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PREVIOUS YEARS QUESTIONS (2017-2001)

SEGMENT-WISE

ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

2017

- ❖ Find the differential equation representing all the circles in the x - y plane. (10)
- ❖ Suppose that the streamlines of the fluid flow are given by a family of curves $xy=c$. Find the equipotential lines, that is, the orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves representing the streamlines. (10)
- ❖ Solve the following simultaneous linear differential equations: $(D+1)y = z + e^x$ and $(D+1)z = y + e^x$ where y and z are functions of independent variable x and

$$D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}. \quad (08)$$

- ❖ If the growth rate of the population of bacteria at any time t is proportional to the amount present at that time and population doubles in one week, then how much bacteria can be expected after 4 weeks? (08)
- ❖ Consider the differential equation $xy p^2 - (x^2 + y^2 - 1)$

$p + xy = 0$ where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$. Substituting $u = x^2$ and $v = y^2$ reduce the equation to Clairaut's form in terms of

u , v and $p' = \frac{dv}{du}$. Hence, or otherwise solve the equation. (10)

- ❖ Solve the following initial value differential equations: $20y'' + 4y' + y = 0$, $y(0) = 3.2$ and $y'(0) = 0$. (07)
- ❖ Solve the differential equation:

$$x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 4x^3 y = 8x^3 \sin(x^2). \quad (09)$$

- ❖ Solve the following differential equation using method of variation of parameters:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 44 - 76x - 48x^2. \quad (08)$$

- ❖ Solve the following initial value problem using Laplace transform:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 9y = r(x), y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 4$$

$$\text{where } r(x) = \begin{cases} 8 \sin x & \text{if } 0 < x < \pi \\ 0 & \text{if } x \geq \pi \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

2016

- ❖ Find a particular integral of

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = e^{x/2} \sin \frac{x\sqrt{3}}{2}. \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Solve:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} (e^{\tan^{-1} x} - y) \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Show that the family of parabolas $y^2 = 4cx + 4c^2$ is self-orthogonal. (10)

- ❖ Solve:

$$\{y(1 - x \tan x) + x^2 \cos x\} dx - xdy = 0 \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Using the method of variation of parameters, solve the differential equation

$$(D^2 + 2D + 1)y = e^{-x} \log(x), \left[D = \frac{d}{dx} \right] \quad (15)$$

- ❖ find the general solution of the equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 4x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 6 \frac{dy}{dx} = 4. \quad (15)$$

- ❖ Using Laplace transformation, solve the following:

$$y'' - 2y' - 8y = 0, y(0) = 3, y'(0) = 6 \quad (10)$$

2015

- ❖ Solve the differential equation:

$$x \cos x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(x \sin x + \cos x) = 1. \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Solve the differential equation :
 $(2xy^4e^y + 2xy^3 + y) dx + (x^2y^4e^y - x^2y^2 - 3x)dy = 0$ (10)

- ❖ Find the constant a so that $(x + y)^a$ is the Integrating factor of $(4x^2 + 2xy + 6y)dx + (2x^2 + 9y + 3x)dy = 0$ and hence solve the differential equation. (12)

- ❖ (i) Obtain Laplace Inverse transform of

$$\left\{ \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{s^2} \right) + \frac{s}{s^2 + 25} e^{-\pi s} \right\}.$$

- (ii) Using Laplace transform, solve
 $y'' + y = t, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -2.$ (12)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$x = py - p^2 \text{ where } p = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

- ❖ Solve :

$$x^4 \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 6x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 4x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = x^2 + 2 \cos(\log_e x).$$

2014

- ❖ Justify that a differential equation of the form :
 $[y + x f(x^2 + y^2)] dx + [y f(x^2 + y^2) - x] dy = 0,$
 where $f(x^2 + y^2)$ is an arbitrary function of $(x^2 + y^2)$, is not an exact differential equation and $\frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}$ is

an integrating factor for it. Hence solve this differential equation for $f(x^2 + y^2) = (x^2 + y^2)^2.$ (10)

- ❖ Find the curve for which the part of the tangent cut-off by the axes is bisected at the point of tangency. (10)

- ❖ Solve by the method of variation of parameters :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - 5y = \sin x \quad (10)$$

- ❖ Solve the differential equation : (20)

$$x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 3x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + 8y = 65 \cos(\log_e x)$$

- ❖ Solve the following differential equation : (15)

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

when e^x is a solution to its corresponding homogeneous differential equation.

