Math 321 Final Exam May 9, 2007

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1. Exact differential equation: Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{e^y}{x} \, dx + (e^y \ln x - 5 \sin y) \, dy = 0, \qquad y(1) = 0.$$

(a) Verify that the differential equation is exact.

(b) Solve the differential equation.

2. Mechanics: A 320 pound object is dropped with initial velocity of 0 feet per second from a height of 3200 feet. As it falls, air resistance acts upon it, and this resistance (in units of pounds) is numerically equal to one-fifth of velocity (in units of feet per second). Find the velocity of the falling object as a function of t.

3. Method of Frobenius: Consider the differential equation

$$xy'' - 2y' + xy = 0.$$

(a) Explain why x = 0 is a regular singular point of the differential equation.

(b) Find the two values of r such that $y = x^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ is a solution to the differential equation.

4. System of differential equations: Solve the following system of differential equations, using your method of choice (differential operators, matrix algebra, or Laplace transform). Assume x and y are functions of t.

$$x' = 2x + 7y$$
$$y' = 3x + 6y$$
$$x(0) = 4$$
$$y(0) = -6$$

5. Laplace transform: Consider the differential equation

$$y' - y = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 < t < 5, \\ 1, & t > 5, \end{cases} \qquad y(0) = 0.$$

(a) Find $F(s) = \mathcal{L}{y}$

(b) Find $y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}{F(s)}$

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