



**STRATHMORE INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES**

**BSM 3114- Differential Equations with Financial Applications**

**BBS (Financial Engineering)**

Date: Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Time:  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hours

***INSTRUCTION: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.***

**QUESTION ONE (30 Marks)**

- a) Classify the following differential equations as either linear/non-linear or homogeneous/non-homogeneous: [2 Marks]

i.  $y'' + y'(\sin[t]) + ty + \frac{2}{y}e^t = 0$

ii.  $y''\cos[t] + p(t)y' + q(t)y - r(t) = 0$

- b) Given that  $t(0) = 1$ , find the particular solution by the method of variable separation:

$$t' = \frac{t \sin[x]}{t+1} \quad [4 \text{ Marks}]$$

- c) Solve the differential equation by direct integration:  $\frac{d}{dx}[y f(x)] = g(x)$  hence evaluate

$$\frac{d}{dx}[y \cos(x)] = \cos(x) \quad [5 \text{ Marks}]$$

- d) Solve by the method of integrating factor the differential equation

$$(x^2 - 1)y' + 2xy = x \quad [5 \text{ Marks}]$$

- e) Give the differential equation represented by the system  $x' = -x + 6y$

$$y' = x - 2y \quad [3 \text{ Marks}]$$

- f) By making the substitution  $v = x^2 + y^2$ , find the general solution to

$$yy' + x = (x^2 + y^2)^{0.5} \quad [5 \text{ Marks}]$$

- g) Express in matrix form the system  $x'_1 = x_1 + 3x_2 + e^t$

$$x'_2 = 3x_1 + x_2 + 2e^{3t} \quad [2 \text{ Marks}]$$

- h) Express the equation below as a system;  $Pu'' + Qu' + Ru = S(t)$  by letting:
- $x_1 = u$  and  $x_2 = u'$
  - $x_1 = u'$  and  $x_2 = u$
  - What can you say about your answers in *i* and *ii* above? [4 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO [20 Marks]**

- a) Given that  $x(0) = 1$  and  $y(0) = 2$ , solve the system  $x' = 5x + 3y$ ,  $y' = -6x - 4y$  [6 Marks]
- b) Using the substitution  $v = \frac{y}{x}$ , solve  $y' = \frac{y-4x}{x-y}$  [5 Marks]
- c) By investigating the three possible cases ( $\lambda < 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ), find the non-zero functions  $y$  which are the solutions to  $y'' + \lambda y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y(t) = 0$ ,  $t > 0$ . [9 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE [20 Marks]**

- a) Given the non-linear system  $\frac{du}{dt} = u(v - 1)$ ,  $\frac{dv}{dt} = 4 - v^2 - u^2$ , determine; [10 Marks]
- Its equilibrium points.
  - The Jacobian matrices corresponding to each equilibrium point in *i* above.
  - The eigenvalues corresponding to each Jacobian matrix.
  - Whether the points are stable or unstable.
- b) Two commodities in a company are defined by the non-linear system;
- $$\frac{da}{ds} = -b - ab + b^2$$
- $$\frac{db}{ds} = -7a + ab + 2a^2$$
- where  $S$  represents time.
- Find the relationship between the two commodities. [3 Marks]
  - Plot the phase plane diagram and analyse it. [7 Marks]

**QUESTION FOUR [20 Marks]**

- a) Classify the following as either semi-linear or quasi-linear; [3 Marks]
- $u_t + u_x + u^2 = 0$
  - $u_t + b(u)u_x = 0$
  - $\text{Sin}(t) + uu_x + u_y - 2 = 0$
- b) Find a solution to the equation  $u_t + au_x = 0$  using the method of characteristics. [7 Marks]
- c) Using an appropriate substitution, show that the equation  $y' = H(rx + sy)$ , with  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$  is actually separable hence solve  $y' - (2x - 3y + 1)^2 = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  [10 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE [20 Marks]**

- a) Using the method of separation of variables, solve the equation  $u_t = 4xu_x$  given that  $u(x, 0) = 3\sin(\pi x) - 4\sin(10\pi x)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 5$  [7 Marks]
- b) Show that if  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $u(x, t) = \sin(at)\cos(x)$  is a solution to  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ . [5 Marks]
- c) Using the method of Laplace transform, solve  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = 0$  subject to  $W(x, 0) = 0$  and  $W(0, t) = t$  [8 Marks]