

SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021

MATHEMATICS

FMTH2C09: ODE & CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

Part A: All questions can be answered. Each carries one weightage.

(Ceiling 6 weightage).

1 Find the singular points of the differential equation $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 5y = 0$.

2 State Sturm comparison theorem.

3 Write the hypergeometric series represented by $F[1, 2, 2, x]$.

4 Write Rodrigue's formula to find n^{th} Legendre polynomial $P_n(x)$.

Find $P_0(x), P_1(x)$ and $P_2(x)$.

5 Express $J_2(x)$ in terms of $J_0(x)$ and $J_1(x)$.

6 Find the auxiliary equation of the autonomous system $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x - 4y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = x - y$.

7 Define a stable critical point.

8 Check whether the function $x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2$ is positive definite, negative definite or neither.

Part B: All questions can be answered. Each carries two weightage.

(Ceiling of 12 weightage).

9 If $u(x)$ is any non trivial solution of $u'' + q(x)u = 0$ where $q(x) > 0$ for all $x > 0$ and if $\int_1^\infty q(x)dx = \infty$, prove that $u(x)$ has infinitely many zeros on the positive x -axis.

10 Find two independent Frobenius series solutions of the differential equation $4xy'' + 2y' + y = 0$.

11 Transform the differential equation $(x^2 - 1)y'' + (5x + 4)y' + 4y = 0$ as a hypergeometric equation and hence find the general solution near $x = -1$.

- 12 Show that $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$.
- 13 Solve the linear system $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x - 4y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = x - y$.
- 14 If $f(x, y)$ is any continuous function that satisfies Lipschitz condition on the strip $a \leq x \leq b$ and $-\infty < y < \infty$ and if $f(x_0, y_0)$ is any point of the strip, prove that the initial value problem $y' = f(x, y)$, $y(x_0) = y_0$ has one and only one solution on the interval $a \leq x \leq b$.
- 15 Show that $(0, 0)$ is an asymptotically stable critical point for the autonomous system $\frac{dx}{dt} = -3x^3 - y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = x^5 - 2y^3$.
- 16 Let m_1 and m_2 be the roots of the indicial equation of the linear system $\frac{dx}{dt} = a_1x + b_1y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = a_2x + b_2y$. If m_1 and m_2 are real, distinct and of the same sign, show that the critical point $(0, 0)$ is a node.
- 17 Find the curve joining the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) that yields a surface of revolution of minimum area when revolved about the x-axis.

Part C: All questions can be answered. Each carries six weightage.

(Ceiling 12 weightage).

- 18 State and prove Picard's theorem.
- 19 State and prove the orthogonal property of Legendre polynomials.
- 20 Show that Gauss hypergeometric equation has three regular singular points.
- 21 (a) Discuss different types of critical points of an autonomous system.
 (b) Find the general solution of the linear system $\frac{dx}{dt} = -x$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = -2y$.
 Find the differential equation of the paths and discuss the stability of the critical point.