- ❖ Find the sufficient condition for the differential equation $M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$ to have an integrating factor as a function of $(x+y)$. What will be the integrating factor in that case? Hence find the integrating factor for the differential equation $(x^2 + xy) dx + (y^2 + xy) dy = 0$ and solve it. (15)

- ❖ Solve the initial value problem

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + y = 8e^{-2t} \sin t, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$$

by using Laplace-transform

2013

- ❖ y is a function of x , such that the differential coefficient $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is equal to $\cos(x + y) + \sin(x + y).$

Find out a relation between x and y , which is free from any derivative/differential. (10)

- ❖ Obtain the equation of the orthogonal trajectory of the family of curves represented by $r^n = a \sin n \theta$, (r, θ) being the plane polar coordinates. (10)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation $(5x^3 + 12x^2 + 6y^2) dx + 6xy dy = 0.$ (10)

- ❖ Using the method of variation of parameters, solve the differential equation $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a^2 y = \sec ax.$ (10)

- ❖ Find the general solution of the equation (15)

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \ln x \sin(\ln x).$$

- ❖ By using Laplace transform method, solve the differential equation $(D^2 + n^2) x = a \sin(nt + \alpha),$

$D^2 = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}$ subject to the initial conditions $x = 0$ and

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0, \text{ at } t = 0, \text{ in which } a, n \text{ and } \alpha \text{ are constants.}$$

(15)

2012

- ❖ Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy e^{(x/y)^2}}{y^2(1 + e^{(x/y)^2}) + 2x^2 e^{(x/y)^2}}$ (12)

- ❖ Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves $x^2 + y^2 = ax.$ (12)

- ❖ Using Laplace transforms, solve the initial value problem $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-t}$, $y(0) = -1$, $y'(0) = 1$

(12)

- ❖ Show that the differential equation

$$(2xy \log y)dx + (x^2 + y^2 \sqrt{y^2 + 1})dy = 0$$

is not exact. Find an integrating factor and hence, the solution of the equation.

(20)

- ❖ Find the general solution of the equation

$$y''' - y'' = 12x^2 + 6x.$$

(20)

- ❖ Solve the ordinary differential equation

$$x(x-1)y'' - (2x-1)y' + 2y = x^2(2x-3)$$

(20)

2011

- ❖ Obtain the solution of the ordinary differential

equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = (4x + y + 1)^2$, if $y(0) = 1$. (10)

- ❖ Determine the orthogonal trajectory of a family of curves represented by the polar equation $r = a(1 - \cos\theta)$, (r, θ) being the plane polar coordinates of any point.

(10)

- ❖ Obtain Clairaut's form of the differential equation

$$\left(x \frac{dy}{dx} - y\right) \left(y \frac{dy}{dx} + y\right) = a^2 \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

Also find its general solution. (15)

- ❖ Obtain the general solution of the second order ordinary differential equation

$$y'' - 2y' + 2y = x + e^x \cos x,$$

where dashes denote derivatives w.r. to x .

(15)

- ❖ Using the method of variation of parameters, solve the second order differendifferential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = \tan 2x.$$

(15)

- ❖ Use Laplace transform method to solve the following initial value problem:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2 \frac{dx}{dt} + x = e^t, \quad x(0) = 2 \text{ and } \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = -1$$

(15)

2010

- ❖ Consider the differential equation

$$y' = \alpha x, \quad x > 0$$

where α is a constant. Show that–

- (i) if $\phi(x)$ is any solution and $\Psi(x) = \phi(x) e^{-\alpha x}$, then $\Psi(x)$ is a constant;

- (ii) if $\alpha < 0$, then every solution tends to zero as $x \rightarrow \infty$. (12)

- ❖ Show that the differential equation

$$(3y^2 - x) + 2y(y^2 - 3x)y' = 0$$

admits an integrating factor which is a function of $(x+y^2)$. Hence solve the equation. (12)

- ❖ Verify that

$$\frac{1}{2}(Mx + Ny)d(\log_e(xy)) + \frac{1}{2}(Mx - Ny)d(\log_e\left(\frac{x}{y}\right))$$

$$= M dx + N dy$$

Hence show that–

- (i) if the differential equation $M dx + N dy = 0$ is homogeneous, then $(Mx + Ny)$ is an integrating factor unless $Mx + Ny \equiv 0$;

