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**Answer 04 Questions only.**

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1. a) Suppose in a chemical reaction two substances,  $A$  and  $B$ , react in equal amounts to form a compound  $C$ . Let  $u(t)$  be the concentration of the compound  $C$  at time  $t$ , which satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} = r(a - u)(b - u)$$

where  $r$  is a positive constant;  $a$  and  $b$  are initial concentrations of  $A$  and  $B$  at time  $t = 0$ . Assuming  $u(0) = 0$ , obtain the concentration  $u$  as a function of time. Also, determine the limiting concentration.

- b) A spherical raindrop of radius  $a$  falls from a height  $h$  and accumulates moisture from the atmosphere as it descends, thereby increasing the radius,  $r$ , of the spherical raindrop at a rate  $\lambda a$ . That is  $\frac{dr}{dt} = \lambda a$ . Let  $M(t)$  and  $v(t)$  be the mass and velocity of the raindrop at time  $t$ . Derive the equation of the motion of the raindrop in the form  $\frac{d}{dt}(Mv) = Mg$ . Show the followings

(i)  $v = \frac{g}{4\lambda} \left( \frac{r}{a} - \frac{a^3}{r^3} \right)$ .

(ii)  $\frac{dx}{dr} = \frac{g}{4a\lambda^2} \left( \frac{r}{a} - \frac{a^3}{r^3} \right)$ , where  $x$  is the fallen distance of the raindrop up to time  $t$ .

- (iii) When it reaches the ground it's radius is

$$\lambda a \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{g}{2h\lambda^2}} \right).$$

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2. a) Suppose a savings account is opened with initial deposit of  $C$  Rupees that pays  $r\%$  interest compounded yearly and  $w$  Rupees is withdrawn at the end of each year.

- (i) If  $a_n$  is the balance of the account at the end of year  $n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ), then show that the mathematical model for this process is given by

$$a_{n+1} = (1 + r)a_n - w$$

where  $a_0 = C$ .

- (ii) Find the equilibrium value,  $a^*$ , of the model.  
 (iii) derive an expression for  $a_{n+1}$  in terms of  $C$ ,  $r$  and  $w$ .  
 (iv) Explain the long term behaviour of the account balance for the cases  $C = a^*$ ,  $C < a^*$  and  $C > a^*$  separately.  
 (v) If  $C = 50000$ ,  $r = 10\%$  and  $w = 1000$  then find the account balance at the end of the fifth year.

- b) Initially  $25\text{kg}$  of salt is dissolved in a large tank holding  $1800\text{l}$  of water. Brine solution is pumped into the tank at a rate of  $12\text{l}$  per minute, and a well-stirred solution is then pumped out at the same rate. The concentration of the solution entering is  $1\text{kg}$  per  $4\text{l}$ .

- (i) Show that the following ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 3 - \frac{A}{150}$$

can be proposed to model the above situation, where  $A$  is the amount of salt (in  $\text{kgs}$ ) in the tank at time  $t$ .

- (ii) Solve the above differential equation and determine the amount of salt in the tank after a long time.

3. a) State the Newton's law of cooling and write down relevant differential equation. A body with initial temperature  $300^\circ\text{C}$  is placed in a large block of ice. Temperature of the body after 10 minutes is  $75^\circ\text{C}$ .

- (i) Obtain an expression for the temperature  $T$  of the body as a function of time  $t$ .  
 (ii) Find the temperature of the body at  $t = 5$  and  $t = 20$  minutes.  
 (iii) Find the time when its temperature reaches  $38.5^\circ\text{C}$ .

- b) Suppose a student carrying a flu virus returns to an isolated college campus of 1000 students. Assume that the rate at which the virus spreads is proportional not only to the number,  $x$ , of the infected students but also to the number of students not infected. Also, assume that no one leaves the campus throughout the duration of the disease

- (i) Construct a continuous mathematical model for this situation in the form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx(1000 - x),$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

- (ii) Find the solution of the model you derived in section  $b(i)$  if it is further observed that after 10 days the infected number of students is 50.
- (iii) Find the limiting behaviour of the number of infected students.
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4. a) Consider the following linear system of ordinary differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 2x + 7y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -5x - 10y.\end{aligned}$$

- (i) Determine the stability behaviour of the equilibrium point.
- (ii) Sketch the phase plane diagram.
- (iii) If  $x(0) = 2$  and  $y(0) = 0$  then find the exact solution of the above system.
- b) Consider the following linear system of ordinary differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= x + 2y - 6, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 6x - 3y + 24.\end{aligned}$$

- (i) Find the equilibrium point of the system
- (ii) Determine the stability behaviour of the equilibrium point.
- (iii) Sketch the phase plane diagram about the equilibrium point.
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5. Consider the following nonlinear system of ordinary differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 2x + x^2 - xy, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= xy - 2y.\end{aligned}$$

- a) Find the equilibrium points of the system.
- b) Determine the stability of the equilibria.
- c) Sketch the phase plane diagram of the system.
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6. a) In a certain forest  $r\%$  of the trees are destroyed naturally each year. Also,  $H$  number of trees are harvested for timber (cut down for industrial use) but  $P$  number of new trees are either planted or sprout up on their own. Here,  $H$  and  $P$  are constants. Let  $T_n$  be the number of trees at the end of  $n^{\text{th}}$  year.

- (i) Formulate a discrete mathematical model for this process.
- (ii) Find an expression for  $T_n$  in terms of  $T_0$ ,  $r$ ,  $H$  and  $P$ .

- (iii) What is the number of trees in the forest will have in 5 years, if  $r = 3\%$ ,  $H = 4000$  and  $P = 8000$  and the currently estimated number of trees in that forest be  $T_0 = 200000$ ?
- b) We consider a forest containing tigers (predator) and deer (prey). Let  $T_n$  and  $D_n$  be the respective population of tigers and deer at the end of year  $n$ . We assume that deer are the only source of food for the tigers and the tigers are the only predators for the deers.

The tiger population decreases at a rate  $\alpha$  if no deers are available and grows at rate  $\beta$  when the food (deer) is available. Similarly, the deer population grows at a rate  $\gamma$  when no tigers are around and decreases at a rate  $\delta$  in the presence of tiger population

- (i) Formulate a discrete mathematical model for this process.
- (ii) In the usual notation, show that the corresponding Jacobian matrix,  $A$ , is given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \alpha & \beta \\ -\delta & 1 + \gamma \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (iii) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- (iv) Determine the stability of the equilibrium point if  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\beta = 0.4$ ,  $\gamma = 0.1$  and  $\delta = 0.17$ .
- (v) Discuss the stability of the equilibrium point if  $\delta$  is changed to 0.05.
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