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 Applied Mathematics -Level 05

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Answer FOUR questions only.

1. The Laplace transform of a function  $f(t)$ , denoted by  $L[f(t)]$ , is defined as

$$L[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \quad \text{and} \quad L^{-1}\{F(s) = f(t)\}.$$

- (a) Find the Laplace transform of the function  $f(t) = \frac{\sin^2 t}{t}$ .

- (b) Determine the inverse transform  $L^{-1}(F(s))$  of  $F(s) = \frac{2s+3}{s^3+5s^2+25s+125}$ .

- (c) Show that  $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^3(s^2+1)}\right\} = \frac{t^2}{2} + \cos t - 1$ .

- (d) Use the convolution theorem to find the inverse Laplace transform of the function

$$\frac{1}{(s+2)^2(s-2)}.$$

2. Solve each of the following boundary value problems using the Laplace transform method:

- (a)  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$ , subject to the initial conditions  $y(0) = 4$  and  $y'(0) = 5$ .

(b)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = xe^{4x}$ , subject to the conditions  $y(0) = 5$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .

(c)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4y = e^{-3x} \sin 2x$ , subject to the boundary conditions  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ .

Find the characteristic values and characteristic functions of the Sturm-Liouville problem

3. given by  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0$ ;  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ .

Show also that the characteristic functions are orthogonal with respect to the weight

function having the constant value 1 on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

4. (a) Consider the function  $f(x)$  defined by

$$f(x) = x^2, \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi$$

Find the trigonometric Fourier series of  $f(x)$  in  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ .

(b) Consider the function  $f(x)$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; 0 \leq x \leq \pi/2 \\ 2 & ; \frac{\pi}{2} < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Find the Fourier sine series and the Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  on  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

5. (a) The Gamma function, denoted by  $\Gamma(p)$  corresponding to the parameter  $p$  is defined

by the improper integral  $\Gamma(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{p-1} dt$ , ( $p > 0$ ).

Evaluate each of the following integrals using Gamma function:

(i)  $\int_0^{\infty} a^{-bx^2} dx$  ; where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants.

(ii)  $\int_0^{\infty} 3^{-4x^2} dx$ .

(b) The Beta function denoted by  $\beta(p, q)$  is defined by  $\beta(p, q) = \int_0^1 x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} dx$ ,

where  $p > 0$  and  $q > 0$  are parameters.

Prove each of the following results using Beta function:

$$(i) \left[ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{\sin \theta} d\theta \right] \left[ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\theta \right] = \pi.$$

$$(ii) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^7 \theta \cos^7 \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{280}.$$

6. Let  $J_p(x)$  be the Bessel function of order  $p$  given by the expansion

$$J_p(x) = x^p \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+p} m! \Gamma(p+m+1)}.$$

(a) Express  $J_6(x)$  in terms of  $J_0(x)$  and  $J_1(x)$ .

(b) Show that  $\frac{d}{dx} \{xJ_n J_{n+1}\} = x[J_n^2 - J_{n+1}^2]$ .

(c) Prove that  $J_0'' = \frac{1}{2}[J_2 - J_0]$  where "'' denotes the standard notation.