- (ii) if the differential equation $Mdx + Ndy = 0$ is not exact but is of the form

$$f_1(xy)y dx + f_2(xy)x dy = 0$$

then $(Mx - Ny)^{-1}$ is an integrating factor unless $Mx - Ny \equiv 0$. (20)

- ❖ Show that the set of solutions of the homogeneous linear differential equation

$$y' + p(x)y = 0$$

on an interval $I = [a, b]$ forms a vector subspace W of the real vector space of continuous functions on I . what is the dimension of W ? (20)

- ❖ Use the method of undetermined coefficients to find the particular solution of $y'' + y = \sin x + (1 + x^2)e^x$ and hence find its general solution. (20)

2009

- ❖ Find the Wronskian of the set of functions

$$\{3x^3, |3x^3|\}$$

on the interval $[-1, 1]$ and determine whether the set is linearly dependent on $[-1, 1]$. (12)

- ❖ Find the differential equation of the family of circles in the xy -plane passing through $(-1, 1)$ and $(1, 1)$. (20)

- ❖ Find the inverse Laplace transform of

$$F(s) = \ln\left(\frac{s+1}{s+5}\right). \quad (20)$$

- ❖ Solve: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2(x-y)}{3xy^2 - x^2y - 4y^3}$, $y(0) = 1$. (20)

2008

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$ydx + (x + x^3y^2)dy = 0. \quad (12)$$

- ❖ Use the method of variation of parameters to find the general solution of $x^2y'' - 4xy' + 6y = -x^4 \sin x$. (12)

- ❖ Using Laplace transform, solve the initial value problem $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 4t + e^{3t}$ with $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = -1$. (15)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$x^3y'' - 3x^2y' + xy = \sin(\ln x) + 1. \quad (15)$$

- ❖ Solve the equation $y - 2xp + yp^2 = 0$ where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$. (15)

2007

- ❖ Solve the ordinary differential equation

$$\cos 3x \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y \sin 3x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 6x + \sin^2 3x, \quad 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad (12)$$

- ❖ Find the solution of the equation

$$\frac{dy}{y} + xy^2 dx = -4x dx. \quad (12)$$

- ❖ Determine the general and singular solutions of the

equation $y = x \frac{dy}{dx} + a \frac{dy}{dx} \left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ 'a' being a constant. (15)

- ❖ Obtain the general solution of $[D^3 - 6D^2 + 12D - 8]$

$$y = 12 \left(e^{2x} + \frac{9}{4} e^{-x} \right), \text{ where } D = \frac{d}{dx}. \quad (15)$$

- ❖ Solve the equation $2x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x^3$. (15)

- ❖ Use the method of variation of parameters to find the general solution of the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 2e^x. \quad (15)$$

2006

- ❖ Find the family of curves whose tangents form an angle $\frac{\pi}{4}$ with the hyperbolas $xy=c$, $c > 0$. (12)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$(xy^2 + e^{\frac{1}{x^3}})dx - x^2y dy = 0. \quad (12)$$

- ❖ Solve $(1 + y^2) + (x - e^{-\tan^{-1}y}) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$. (15)

- ❖ Solve the equation $x^2p^2 + yp(2x + y) + y^2 = 0$ using the substitution $y = u$ and $xy = v$ and find its singular solution, where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$. (15)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 2x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{y}{x} = 10 \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2} \right). \quad (15)$$

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$(D^2 - 2D + 2)y = e^x \tan x, \text{ where } D = \frac{d}{dx},$$

by the method of variation of parameters. (15)

2005

- ❖ Find the orthogonal trajectory of a system of coaxial circles $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + c = 0$, where g is the parameter. (12)

- ❖ Solve $xy \frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{x^2 - y^2 - x^2y^2 - 1}$. (12)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation $(x+1)^4 D^3 + 2(x+1)^3 D^2 - (x+1)^2 D + (x+1)y = \frac{1}{x+1}$. (15)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation $(x^2+y^2)(1+p)^2 - 2(x+y)(1+p)(x+yp) + (x+yp)^2 = 0$, where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$, by reducing it to Clairaut's form by using suitable substitution. (15)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation $(\sin x - x \cos x)y'' - x \sin xy' + y \sin x = 0$ given that $y = \sin x$ is a solution of this equation. (15)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = x \log x, x > 0$ by variation of parameters. (15)

2004

- ❖ Find the solution of the following differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$. (12)

