

1. Find the solution of the following differential equation

$$(1 - x) \frac{dx}{dt} = e^{t-x}$$

satisfying the initial condition  $x(0) = 0$ .

**[9 marks]**

2. Find all constant solutions of the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 1$$

Sketch the graphs of the solutions of the equation satisfying the initial condition (i)  $y(0) = 0$  and (ii)  $y(0) = 2$ .

**[7 marks]**

3. Show that the following equation is exact and find its general solution

$$e^x + y + (x - 2 \sin y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0.$$

**[10 marks]**

4. Find the general solution of the following equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0.$$

State Abel's Theorem and verify that it holds in the situation above.

**[11 marks]**

5. Using the variation of parameters method find the general solution of the following equation

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = \sin(e^t).$$

**[12 marks]**

6. An object of mass  $m$  is attached to a spring with spring constant  $k$ .

The spring-mass system is then immersed in a viscous liquid with damping constant  $r$  and an external force  $F(t) = A \sin \omega t$  is applied to the mass. Explain what is meant by (i) the transient solution and (ii) the steady-state (asymptotic) solution for the system. Find the steady-state solution and show that it has the amplitude  $R = \frac{A}{\sqrt{r^2 \omega^2 + (k - m \omega^2)^2}}$ .

**[11 marks]**

7. Use the method of Frobenius to find a nonzero solution of the following equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (x^2 + \frac{1}{4})y = 0.$$

**[12 marks]**

8. Use the Laplace transform method to solve the following initial value problem

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - y = 2\delta(t - 1), \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0.$$

**[9 marks]**

9. Solve for  $x(t)$  using the convolution theorem

$$x(t) + \int_0^t x(t - \tau) e^{-\tau} d\tau = 1.$$

**[9 marks]**

10. Find a Green's function for the boundary value problem

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = f(x), \quad y(0) + y'(0) = 0, \quad y(\pi) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi,$$

and hence write down a solution for the problem.

**[10 marks]**

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