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APPLIED MATHEMATICS-LEVEL 04

Duration: Two Hours.

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Time: 09.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Answer FOUR questions only.

1. (i) Define the eigen values and eigen vectors of a given matrix.

(ii) Let an eigen value of A be $\lambda (\neq 0)$. Then show that an eigen value of A^{-1} is

$$\frac{1}{\lambda}.$$

(iii) Find the eigen values of A where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Hence find the eigen

values of A^{-1} .

(iv) Determine the algebraic and geometric multiplicity of A where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. (i) Determine the values of b for which the following system of equations has non-trivial solutions, and find them.

$$2x + 3by + 3b + 4z = 0,$$

$$x + 4y + 5b + 2z = 0,$$

$$x + y + 5b + 4z = 0.$$

(ii) (a) State the Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

(b) Use the Cayley-Hamilton theorem to determine

$$A^{-1}, A^{-2}, A^{-3} \text{ if } A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(iii) Determine a , b and c so that A is orthogonal, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2b & c \\ a & b & -c \\ a & -b & c \end{pmatrix}.$$

(iv) Find a real symmetric matrix C such that $Q = X^T C X$ for each of the following quadratic forms.

(a) $Q = 6x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2$,

(b) $Q = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2$,

(c) $Q = 4x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3 + x_3^2$.

3. (i) Find the general solution of each of the system of simultaneous differential equations, given below.

(a) $\dot{x}_1 = 7x_1 - x_2 + 6x_3$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -10x_1 + 4x_2 - 12x_3$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = -2x_1 + x_2 - x_3$$

(b) $\dot{x}_1 = 3x_1 + x_2 - x_3$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = 3x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3$$

(ii) Solve the following systems of differential equations given below.

(a) $\dot{x}_1 = x_1 + 2x_2 + 6e^t$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 3x_1 + 2x_2 - 6e^{2t}$$

(b) $\dot{x}_1 = 3x_1 + x_2 - 2 \sin t$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 4x_1 + 3x_2 + 6 \cos t$$

4. (i) Find the general solution of each of the differential equations given below.

$$(a) x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 4x - 6$$

$$(b) x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 4 \ln x$$

(ii) Solve the boundary value problem,

$$u''(x) + \pi^2 u(x) = 0, \quad u(0) = u(1), \quad u'(0) = u'(1).$$

(iii) Find all the eigen values and eigen functions for the boundary value problem $y'' + \lambda y = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$, $y'(2\pi) = 0$.

5. (i) A change in coordinates from (x, y) to (ζ, ϕ) is defined by $\zeta = x^2 + y$,

$\phi = x^2 - y$. Given that u is a function of two variables x and y , find $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ in terms of partial derivatives of u with respect to ζ and ϕ .

(ii) If the density ρ is a function of x and y , show that under the transformation

$\zeta = x^2 - y^2$, $\phi = 2xy$, the first order partial differential equation

$x \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} = 0$ becomes $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \zeta} = 0$, provided $x^2 + y^2 \neq 0$. Hence find ρ as a

function of x and y .

(iii) Solve the partial differential equation $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - 3u = 0$ with $u = x^2$ when

$$y = 1.$$

6. (i) Suppose that f and g are arbitrary single variable functions. Show that the

function $u = f(x^2 - y) + g(x^2 + y)$ satisfies the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - 4x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (x \neq 0).$$

(ii) Use the change of variables $\zeta = x^2 + y^2$ and $\phi = y$, to find the general solution of the equation

$$y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{y^2}{x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{x^2}{y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (x \neq 0, y \neq 0).$$

(iii) Use the method of characteristics to solve the equation

$$y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - y^2 \left(4x + \frac{1}{x} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + x^2 \left(4y + \frac{1}{y} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

in the region $x > 0, y > 0$.