- ❖ Solve $y(xy+2x^2y^2) dx + x(xy-x^2y^2) dy = 0$. (12)

- ❖ Solve $(D^4 - 4D^2 - 5)y = e^x(x + \cos x)$. (15)

- ❖ Reduce the equation $(px-y)(py+x) = 2p$ where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$ to Clairaut's equation and hence solve it. (15)

- ❖ Solve $(x+2)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - (2x+5)\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = (x+1)e^x$. (15)

- ❖ Solve the following differential equation $(1-x^2)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4x\frac{dy}{dx} - (1+x^2)y = x$. (15)

2003

- ❖ Show that the orthogonal trajectory of a system of confocal ellipses is self orthogonal. (12)

- ❖ Solve $x\frac{dy}{dx} + y \log y = xye^x$. (12)

- ❖ Solve $(D^5 - D)y = 4(e^x + \cos x + x^3)$, where $D = \frac{d}{dx}$. (15)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation $(px^2 + y^2)(px + y) = (p+1)^2$ where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$, by reducing it to Clairaut's form using suitable substitutions. (15)

- ❖ Solve $(1+x)^2 y'' + (1+x)y' + y = \sin 2[\log(1+x)]$. (15)

- ❖ Solve the differential equation $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = x^4 \sec^2 x$ by variation of parameters. (15)

2002

- ❖ Solve $x\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x^3 y^2$. (12)

- ❖ Find the values of λ for which all solutions of $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} - \lambda y = 0$ tend to zero as $x \rightarrow \infty$. (12)

- ❖ Find the value of constant λ such that the following differential equation becomes exact.

$$(2xe^y + 3y^2)\frac{dy}{dx} + (3x^2 + \lambda e^y) = 0$$

Further, for this value of λ , solve the equation. (15)

- ❖ Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+y+4}{x-y-6}$. (15)

- ❖ Using the method of variation of parameters, find the solution of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = xe^x \sin x$ with

$$y(0) = 0 \text{ and } \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=0} = 0. \quad (15)$$

- ❖ Solve $(D-1)(D^2-2D+2)y = e^x$ where $D = \frac{d}{dx}$. (15)

2001

- ❖ A continuous function $y(t)$ satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \begin{cases} 1 + e^{1-t}, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 2 + 2t - 3t^2, & 1 \leq t \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

If $y(0) = -e$, find $y(2)$. (12)

- ❖ Solve $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x^2 \log_e x$. (12)

❖ Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} \log_e y = \frac{y(\log_e y)^2}{x^2}$. (15)

❖ Find the general solution of $ay^{p^2} + (2x-b)p - y = 0$, $a > 0$. (15)

❖ Solve $(D^2+1)^2 y = 24x \cos x$
given that $y = Dy = D^2y = 0$ and $D^3y = 12$ when $x = 0$. (15)

❖ Using the method of variation of parameters, solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = 4 \tan 2x$. (15)

2000

❖ Show that $3 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - 8y = 0$ has an integral which is a polynomial in x . Deduce the general solution. (12)

❖ Reduce $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P \frac{dy}{dx} + Qy = R$, where P, Q, R are functions of x , to the normal form.

Hence solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + (4x^2 - 1)y = -3e^{x^2} \sin 2x$. (15)

❖ Solve the differential equation $y = x - 2a p + ap^2$. Find the singular solution and interpret it geometrically. (15)

❖ Show that $(4x+3y+1)dx + (3x+2y+1)dy = 0$ represents a family of hyperbolas with a common axis and tangent at the vertex. (15)

❖ Solve $x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = (x-1) \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x + 1 \right)$ by the method of variation of parameters. (15)

1999

❖ Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{xdx + ydy}{xdy - ydx} = \left(\frac{1 - x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

❖ Solve $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = e^x + \cos x$.

❖ By the method of variation of parameters solve the

differential equation $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a^2 y = \sec(ax)$.

1998

❖ Solve the differential equation $xy - \frac{dy}{dx} = y^3 e^{-x^2}$

❖ Show that the equation $(4x+3y+1)dx + (3x+2y+1)dy = 0$ represents a family of hyperbolas having as asymptotes the lines $x+y=0$; $2x+y+1=0$. (1992)

❖ Solve the differential equation $y = 3px + 4p^2$.

❖ Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = e^{4x}(x^2 + 9)$.

