

University of Ottawa
MAT 2384 Midterm Exam

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Take your time to read the entire paper before you begin to write, and read each question carefully. Remember that certain questions are worth more points than others. Make a note of the questions that you feel confident you can do, and then do those first: you do not have to proceed through the paper in the order given.

- You have 80 minutes to complete this exam.
- This is a closed book exam, and no notes of any kind are allowed. The use of cell phones, pagers or any text storage or communication device **is not permitted**.
- Only the Faculty approved calculators (TI-30X, TI-34X, Casio FX-260X and Casio FX-300X) are allowed.
- The correct answer requires justification written legibly and logically: you must convince me that you know why your solution is correct. Use the backs of pages if necessary.
- Where it is possible to check your work, do so.
- Good Luck!

Student number: _____, Total marks: _____ out of 30

Problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Marks							

Question 1. [5 points] Solve the initial-value problem

$$y \cos(x + y)dx + [3 \sin(x + y) + y \cos(x + y)]dy = 0, \quad y(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

This is from the suggested problems #2, Q11.

Question 2. [4 points] Solve the initial-value problem

$$y + x^2 y' = e, \quad y(1) = 0$$

Writing in standard form, we have

$$y' - \frac{1}{x^2} y = \frac{e}{x^2}$$

Hence an integrating factor is

$$I = e^{\int \frac{1}{x^2} dx} = e^{-x^{-1}}$$

Thus the equation is

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-x^{-1}} y' - \frac{1}{x^2} e^{-x^{-1}} y &= e \frac{e^{-x^{-1}}}{x^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx} (e^{-x^{-1}} y) &= e \frac{e^{-x^{-1}}}{x^2} \\ e^{-x^{-1}} y &= e \int \frac{e^{-x^{-1}}}{x^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= -x^{-1} \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= \frac{1}{x^2} \\ dx &= x^2 du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-x^{-1}} y &= e \int \frac{e^u}{x^2} x^2 du \\ &= e e^u + c \\ &= e e^{-x^{-1}} + c \\ y &= e + c e^{x^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Applying the initial condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(1) &= e + ce = 0 \\ c &= -1 \\ \therefore y &= e - e^{x^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Question 3. [4 points] Solve the initial-value problem

$$x^2y'' + xy' + 25y = 0, \quad y(1) = 6, y'(1) = -15$$

This is an Euler-Cauchy equation, so solutions have the form $y \approx x^r$. Substituting, we have

$$\begin{aligned} r(r-1) + r + 25 &= 0 \\ r^2 + 25 &= 0 \\ r &= \pm 5i \end{aligned}$$

We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} y &= Ax^{5i} + Bx^{-5i} \\ &= Ae^{\ln x^{5i}} + Be^{\ln x^{-5i}} \\ &= Ae^{5i \ln x} + Be^{-5i \ln x} \\ &= c_1 \cos(5 \ln x) + c_2 \sin(5 \ln x) \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating, we have

$$y' = -\frac{5}{x}c_1 \sin(5 \ln x) + \frac{5}{x}c_2 \cos(5 \ln x)$$

Using the initial conditions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(1) &= c_1 = 6 \\ y'(1) &= 5c_2 = -15 \\ c_2 &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the solution is

$$y = 6 \cos(5 \ln x) - 3 \sin(5 \ln x)$$

Question 4. [4 points] Find the general solution for each of the following ODEs:

a) $y'' + 10y' + 25y = 0$

b) $y'' - 49y = 28xe^{7x}$

a) The characteristic equation is

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^2 + 10\lambda + 25 &= 0 \\ (\lambda + 5)^2 &= 0 \\ \lambda &= -5, -5\end{aligned}$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y = Ae^{-5x} + Bxe^{-5x}$$

b) The characteristic equation is $\lambda^2 - 49 = 0$ so $\lambda = \pm 7$. Thus the homogeneous solution is

$$y_h = c_1e^{7x} + c_2e^{-7x}$$

Using variation of parameters, we have

$$\begin{aligned}y &= v_1e^{7x} + v_2e^{-7x} \\ y' &= 7v_1e^{7x} - 7v_2e^{-7x} & v_1'e^{7x} + v_2'e^{-7x} &= 0 \quad (*) \\ y'' &= 49v_1e^{7x} + 49v_2e^{-7x} + 7v_1'e^{7x} - 7v_2'e^{-7x} \\ y'' - 49y &= 7v_1'e^{7x} - 7v_2'e^{-7x} = 28xe^{7x} \quad (**)\end{aligned}$$

