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- Only the Faculty approved calculators (TI-30X, TI-34X, Casio FX-260X and Casio FX-300X) are allowed. All others will be confiscated.
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- Good luck!

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You may complete any five of the first six questions, but you must answer Question 7. Indicate clearly which question you are not answering.

Question 1. [5 points] Explain some of the similarities and some of the differences between equations with constant coefficients and Euler–Cauchy equations. Give a second-order example of each. (Note: You must use full sentences. Only write on this page.)

(1 mark for at least two similarities, 1 mark for at least two differences, 1 mark for each example, 1 mark for full sentences. The examples can come from elsewhere in the exam.)

Question 2. [5 points] Solve the initial-value problem

$$\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + y^2 + 3\right) dx + xydy = 0, \quad y(1) = -1$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{M} &= \frac{1}{x^2} + y^2 + 3 & \tilde{N} &= xy \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{M}}{\partial y} &= 2y & \frac{\partial \tilde{N}}{\partial x} &= y \end{aligned}$$

The equation is not exact. However, we can find an integrating factor.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{\partial \tilde{M}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \tilde{N}}{\partial x}}{\tilde{N}} &= \frac{y}{xy} = \frac{1}{x} \\ \mu(x) &= e^{\int 1/x dx} = e^{\ln x} = x \end{aligned}$$

So the equation becomes $\left(\frac{1}{x} + xy^2 + 3x\right) dx + x^2ydy = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \frac{1}{x} + xy^2 + 3x & N &= x^2y \\ \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= 2xy & \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} &= 2xy \end{aligned}$$

This equation is exact.

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \int \left(\frac{1}{x} + xy^2 + 3x\right) dx + g(y) \\ &= \ln|x| + \frac{x^2y^2}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{2} + g(y) \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} &= x^2y + g'(y) = N \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is thus

$$\ln|x| + \frac{x^2y^2}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{2} = C$$

Initial conditions: when $x = 1$, $y = -1$, so we have

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = C \quad \Rightarrow \quad C = 2$$

Solve for y :

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= -\frac{2 \ln|x|}{x^2} - 3 + \frac{4}{x^2} \\ y &= -\sqrt{-\frac{2 \ln|x|}{x^2} - 3 + \frac{4}{x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

[Note: we choose the negative root because of the initial condition.]

Question 3. [5 points] Solve the initial-value problem

$$t^5 \frac{dQ}{dt} + (4 - 5t^4)Q = t^5, \quad Q(1) = 1$$

Rewrite as

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} + (4t^{-5} - 5t^{-1})Q = 1$$

This is a linear differential equation, so the integrating factor is

$$\begin{aligned} I &= e^{\int (4t^{-5} - 5t^{-1}) dt} \\ &= e^{-t^{-4} - 5 \ln t} \\ &= t^{-5} e^{-t^{-4}} \end{aligned}$$

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Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (t^{-5} e^{-t^{-4}} Q) &= t^{-5} e^{-t^{-4}} \\ t^{-5} e^{-t^{-4}} Q &= \int t^{-5} e^{-t^{-4}} dt & u &= -t^{-4} \\ &= \int \frac{1}{4} e^u du & \frac{du}{dt} &= 4t^{-5} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} e^{-t^{-4}} + c & dt &= \frac{1}{4} t^5 du \\ Q &= \frac{1}{4} t^5 + ct^5 e^{t^{-4}} \end{aligned}$$

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Using the initial condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q(1) &= \frac{1}{4} + ce = 1 \\ c &= \frac{3}{4} e^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Hence the solution is

$$Q = \frac{1}{4} t^4 + \frac{3}{4} e^{-1} t^5 e^{t^{-4}}$$

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Question 4. [5 points] Solve the initial-value problem

$$9x^2y'' + 3xy' + y = 0, \quad y(1) = -1, y'(1) = 4$$

This is an Euler–Cauchy equation, so the characteristic equation is

$$\begin{aligned}9r(r - 1) + 3r + 1 &= 0 \\9r^2 - 6r + 1 &= 0 \\(3r - 1)(3r - 1) &= 0 \\r &= \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

The solution is thus in the form

$$y = At^{1/3} + Bt^{1/3} \ln t$$

Differentiating, we have

$$y' = \frac{1}{3}At^{-2/3} + Bt^{-2/3} + \frac{1}{3}Bt^{-2/3} \ln t$$

Applying initial conditions, we have

$$\begin{aligned}y(1) &= A = -1 \\y'(1) &= \frac{1}{3}A + B = 4 \\B &= \frac{13}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Hence the solution is

$$y = -t^{1/3} + \frac{13}{3}t^{1/3} \ln t$$

Question 5. [5 points] Find the general solution for each of the following ODEs:

a) $y'' + 16y' + 64y = 0$

b) $y'' - 81y = 72xe^{9x}$

a) The characteristic equation is $m^2 + 16m + 64 = 0$ or $(m + 8)^2 = 0$ with $m = -8, -8$. Hence the general solution is

