

MARKS

(17) 1. Solve and interpret physically:

(a)  $\nabla^2 \psi(x, y) = 0; \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad 0 < y < \pi$

(i)  $\psi(x, 0) = 0,$  (ii)  $\psi(0, y) = 0,$  (iii)  $\psi(\pi, y) = 0,$  (iv)  $\psi(x, \pi) = 5.$

Leave your answer in simplest form.

(b)  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \nabla^2 \psi; \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad 0 < y < \pi, \quad t > 0.$

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(v)  $\psi(x, y, 0) = f(x, y).$

(c)  $\nabla^2 \psi(x, y) = -F(x, y).$

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(11) 2. (a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + 3y = \lambda y; \quad y(1) = 0, \quad y(2) = 0.$$

(b) Expand  $f(x)$ , piecewise smooth, in terms of the eigenfunctions of (a).Leave your answer in simplest form.

(16) 3. Solve and interpret physically:

(a)  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}; \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0.$

(i)  $\psi(0, t) = 0,$  (ii)  $\psi_x(\pi, t) = \left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}(x, t) \right]_{x=\pi} = 0,$  (iii)  $\psi(x, 0) = f(x).$

(b)  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + h(x, t); \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0.$

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(c)  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + h(x, t).$

(i)  $\psi(0, t) = F(t),$  (ii)  $\psi_x(\pi, t) = G(t),$  (iii)  $\psi(x, 0) = f(x).$

- (15) 4. (a) Obtain the general solution of Laplace's equation in spherical coordinates with no  $\theta$  dependence, i.e.  $\nabla^2\psi(r, \phi) = 0$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$ , with  $\psi$  finite at  $\phi = 0$  and  $\phi = \pi$ .

- (b) A sphere of radius " $a$ " centered at the origin is placed in a uniform flow with speed  $V_0$  along the  $z$ -axis. Find the velocity potential.

Hint: Solve  $\nabla^2\psi(r, \phi) = 0$ ,  $r > a$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$ .

$$(i) \left[ \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r} \right]_{r=a} = 0, \quad (ii) \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\psi(r, \phi) - V_0 r \cos \phi] = 0.$$

- (13) 5. A sphere of radius  $b$  has its surface maintained at a temperature  $T_0$ . There is a constant heat generation at the rate  $Q$ . The initial temperature is  $f(r)$ . Find the temperature at any point inside the sphere after time  $t$ .

Leave your answer in simplest form.

Hints: (a)  $\psi = \psi(r, t)$ , (b)  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} - \nabla^2\psi = \frac{Q}{K}$ .

- (13) 6. Solve and interpret physically:

$$\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2} + 6x; \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0$$

$$(i) \psi(0, t) = 3, \quad (ii) \left[ \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}(x, t) \right]_{x=1} = -2[\psi(1, t) - 5], \quad (iii) \psi(x, 0) = f(x).$$

Leave your answer in simplest form.

- (20) 7. Solve and interpret physically:

(a)  $\nabla^2\psi(r, z) = 0$ ;  $0 < r < b$ ,  $0 < z < \pi$ .

(i)  $\psi(r, 0) = 0$ , (ii)  $\psi(r, \pi) = f(r)$ , (iii)  $\psi(b, z) = g(z)$ .

(b)  $\nabla^2\psi(r, z) = -F(r, z)$ ;  $0 < r < b$ ,  $0 < z < \pi$ .

(i)  $\psi(r, 0) = 0$ , (ii)  $\psi(r, \pi) = f(r)$ , (iii)  $\psi(b, z) = g(z)$ .

**Good Luck!**



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