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Problem	Possible	Actual
1	20	
2	20	
3	10	
4	15	
5	10	
6	15	
7	25	
8	20	
9	20	
10	20	
11	25	
Total	200	

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Do all work on these sheets.
- Show all work.
- A table of Laplace transforms is provided.
- In addition, you are permitted one two-sided sheet of notes (8.5" by 11"). No other notes, books, calculators, or other electronic devices are permitted.

FIRST ORDER EQUATIONS

1. (20 points) Consider the autonomous differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = (y - 1)(y + 2)$$

- (a) Find the critical (equilibrium) points, and classify each as stable, unstable, or semistable.

- (b) Sketch qualitative graphs of several solutions in the  $ty$ -plane.

2. (20 points) Find the general solution.

$$y' - 3y = t^3 e^{3t}$$

3. (10 points) Use one step of Euler's method to approximate  $y(0.1)$ , where  $y(0) = 1$ , and  $y$  satisfies

$$y' = 2y - t$$

#### SECOND ORDER LINEAR EQUATIONS

4. (15 points) Assuming  $s$  and  $t$  are real numbers, write  $e^{s+it} + e^{s-it}$  in the form  $a + ib$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.

5. (10 points) Write and solve the characteristic equation, and find the general solution of the differential equation.

$$y'' - 4y = 0$$

6. (15 points) Use the method of variation of parameters to find a particular solution to this nonhomogeneous equation. It is acceptable to leave your answer in terms of one or more indefinite integrals, as long as the integrand (the function you are integrating) is written out explicitly as a function of  $t$ . You do not need to evaluate the integral. For example:  $\cos(t) \int (\ln(t))^2 dt$  would be an acceptable form.

$$y'' - 4y = \frac{e^t}{1 + \cos^2(t)}$$

LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

7. (25 points) Using Laplace transform methods, solve the initial value problem.

$$y'' + 25y = \delta(t - 2\pi), \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

FIRST ORDER SYSTEMS

8. (20 points) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$ , and find the general solution to the equation  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS AND FOURIER SERIES

9. (20 points) Consider the eigenvalue boundary value problem

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(10) = 0$$

Is  $\lambda = 9\pi^2$  an eigenvalue of this problem? If it is, find a corresponding eigenfunction. If not, show why no such eigenfunction exists.

Answer the same question for  $\lambda = \pi^2/16$ .

10. (20 points) This question is about separation of variables in a partial differential equation. *The problem here is slightly different from any of the problems we considered in lecture, so read carefully.* Consider the heat conduction problem on the domain  $0 < x < \pi$  and  $t > 0$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 4 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

with boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\pi, t) = 0$$

and initial temperature distribution

$$u(x, 0) = \cos 3x$$

It turns out this problem has a separable solution of the form  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ . Find it by following these steps.

- (a) Plug  $t = 0$  into the separable solution, and assume  $T(0) = 1$  in order to determine  $X(x)$ .

- (b) Find the ordinary differential equation that  $T(t)$  satisfies.

(c) Solve that equation to determine  $T(t)$ , and put everything together to get  $u(x, t)$ .

11. (25 points) Consider the function that is periodic with period 4 and defined on the interval  $-2 \leq x < 2$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3, & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ -3, & -2 \leq x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the Fourier series for this function. Hint: There is an easy way to see that a lot of the coefficients of the Fourier series are zero. (Though you still need to compute all the ones that aren't zero!)