

Math 240 - Final Exam A

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Show all work to receive full credit. You must work individually. This test is due May 15. All integration must be done by hand (showing work).

1. (10 points) The homogeneous equation

$$ty'' + (1 - 2t)y' + (t - 1)y = 0$$

has the two linearly independent solutions $y_1(t) = e^t$ and $y_2(t) = e^t \ln t$.

Use variation of parameters (with care!) to find the general solution of the initial value problem

$$ty'' + (1 - 2t)y' + (t - 1)y = te^t; \quad y(1) = 3e, \quad y'(1) = \frac{5}{2}e.$$

$$y'' + \frac{1-2t}{t} y' + \frac{t-1}{t} y = e^t$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^t & e^t \ln t \\ e^t & e^t \ln t + \frac{e^t}{t} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{e^{2t}}{t}$$

$$y_p(t) = y_1(t) v_1(t) + y_2(t) v_2(t)$$

where

$$v_1(t) = \int \frac{-e^t \ln t e^t}{e^{2t}/t} dt = \int -t \ln t dt$$

$$u = \ln t \quad dv = -t dt$$

$$du = \frac{1}{t} dt \quad v = -\frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{t^2}{2} \ln t + \int \frac{t}{2} dt = -\frac{t^2}{2} \ln t + \frac{t^2}{4}$$

$$v_2(t) = \int \frac{e^t e^t}{e^{2t}/t} dt = \int t dt = \frac{1}{2} t^2$$

$$y_p(t) = e^t \left(-\frac{t^2}{2} \ln t + \frac{t^2}{4} \right)$$

$$+ e^t \ln t \left(\frac{1}{2} t^2 \right) = \frac{t^2}{4} e^t$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^t \ln t + \frac{t^2}{4} e^t$$

$$y(1) = 3e = c_1 e + \frac{1}{4} e \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{11}{4}$$

$$y'(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^t \ln t + \frac{c_2 e^t}{t} + \frac{1}{2} t e^t + \frac{t^2}{4} e^t$$

$$y'(1) = c_1 e + c_2 e + \frac{3}{4} e = c_2 e + \frac{14}{4} e$$

$$y'(1) = \frac{5}{2} e \Rightarrow c_2 = -1$$

$$y(t) = \frac{11}{4} e^t - e^t \ln t + \frac{t^2}{4} e^t$$

2. (10 points) Use Laplace transform methods to solve the following equation.

$$tx'' - tx' + x = 2, \quad x(0) = 2, \quad x'(0) = -1$$

$$-\frac{d}{ds}(s^2 X(s) - 2s + 1) + \frac{d}{ds}(s X(s) - 2) + X(s) = \frac{2}{s}, \quad s > 0$$

$$-2s X(s) - s^2 X'(s) + 2 + X(s) + s X'(s) + X(s) = \frac{2}{s}$$

$$(-s^2 + s) X'(s) + (-2s + 2) X(s) = \frac{2}{s} - 2$$

$$(s^2 - s) X'(s) + (2s - 2) X(s) = 2 - \frac{2}{s} = \frac{2s - 2}{s}$$

$$X'(s) + \frac{2}{s} X(s) = \frac{2}{s^2}$$

$$\mu(s) = e^{\int \frac{2}{s} ds} = e^{2 \ln |s|} = e^{\ln s^2} = s^2$$

$$s^2 X(s) = \int 2 ds = 2s + C$$

$$X(s) = \frac{2}{s} + \frac{C}{s^2}$$

$$x(t) = 2 + Ct$$

$$x'(0) = -1 \Rightarrow C = -1$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = 2 - t}$$

3. (10 points) Solve the following one-dimensional heat equation with Dirichlet boundary conditions. Do not derive the solution method—just use the result we derived in class. (See Theorem 1 on page 593.)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 5 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = (1-x)x^2, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$k=5$$

$$L=1$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-5\pi^2 n^2 t} \sin(n\pi x), \quad \text{WHERE}$$

$$b_n = 2 \int_0^1 (1-x)x^2 \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

$$= \frac{-4}{n^3 \pi^3} [2(-1)^n + 1]$$

Signs	u AND DERIVS	dv/dx AND ANTI
+	$x^2 - x^3$	$\sin(n\pi x)$
-	$2x - 3x^2$	$-\frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x)$
+	$2 - 6x$	$-\frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin(n\pi x)$
-	-6	$\frac{1}{n^3 \pi^3} \cos(n\pi x)$
+	0	$\frac{1}{n^4 \pi^4} \sin(n\pi x)$

$$b_n = 2 \left[\frac{-(x^2 - x^3)}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) + \frac{(2x - 3x^2)}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin(n\pi x) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(2 - 6x)}{n^3 \pi^3} \cos(n\pi x) + \frac{6}{n^4 \pi^4} \sin(n\pi x) \right]_0^1$$

$$= 2 \left[\frac{-4}{n^3 \pi^3} (-1)^n - \frac{2}{n^3 \pi^3} \right] = \frac{-4}{n^3 \pi^3} (2(-1)^n + 1)$$