❖ Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x \sin x.$$

1997

❖ Solve the initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{x^2 y + y^3}$, $y(0) = 0$.

❖ Solve $(x^2 - y^2 + 3x - y)dx + (x^2 - y^2 + x - 3y)dy = 0$.

❖ Solve $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 6 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 11 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 6 \frac{dy}{dx} = 20e^{-2x} \sin x$

❖ Make use of the transformation $y(x) = u(x) \sec x$ to obtain the solution of $y'' - 2y' \tan x + 5y = 0$; $y(0) = 0$; $y'(0) = \sqrt{6}$.

❖ Solve $(1+2x)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 6(1+2x) \frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 8(1+2x)^2$; $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 2$.

1996

❖ Solve $x^2(y - px) = yp^2$; $\left(p = \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$.

❖ Solve $y \sin 2x dx - (1 + y^2 + \cos^2 x) dy = 0$.

❖ Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 10y + 37 \sin 3x = 0$. Find the value of y when $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, if it is given that $y = 3$ and

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ when } x=0.$$

- ❖ Solve $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 2\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 3\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = x^2 + 3e^{2x} + 4 \sin x$.
- ❖ Solve $x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 3x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x + \log x$.

1995

- ❖ Solve $(2x^2 + 3y^2 - 7)xdx - (3x^2 + 2y^2 - 8)ydy = 0$.
- ❖ Test whether the equation $(x+y)^2 dx - (y^2 - 2xy - x^2) dy = 0$ is exact and hence solve it.
- ❖ Solve $x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 2x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2y = 10 \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$. (1998)
- ❖ Determine all real valued solutions of the equation

$$y''' - iy'' + y' - iy = 0, \quad y' = \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

- ❖ Find the solution of the equation $y'' + 4y = 8 \cos 2x$ given that $y = 0$ and $y' = 2$ when $x = 0$.

1994

- ❖ Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} + x \sin 2y = x^3 \cos^2 y$.
- ❖ Show that if $\frac{1}{Q} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right)$ is a function of x only say, $f(x)$, then $F(x) = e^{\int f(x) dx}$ is an integrating factor of $Pdx + Qdy = 0$.
- ❖ Find the family of curves whose tangent form angle $\pi/4$ with the hyperbola $xy = c$.
- ❖ Transform the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \cos x + \frac{dy}{dx} \sin x - 2y \cos^3 x = 2 \cos^5 x \text{ into one}$$

having z an independent variable where $z = \sin x$ and solve it.

- ❖ If $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{b}(x-a) = 0$, (a , b and g being positive constants)

and $x = a'$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$ when $t=0$, show that

$$x = a + (a' - a) \cos \sqrt{\frac{g}{b}} t.$$

- ❖ Solve $(D^2 - 4D + 4)y = 8x^2 e^{2x} \sin 2x$, where, $D = \frac{d}{dx}$.

1993

- ❖ Show that the system of confocal conics

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2 + \lambda} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 + \lambda} = 1 \text{ is self orthogonal.}$$

- ❖ Solve $\left\{ y \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right) + \cos y \right\} dx + \{ x + \log x - x \sin y \} dy = 0$.

- ❖ Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + w_0^2 y = a \cos wt$ and discuss the nature of solution as $w \rightarrow w_0$.

- ❖ Solve $(D^4 + D^2 + 1)y = e^{-x} \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}x}{2} \right)$.

1992

- ❖ By eliminating the constants a , b obtain the differential equation of which $xy = ae^x + be^{-x} + x^2$ is a solution.
- ❖ Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of semicubical parabolas $ay^2 = x^3$, where a is a variable parameter.
- ❖ Show that $(4x+3y+1) dx + (3x+2y+1) dy = 0$ represents hyperbolas having the following lines as asymptotes $x+y=0, 2x+y+1=0$. (1998)
- ❖ Solve the following differential equation $y(1+xy) dx + x(1-xy) dy = 0$.
- ❖ Solve the following differential equation $(D^2+4)y = \sin 2x$ given that when $x = 0$ then $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2$.
- ❖ Solve $(D^3-1)y = xe^x + \cos^2 x$.
- ❖ Solve $(x^2 D^2 + xD - 4)y = x^2$.

1991

- ❖ If the equation $Mdx + Ndy = 0$ is of the form $f_1(xy)$.

$ydx + f_2(xy) \cdot x dy = 0$, then show that $\frac{1}{Mx - Ny}$ is an integrating factor provided $Mx - Ny \neq 0$.