Substituting (*) into (**), we have

$$\begin{aligned}7v_1'e^{7x} + 7v_2'e^{7x} &= 28xe^{7x} \\ v_1' &= 2x & v_2' &= -2xe^{14x} \\ v_1 &= x^2 & v_2 &= -\frac{x}{7}e^{14x} + \frac{1}{7} \int e^{14x} dx \\ & & &= -\frac{x}{7}e^{14x} + \frac{1}{98}e^{14x}\end{aligned}$$

Thus the particular solution is

$$y_p = x^2e^{7x} - \frac{x}{7}e^{7x} + \frac{1}{98}e^{7x}$$

Hence the general solution is

$$y = c_1e^{7x} + c_2e^{-7x} + x^2e^{7x} - \frac{x}{7}e^{7x}$$

(where we have absorbed the final term of the particular solution into the arbitrary constants).

Question 5. [5 points] Find the general solution for the following ODE

$$y''' - y'' - 16y' - 20 = 0$$

The characteristic equation is

$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 16\lambda - 20$$

Testing a few values, we find

$$f(-2) = -8 - 4 + 32 - 20 = 0$$

Using long division, we discover

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda) &= (\lambda + 2)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 10) \\ &= (\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 2) \\ \lambda &= -2, -2, 5 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y = Ae^{-2x} + Bxe^{-2x} + Ce^{5x}$$

Question 6. [7 points] Consider the following set of data:

x	0.1	0.2	0.4
y	1.005	1.02	1.081

- Write down the Lagrange polynomial of degree 2. Do not simplify.
- Use your Lagrange polynomial to estimate the y value when $x = 0.3$.
- To how many decimal places is this accurate? (Hint: $0.1 \leq f''' \leq 0.4$.)

a) The second order Lagrange polynomial is

$$p_2(x) = \frac{(x - 0.2)(x - 0.4)}{(0.1 - 0.2)(0.1 - 0.4)} 1.005 + \frac{(x - 0.1)(x - 0.4)}{(0.2 - 0.1)(0.2 - 0.4)} 1.02 + \frac{(x - 0.1)(x - 0.2)}{(0.4 - 0.1)(0.4 - 0.2)} 1.081$$

b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} p_2(0.3) &= -0.335 + 1.02 + 0.3603333333 \\ &= 1.0453333333 \end{aligned}$$

c) The error satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_2(x) &= (x - 0.1)(x - 0.2)(x - 0.4) \frac{f'''(t)}{3!} \\ \epsilon_2(0.3) &= (0.3 - 0.1)(0.3 - 0.2)(0.3 - 0.4) \frac{f'''(t)}{6} \\ &= -0.0003333333 f'''(t) \end{aligned}$$

Using the bounds, we thus have

$$\begin{aligned} -0.0003333333(0.4) &\leq \epsilon_2(0.3) \leq -0.0003333333(0.1) \\ -0.0001333333 &\leq \epsilon_2(0.3) \leq -0.0000333333 \\ \therefore -0.0001333333 + 1.0453333333 &\leq f(0.3) \leq -0.0000333333 + 1.0453333333 \\ 1.0452 &\leq f(0.3) \leq 1.0453 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the solution is accurate to three decimal places.

Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1(x) &= f_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1] \\
 p_2(x) &= f_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f[x_0, x_1, x_2] \\
 p_3(x) &= f_0 + (x - x_0)f[x_0, x_1] + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)f[x_0, x_1, x_2] \\
 &\quad + (x - x_0)(x - x_1)(x - x_2)f[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3] \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 f[x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_k] &= \frac{f[x_{j+1}, \dots, x_k] - f[x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_{k-1}]}{x_k - x_j} \\
 \epsilon_n(x) &= f(x) - p_n(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n) \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{(n+1)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1(x) &= L_0f_0 + L_1(x)f_1 \\
 p_2(x) &= L_0f_0 + L_1(x)f_1 + L_2(x)f_2 \\
 p_3(x) &= L_0f_0 + L_1(x)f_1 + L_2(x)f_2 + L_3(x)f_3 \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 L_i(x) &= \frac{(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_{i-1})(x - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x - x_n)}{(x_i - x_0)(x_i - x_1) \cdots (x_i - x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_n)} \\
 \epsilon_n(x) &= f(x) - p_n(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_n) \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{(n+1)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

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