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Module Name: Linear Algebra and Differential Equations

[Three hours]

[Answer all questions, each question carries fourteen marks]

Q1. a) Solve the following linear differential equations.

i. $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2y = x^2 + e^{-x^3}$

ii. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = e^{2x}; \quad y(0) = 1, \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = -1$

[6 Marks]

b) Use Frobenius method to obtain two linearly independent solutions about $x = 0$ of the following differential equation.

$$2x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 + 1)y = 0.$$

Show that the infinity is a regular singular point to the following differential equation and hence, determine its solution about infinity.

$$2x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5x \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + 1 \right) y = 0$$

[8 Marks]

Q2. a) i. What is meant by a conservative vector field.

ii. If $A = \nabla\phi$, show that A is a conservative vector field.

Hence, deduce that the work done in moving a particle in this vector field from P to Q is $\phi(Q) - \phi(P)$.

[3 Marks]

b) If $A = (y + 1)\mathbf{i} - z\mathbf{j} + xz\mathbf{k}$, find the work done in moving a particle once around a circle C . Where C is the circle with the radius 2 and the centre at $(0,0,1)$ in the $z = 1$ plane.

[3Marks]

c) Find the surface integral of the vector field $F = z\mathbf{i} - x\mathbf{j} + 2yz\mathbf{k}$ outward through the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ above the xy plane.

[4 Marks]

d) If $A = (x + 2y^2)\mathbf{i} + 2y(3 - z)\mathbf{j} - 2z\mathbf{k}$, compute the volume integral

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot A dV,$$

where V is the volume of a cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, $z = 0$ and $z = 5$.

[4 Marks]

- Q3. a) i. State the Green's theorem on a plane.
 ii. Use Greens theorem to evaluate

$$\oint_C (2x^2 + xy)dx + (x - 2y^2)dy,$$

where C is the closed curve of the region bounded by $y^2 = 8x$ and $y = x^2$

[3 Marks]

- b) Use Stokes' theorem to evaluate

$$\iint_S \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{s}.$$

Where, $\mathbf{A} = y\mathbf{i} - 2z\mathbf{j} - x\mathbf{k}$ where S is the open hemisphere $x^2 + y^2 + (z - 2)^2 = 4$.

[3 Marks]

- c) i. State the divergence theorem.
 If S is the surface cut by the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 = 1 - z$ in the first octant and z varies from 0 to 1, use divergence theorem to evaluate

$$\iint_S (x^2z\mathbf{i} + y^2\mathbf{j} - xz^2\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{n}dS$$

- ii. If S is any closed surface enclosing a volume V and \mathbf{n} is the unit outward drawn normal to the surface S , show that

$$\iint_S \phi \mathbf{n}dS = \iiint_V \nabla \phi dV$$

Hence, deduce that

$$\iint_S r^5 \mathbf{n}dS = \iiint_V 5r^3 \mathbf{r}dV$$

[8 Marks]

- Q4. a) Define the followings:

- i. Subspace of a vector space.
 ii. Kernel and Image under a linear transformation

[2 Marks]

- b) State whether each of the following is true or false. Justify your answers.

- i. $W = \{x, y, z: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 under usual addition and scalar multiplication.
 ii. If U and W are subspaces of a vector space V then $U \cup W$ is also a subspace of V .
 iii. $S = \{(1, 0, -1, 2), (2, -1, 1, 0)\}$ is a linearly independent set but not spans \mathbb{R}^4
 iv. $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $T(x, y, z) = (x + y, x - z)$ is a linear transformation.

[8 Marks]

c) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the matrix representation of a linear mapping $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$.

Determine the rank, nullity and a basis for the null space of the linear transformation T .

[4 Marks]

- Q5. a) Let U and W be subspaces of \mathbb{R}^4 generated by the sets $\{(1, -1, 0, 2), (2, 0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1, -1)\}$ and $\{(0, 2, 1, -3), (1, -1, 1, 3), (1, 1, 2, 0)\}$ respectively.

Find dimensions of $U + W$ and $U \cap W$.

[4 Marks]

- b) If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are the eigenvalues of a square matrix A of order n , show that:

i. the matrix $A - kI$ has eigenvalues $(\lambda_1 - k), (\lambda_2 - k), \dots, (\lambda_n - k)$, where k is a constant.

ii. the matrix A^2 has eigenvalues $\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2, \dots, \lambda_n^2$

[2 Marks]

- c) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is A diagonalizable? Justify your answer.

Determine the eigenvalues of $A - I$ and A^2 .

[8 Marks]