

**Instruction**

- You are allowed 3 hours for this exam. Please pace yourself accordingly.
- You may not use any calculator, notes, or other assistance on this exam.
- In order to receive full credit, you must show your work and carefully justify your answers. The correct answer without any work will receive little or no credit.
- Please write neatly. Illegible answers will be assumed to be incorrect.
- Read the question carefully, if the method is specified you can not use other methods.

**Method of variation method:**

$$y_p = -y_1(x) \int \frac{y_2(x)f(x)}{W(x)} + y_2(x) \int \frac{y_1(x)f(x)}{W(x)}$$

**Trigonometric identity you might need for the question**

$$\cos(A) \cos(B) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A + B) + \cos(A - B))$$

$$\sin(A) \sin(B) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B))$$

$$\sin(A) \cos(B) = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B))$$

**Method of variation method for First order DE system:**

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{A(t-a)} \mathbf{x}_a + e^{At} \int_a^t e^{-As} f(s) ds$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_a = \mathbf{x}(a)$

1. (16 points) Find the general solution of the differential equation.

(a)  $2xyy' = x^2 + 2y^2$

(b)  $y^2y' + 2xy^3 = 6x$

2. (10 points) Find a particular solution of the differential equation.

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = \sin(x)$$

3. (10 points) Use Laplace transforms to solve the initial value problem:

$$x'' - 6x' + 8x = 2; \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 0$$

4. (a) (10 points) Transform the given differential equation into a equivalent system of first-order differential equations and write it in a form of  $\frac{dy}{dt} = Ay + f(t)$ :

$$x^{(4)} + 6x'' - 3x' + x = \sin(3t)$$

(b) (10 points) Eliminate  $y$  and find the second order differential equation that  $x$  satisfies.

$$\begin{cases} (D+2)x + (D+2)y = t \\ (2D+3)x + (D+3)y = t^2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

5. (a) (10 points) Find a fundamental matrix of the given system and apply fundamental matrix solution to find a solution satisfying the initial condition.

$$x_1' = 2x_1 - 5x_2 \quad x_2' = 4x_1 - 2x_2; \quad x_1(0) = 2, \quad x_2(0) = 3$$

(b) (5 points) Use the fundamental matrix you get in the (a) to compute  $e^{At}$ . where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

6. (10 points) Use the Wronskian to determine whether the following three vector are independent or not.

$$\mathbf{x}_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t \\ 2e^t \\ e^t \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{3t} \\ 0 \\ -e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{5t} \\ -2e^{5t} \\ e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}$$

7. (24 points) Find the general solution of the system:

(a)

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad (2)$$

(b)

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -9 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad (3)$$

8. (a) (5 points) Show that the matrix  $A$  is nilpotent and compute the matrix exponential  $e^{At}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 9 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

- (b) (10 points) Use the method of variation to solve the initial value problem  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}(t)$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 9 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$   $\mathbf{f}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ t^{-2} \end{bmatrix}$   $x(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$
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*The rest questions are for those who need a different scheme.*

9. Find the general solution of the differential equation.

(a)  $(x + y)y' = x - y$

(b)  $y'' = 2y(y')^3$

10. Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$y'' + 4y' + 3y = e^{-t}, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = \frac{5}{2}$$

11. Transform the given differential equation to find a nontrivial solution such that  $x(0) = 0$ . (Hint: you can find  $x'(0)$  by plug  $t = 0$  into the equation )

$$tx'' - (4t + 1)x' + 2(2t + 1)x = 0$$