

1. Please find the general solutions of the following equations (5% for each one):

a. $3xy' + y + x^2y' = 0$

b. $(x-2)^2y'' + 2(x-2)y' - 6y = 0$

c. $xy' + y = y \ln(xy)$

where $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ and $y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

2. Please solve the following simultaneous differential equations (5%):

$\begin{cases} x' + 2x + y' + 4y = 1 \\ x' + x + y' + 5y = 2 \end{cases}$

where $x' = \frac{dx}{dt}$ and $y' = \frac{dy}{dt}$

3. (10%) Please solve the following partial differential equation: $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$

with initial condition at $t=0$, $T(0,x) = T_0$, and boundary conditions at $x=0$, $T(t,0)=T_0$, at $x=\infty$, $T(t,\infty) = 0$.

4. (15%) Please write down the definition of Laplace transformation, $L\{f(t)\} = ?$ Under what conditions does Laplace transform integral converge uniformly? Please solve the following simultaneous equations with the method of Laplace transform:

$\begin{cases} y' + 2y + 6 \int z dt = -2u(t) \\ y' + z' + z = 0 \end{cases}$

where $y' = \frac{dy}{dt}$, $z' = \frac{dz}{dt}$

with $y(0)=-5$ and $z(0)=6$.

5. (10%) The following simultaneous equations can be expressed in matrix form as $[A][x]=[B]$:

$\begin{cases} 5x + 3y - 3z = -1 \\ 3x + 2y - 2z = -1 \\ 2x - y + 2z = 8 \end{cases}$

- Write down the expression of A, B, and X;
- Determine the eigenvalues of matrix A;
- Determine the inversion of matrix A, that is, A^{-1} ;
- Determine the solution of the equations.

6. (10%) The integral expression, derived from control volume approach, for the conservation of mass is

$$\iint \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}) dA + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint \rho dV = 0$$

show that the equation can be expressed in the differential form as

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

7. (10%) In the predator-prey model of Volterra, we are concerned with only two species: the predators and their prey. The populations of predator $x(t)$ and prey $y(t)$ can be modeled as:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bxy \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -cy + dxy \end{cases}$$

where t is time and a, b, c, d are constants. Determine the relationship between the population of predator and their prey at any time.

8.(10%) Einstein (1905) has developed the equation for the spread of particle position, due to Brownian motion. The motion for each individual particle according to Newton's

$$\text{second law is: } m \frac{du}{dt} = -fu + A$$

where m is the particle mass, $u = dx/dt$ is the particle velocity, x is the particle position, t is time, and f and A are constants. The average of position for all particles is zero and is

$$\text{defined as: } \bar{x} = \int x \cdot n(x) dx$$

where $n(x)$ is the distribution function for the fraction of particle at location x . Prove that

$$\text{the spread of particle position, which is defined as: } \overline{x^2} = \int x^2 n(x) dx$$

$$\text{is given as the following equation: } \overline{x^2} = \frac{\overline{u^2}}{k} \left[t + \frac{1}{k} (e^{-kt} - 1) \right]$$

where $k = f/m$.

9.(15%) For the general first order differential equation $dy/dx = f(x,y)$, the value of y can be determined by Runge-Kutta method from the given value $y(x=0)$. The formula is:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + (a+2b+2c+d)/6,$$

where $a = h \cdot f(x_n, y_n)$; $b = h \cdot f(x_n + 0.5h, y_n + 0.5a)$; $c = h \cdot f(x_n + 0.5h, y_n + 0.5b)$; $d = h \cdot f(x_n + h, y_n + c)$, and h is the increment of one step in x . Write down the complete calculation formulas and steps to compute the value of y at $x=1$, given the value of y at $x=0$, for the equation: $y''' + 2y'' + 5x^2y' - 3x^2y^3 = 6$.