermediate calculations.

LAPLACE TRANSFORM TABLE

$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}f(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt$	$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}f(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st}dt$
$t^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, \Re s > 0$	$u_a(t), a > 0$	$\frac{e^{-as}}{s}, \Re s > 0$
1	$s^{-1}, \Re s > 0$	$u_a(t)g(t-a), a > 0$	$e^{-as}\mathcal{L}g(s)$
$t$	$s^{-2}, \Re s > 0$	$e^{at}g(t)$	$\mathcal{L}g(s-a)$
$t^\nu, \nu > -1$	$\frac{\Gamma(\nu+1)}{s^{\nu+1}}, \Re s > 0$	$g(ct), c > 0$	$\frac{1}{c}\mathcal{L}g\left(\frac{s}{c}\right)$
$e^{at}$	$(s-a)^{-1}, \Re s > a$	$\delta_a(t) = \delta(t-a), a > 0$	$e^{-as}, \Re s > 0$
$\sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \Re s > 0$	$f * g(t) = \int_0^t f(t-u)g(u)du$	$\mathcal{L}f(s)\mathcal{L}g(s)$
$\cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}, \Re s > 0$	$f^{(n)}(t), n \in \mathbb{N}$	$s^n \mathcal{L}f(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s^{n-k-1} f^{(k)}(0)$
$e^{at} \sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2}, \Re s > a$	$\frac{df}{dt}(t)$	$s\mathcal{L}f(s) - f(0)$
$e^{at} \cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + \omega^2}, \Re s > a$	$\frac{d^2f}{dt^2}(t)$	$s^2\mathcal{L}f(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$
$t^n e^{at}, n \in \mathbb{N}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}, \Re s > a$	$t^n f(t), n \in \mathbb{N}$	$(-1)^n \frac{d^n \mathcal{L}f}{ds^n}(s)$