$$y = Ae^{-8x} + Bxe^{-8x} \tag{1}$$

b) The characteristic equation is $m^2 - 81 = 0$, so $m = \pm 9$. Hence

$$y_h = Ae^{9x} + Be^{-9x} \tag{0.5}$$

Using variation of parameters, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= u_1e^{9x} + u_2e^{-9x} \\ y'_p &= 9u_1e^{9x} - 9u_2e^{-9x} & u'_1e^{9x} + u'_2e^{-9x} &= 0 \\ y''_p &= 81u_1e^{9x} + 81u_2e^{-9x} + 9u'_1e^{9x} - 9u'_2e^{-9x} & u'_2 &= -u'_1e^{18x} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in the original equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{81u_1e^{9x}} + \cancel{81u_2e^{-9x}} + 9u'_1e^{9x} - 9u'_2e^{-9x} - \cancel{81u_1e^{9x}} - \cancel{81u_2e^{-9x}} &= 72xe^{9x} \\ 9u'_1e^{9x} - 9u'_2e^{-9x} &= 72xe^{9x} \\ 9u'_1e^{9x} + 9u'_1e^{9x} &= 72xe^{9x} \\ 18u'_1 &= 72x \\ u'_1 = 4x &\Rightarrow u_1 = 2x^2 \\ u'_2 = -4xe^{18x} \\ w = -4x \quad v' = e^{18x} \\ w' = -4 \quad v = \frac{1}{18}e^{18x} \\ u_2 = -\frac{2}{9}xe^{18x} + \frac{2}{9} \int e^{18x} dx \\ &= -\frac{2}{9}xe^{18x} + \frac{1}{81}e^{18x} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= 2x^2e^{9x} + \left(-\frac{2}{9}xe^{18x} + \frac{1}{81}e^{18x}\right)e^{-9x} \\ &= 2x^2e^{9x} - \frac{2}{9}xe^{9x} + \frac{1}{81}e^{9x} \end{aligned} \tag{0.5}$$

It follows that the general solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y &= Ae^{9x} + Be^{-9x} + 2x^2e^{9x} - \frac{2}{9}xe^{9x} + \frac{1}{81}e^{9x} \\ &= \tilde{A}e^{9x} + Be^{-9x} + 2x^2e^{9x} - \frac{2}{9}xe^{9x} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Question 6. [5 points] Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x + y \\y' &= -4x + y\end{aligned}$$

with the initial conditions $x(0) = 8$, $y(0) = -5$.

We have

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 \\ -4 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \pm 2i$$

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For $\lambda = 1 + 2i$, we have

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -2i & -1 & 0 \\ -4 & -2i & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

so the eigenvectors have equation

$$-2iv_1 + v_2 = 0$$

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Letting $v_1 = s$, we have $v_2 = 2is$, so the eigenvectors are $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{bmatrix} s$, $s \in \mathbb{C}$, $s \neq 0$. Solutions are of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{bmatrix} e^{(1+2i)t} &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} i \right) e^t (\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t)) \\ &= e^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos(2t) - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \sin(2t) \right) + ie^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cos(2t) - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sin(2t) \right)\end{aligned}$$

Taking the real and imaginary parts, we thus have the general solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos(2t) - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \sin(2t) \right) + c_2 e^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cos(2t) - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sin(2t) \right)$$

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Using the initial conditions, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ 2c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

[0.5]

The solution is thus

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 8e^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos(2t) - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \sin(2t) \right) - \frac{5}{2}e^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cos(2t) - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sin(2t) \right)$$

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Question 7. [7 points] Consider the following set of data:

x	1.1	1.2	1.4
y	2.731	2.767	2.897

- a) Write down the Lagrange polynomial of degree 2. Do not simplify.
 b) Use your Lagrange polynomial to estimate the y value when $x = 1.3$.
 c) To how many decimal places is this accurate? (Hint: $-3.5 \leq f''' \leq -0.8$.)
 a) The second order Lagrange polynomial is

$$p_2(x) = \frac{(x - 1.2)(x - 1.4)}{(1.1 - 1.2)(1.1 - 1.4)} 2.731 + \frac{(x - 1.1)(x - 1.4)}{(1.2 - 1.1)(1.2 - 1.4)} 2.767 + \frac{(x - 1.1)(x - 1.2)}{(1.4 - 1.1)(1.4 - 1.2)} 2.897$$

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- b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} p_2(1.3) &= -0.9103333 + 2.767 + 0.96566667 \\ &= 2.82233333 \end{aligned}$$

[0.5]

- c) The error satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_2(x) &= (x - 1.1)(x - 1.2)(x - 1.4) \frac{f'''(t)}{3!} \\ \epsilon_2(1.3) &= (1.3 - 1.1)(1.3 - 1.2)(1.3 - 1.4) \frac{f'''(t)}{6} \\ &= -0.0003333333 f'''(t) \end{aligned}$$

[1]

Using the bounds, we thus have

$$\begin{aligned} -0.0003333333(-0.8) &\leq \epsilon_2(1.3) \leq -0.0003333333(-3.5) \\ 0.00026666667 &\leq \epsilon_2(1.3) \leq 0.00116666667 \\ 0.00026666667 + 2.82233333 &\leq f(1.3) \leq 0.00116666667 + 2.82233333 \\ 2.8226 &\leq f(1.3) \leq 2.8235 \end{aligned}$$

[2]

Thus the solution is accurate to two decimal places.

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Formulas

$$\mu(x) = \exp \left[\frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{N} \right]$$

$$\mu(y) = \exp \left[\frac{\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}}{M} \right]$$

$$p_1(x) = f_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1]$$

$$p_2(x) = f_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f[x_0, x_1, x_2]$$

$$p_3(x) = f_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f[x_0, x_1, x_2] \\ + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3]$$

⋮

$$f[x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_k] = \frac{f[x_{j+1}, \dots, x_k] - f[x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_j}$$

$$\epsilon_n(x) = f(x) - p_n(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n) \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{(n+1)!}$$

$$p_1(x) = L_0 f_0 + L_1(x) f_1$$

$$p_2(x) = L_0 f_0 + L_1(x) f_1 + L_2(x) f_2$$

$$p_3(x) = L_0 f_0 + L_1(x) f_1 + L_2(x) f_2 + L_3(x) f_3$$

⋮

$$L_i(x) = \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_{i-1})(x - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x - x_n)}{(x_i - x_0)(x_i - x_1) \cdots (x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_n)}$$

$$\epsilon_n(x) = f(x) - p_n(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n) \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{(n+1)!}$$

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