

1. (A) Use two different methods to solve  $y'' = f(x)$ ,  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ , where  $f$  is a continuous function. 10%
- (B) Determine the interval of  $x$  for which the solution of the following equation is defined:  

$$x^2(1 + y^2) dx + 2y dy = 0, \quad y(0) = 1. \quad 10\%$$
2. Solve the following three equations:
- (A)  $\frac{d^{n+1}y}{dx^{n+1}} - 2\frac{d^ny}{dx^n} = 5$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer; 10%
- (B)  $xy'' + 2y' - y = 0$ ; 10%
- (C)  $y' - y = 2\delta(x-2)$ ,  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ , where  $\delta$  is the Dirac  $\delta$ -function. 10%
3. (A) Let  $u$  and  $v$  be real linearly independent solutions of  $a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real functions. Show that  $y_1 = u + iv$  and  $\bar{y}_1 = u - iv$  (i.e.  $\bar{y}_1$  is the complex conjugate of  $y_1$ ) are complex solutions. Also show that the general complex solution is  $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 \bar{y}_1$ , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are arbitrary complex numbers. 10%
- (B) Show that  $y = x^{1+i}$  satisfies  $x^2 y'' - xy' + 2y = 0$ . What are real solutions of the equation? 10%
4. (A) Let  $A$  be an  $n$  by  $n$  constant matrix. Show that the general solution of the differential equation  $\frac{d\vec{x}(t)}{dt} = A\vec{x}(t)$  is given by  $\vec{x}(t) = (\exp(tA))\vec{c}$ , where  $\vec{c}$  is an arbitrary constant vector. The unique solution of the differential equation which also satisfies the initial condition  $\vec{x}(t_0) = \vec{x}_0$  is given by  $\vec{x}(t) = (\exp((t-t_0)A))\vec{x}_0$ . 10%
- (B) Solve  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ . 10%
5. Find the steady-state solution to the equation  $\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + 2x = 2 \cos(3t)$ . Also estimate the earliest time beyond which the transient solution remains less than 0.01, if we are given the initial conditions  $x(0) = 1$ ,  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ . 10%