- ❖ Solve the differential equation.
 $(x^2 - 2x + 2y^2) dx + 2xy dy = 0$.
- ❖ Given that the differential equation $(2x^2y^2 + y) dx - (x^3y - 3x) dy = 0$ has an integrating factor of the form $x^h y^k$, find its general solution.

- ❖ Solve $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - m^4 y = \sin mx$.

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - 2 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 5 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 8 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = e^x.$$

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} - 5y = xe^{-x}, \text{ given that } y = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0, \text{ when } x = 0.$$

1990

- ❖ If the equation $\lambda^n + a_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$ (in unknown λ) has distinct roots $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$. Show that the constant coefficients of differential equation

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_{n-1} \frac{dy}{dx} + a_n = b$$

has the most general solution of the form

$$y = c_0(x) + c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x} + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n x}.$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are parameters. what is $c_0(x)$?

- ❖ Analyse the situation where the λ - equation in (a) has repeated roots.
- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

is explicit form. If your answer contains imaginary quantities, recast it in a form free of those.

- ❖ Show that if the function $\frac{1}{t - f(t)}$ can be integrated

(w.r.t 't'), then one can solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(\frac{y}{x})$, for any given f . Hence or otherwise.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x - 3y + 2}{3x - y + 6} = 0$$

- ❖ Verify that $y = (\sin^{-1} x)^2$ is a solution of $(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} = 2$. Find also the most general solution.

1989

- ❖ Find the value of y which satisfies the equation

$$(xy^3 - y^3 - x^2 e^x) + 3xy^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0; \text{ given that } y = 1 \text{ when } x = 1.$$

- ❖ Prove that the differential equation of all parabolas

$$\text{lying in a plane is } \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)^{-2/3} = 0.$$

- ❖ Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 6 \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + x^2.$$

1988

- ❖ Solve the differential equation $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^x \sin x$.

- ❖ Show that the equation $(12x + 7y + 1) dx + (7x + 4y + 1) dy = 0$ represents a family of curves having as asymptotes the lines $3x + 2y - 1 = 0, 2x + y + 1 = 0$.

- ❖ Obtain the differential equation of all circles in a

$$\text{plane in the form } \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right\} - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)^2 = 0.$$

1987

- ❖ Solve the equation $x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (1 - x) \frac{dy}{dx} = y + e^x$

- ❖ If $f(t) = t^{p-1}, g(t) = t^{q-1}$ for $t > 0$ but $f(t) = g(t) = 0$ for $t \leq 0$, and $h(t) = f * g$, the convolution of f, g

$$\text{show that } h(t) = \frac{\Gamma(p)\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)} t^{p+q-1}; t \geq 0 \text{ and } p, q \text{ are}$$

positive constants. Hence deduce the formula

$$B(p, q) = \frac{\Gamma(p)\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)}.$$

1985

- ❖ Consider the equation $y' + 5y = 2$. Find that solution ϕ of the equation which satisfies $\phi(1) = 3\phi'(0)$.
- ❖ Use Laplace transform to solve the differential equation $x'' - 2x' + x = e^t$, ($' = \frac{d}{dt}$) such that $x(0) = 2, x'(0) = -1$.
- ❖ For two functions f, g both absolutely integrable on $(-\infty, \infty)$, define the convolution $f * g$.
If $L(f), L(g)$ are the Laplace transforms of f, g show that $L(f * g) = L(f) \cdot L(g)$.
- ❖ Find the Laplace transform of the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 2n\pi \leq t < (2n+1)\pi \\ -1 & (2n+1)\pi \leq t \leq (2n+2)\pi \end{cases}$$

$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

1984

- ❖ Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = \sec x$.
- ❖ Using the transformation $y = \frac{u}{x^k}$, solve the equation $xy'' + (1+2k)y' + xy = 0$.
- ❖ Solve the equation $(D^2 + 1)x = t \cos 2t$,
given that $x_0 = x_1 = 0$ by the method of Laplace transform.

1983

- ❖ Solve $x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (x-1) \frac{dy}{dx} - y = x^2$.
- ❖ Solve $(y^2 + yz) dx + (xz + z^2) dy + (y^2 - xy) dz = 0$.
- ❖ Solve the equation $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + y = t$ by the method of Laplace transform, given that $y = -3$ when $t = 0, y = -1$ when $t = 1$.