Math 2280 - Final Exam

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This is a 2 hour exam. Please show all your work, as a worked problem is required for full points, and partial credit may be rewarded for some work in the right direction. There are 250 possible points on this exam.

Things You Might Want to Know

Definitions

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t) dt.$$

$$f(t) * g(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau) g(t-\tau) d\tau.$$

Laplace Transforms

$$\mathcal{L}(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$
$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}$$
$$\mathcal{L}(\sin(kt)) = \frac{k}{s^2 + k^2}$$
$$\mathcal{L}(\cos(kt)) = \frac{s}{s^2 + k^2}$$
$$\mathcal{L}(\delta(t-a)) = e^{-as}$$
$$\mathcal{L}(u(t-a)f(t-a)) = e^{-as}F(s).$$

Translation Formula

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at}f(t)) = F(s-a).$$

Derivative Formula

$$\mathcal{L}(x^{(n)}) = s^n X(s) - s^{n-1} x(0) - s^{n-2} x'(0) - \dots - s x^{(n-2)}(0) - x^{(n-1)}(0).$$

Fourier Series Definition

For a function f(t) of period 2L the Fourier series is:

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) \right).$$
$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$$
$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt.$$

1. Basic Definitions (10 points)

Circle or state the correct answer to the questions about the following differential equation:

$$\sqrt{x}y^{(5)} - x^2(y')^2 + e^x y = \cos x$$

(2 point) The differential equation is: Linear Nonlinear(2 points) The order of the differential equation is:

For the differential equation:

$$x^{2}y'' + xy' - y = \sin\left(e^{x^{2} + 5x + 2}\right)$$

(2 point) The differential equation is: Linear Nonlinear

(2 point) The order of the differential equation is:

(2 point) The corresponding homogeneous equation is:

2. Phase Diagrams (15 points)

For the autonomous differential equation:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x - x^2$$

Find all critical points, draw the corresponding phase diagram, and indicate whether the critical points are stable, unstable, or semi-stable.

3. Ordinary Points, Regular Singular Points, and Irregular Singular Points (15 points)

Determine if x = 0 is an ordinary, regular singular, or irregular singular point in each of the following differential equations:

a) (5 points)

$$x(1+x)y'' + 2y' + 3xy = 0$$

b) (5 points)

$$x^3y'' + 2x^2y' + 7y = 0$$

c) (5 points)

$$x(1-x)(1+x)y'' + x^2y' + x^3y = 0$$

4. Indicial Equations (15 points)

What are the roots of the indicial equation for the regular singular differential equation:

$$x^2y'' + 3(\sin x)y' + e^x y = 0.$$

Will the method of Frobenius be guaranteed to yield two linearly independent solutions? Could it possibly yield two linearly independent solutions? Why or why not?¹

¹Note - You aren't expected to find the solutions here.

5. Undetermined Coefficients (10 points)

What is the form of the particular solution to the following differential equation:

$$y^{(3)} + y'' + y' + y = x^2 e^{-5x} \sin(3x),$$

using the method of undetermined coefficients?²

²You don't have to solve the differential equation, nor do you have to find the coefficients! You just have to give the form of the particular solution dictated by the method of undetermined coefficients.

6. Nonhomogeneous Linear Differential Equations with Constant Coefficients (30 points)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$y'' + 7y' + 12y = x + e^{-4x}.$$

7. Systems of Differential Equations (35 points)

Find the general solution to the system of differential equations

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -9 & 0\\ 1 & 4 & 0\\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

8. Laplace Transforms and Convolutions (15 points)

Using the definition of convolution, calculate the convolution of the functions:

$$f(t) = t,$$
$$g(t) = e^t.$$

What is the Laplace transform of $f(t)\ast g(t)$? In other words, what is $\mathcal{L}(f(t)\ast g(t))$?

³If you try to answer this second question using the formal definition of the Laplace transform, you're doing it the hard way.

9. Power Series (30 points)

Solve the following second-order ODE using power series methods:

$$(x^2 + 2)y'' + 4xy' + 2y = 0.$$

10. Fourier Series (25 points)

The values of the periodic function f(t) in one full period are given. Find the function's Fourier series.

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} -1 & -2 < t < 0\\ 1 & 0 < t < 2\\ 0 & t = \{-2, 0\} \end{cases}$$

Extra Credit (5 points) - Use this solution and what you know about Fourier series to deduce the famous Leibniz formula for π .

11. Fixed Endpoint Problem (20 points)

For the fixed endpoint problem:

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0,$$

 $X(0) = X(2) = 0;$

what are the possible eigenvalues λ_n , and the corresponding eigenfunctions X_n ?

12. The Heat Equation (30 points)

Solve the heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2},$$

with the boundary values:

$$u(0,t) = u(2,t) = 0,$$
$$u(x,0) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x < 2\\ 0 & x = \{0,2\} \end{cases}$$

Note - The solutions to the last two problems might be useful to you here.