

SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023  
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)  
MATHEMATICS  
FMTH2C09: ODE & CALCULAS OF VARIATIONS

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

**Part A :** Answer *all* questions. Each carries 1 weightage.

1. Show that the zeros of the functions  $a \sin x + b \cos x$  and  $c \sin x + d \cos x$  are distinct and occur alternately whenever  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .
2. Determine the nature of the point at  $x = 0$  for the equation  $x^4 y'' + (\sin x)y = 0$ .
3. Show that  ${}_x F(1, 1, 2; -x) = \log(1 + x)$ .
4. Show that  $P_n(-x) = (-1)^n P_n(x)$ , where  $P_n(x)$  denotes the Legendre polynomial of degree  $n$ .
5. Show that  $\frac{d}{dx}[x^n J_n(x)] = x^n J_{n-1}(x)$ .
6. State Picard's local existence theorem.
7. Describe the phase portrait of the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 1, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 2. \end{cases}$$

8. Define extremals and stationary curve of Euler's differential equation.

(8x1= 8 weightage)

**Part B :** Answer any *two* questions from each unit. Each carries 2 weightage.

**Unit I**

9. State and prove Sturm Separation Theorem.
10. Obtain the power series solution of the equation  $y'' + xy = 0$ .
11. Find the general solution of the equation  $(x^2 - x - 6)y'' + (5 + 3x)y' + y = 0$  near its singular point  $x = 3$ .

**Unit II**

12. State and prove the orthogonality property of Legendre polynomials.
13. Check whether  $f(x, y) = x^2|y|$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition on the rectangle  $|x| \leq 1$  and  $|y| \leq 1$ . Also check if  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  exist at all points on this rectangle.

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14. Find the general solution of the following system:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = 5x + 2y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -x + y. \end{cases}$$

### Unit III

15. Determine the nature and stability properties of the critical point  $(0, 0)$  for the linear autonomous system:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -2x, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 3y. \end{cases}$$

16. Verify that  $(0, 0)$  is a simple critical point for the system and determine its nature and stability properties:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -x - y - 3x^2y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 4y + y \sin x. \end{cases}$$

17. Find the stationary function of

$$\int_0^4 [xy' - (y')^2] dx$$

which is determined by the boundary conditions  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y(4) = 3$ .

(6x2= 12 weightage)

**Part C** : Answer any **two** questions. Each carries 5 weightage.

18. Find the general solution of Gauss's Hypergeometric equation.

19. Find Frobenius series solution of the equation  $2xy'' + (3 - x)y' - y = 0$ .

20. Explain Picard's method of successive approximations. Find the exact solution of the initial value problem  $y' = x + y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ . Apply Picard's method to find its approximate solution (starting with  $y_0(x) = 1$ ) and compare with the exact solution.

21. a) Determine whether the function  $-x^2 - 4xy - 5y^2$  is positive definite, negative definite, or neither.

b) Obtain Euler's differential equation for an extremal.

(2x5= 10 weightage)