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**Course Code: MTH421**  
**Course Title: Ordinary Differential Equation**  
**Credit Unit: 3**  
**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**  
**Total: 70 Marks**  
**Instruction: Answer Question Number One and Any Other Four Questions**

- 1 (a) (i) State the Lyapunov theorem of a system **(3 marks)**  
(ii) Define positive definite and positive semi definite of a system. **(3 marks)**

(b). Show that the solution  $e^x, e^{-x}$  and  $e^{2x}$  of  $y''' - 2y'' - y' + 2y = 0$   
are linearly independent. **(6marks)**

(c) Consider the system 
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{X}_1 &= x_1^3 - 2x_1x_2^2, \\ \dot{X}_2 &= x_1^2x_2 - x_2^3\end{aligned}$$
with the function  $V(x_1, x_2)$  defined by  $V(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_1^2x_2^2 + x_2^4$   
prove that the system is asymptotically stable in the sense of Lyapunov **(10marks)**

2. (a). Define and describe stability at a critical point. **(3marks)**

(b) Show that a necessary and sufficient condition that  $f$  be solution of the nth order ODE

$L_n y = 0$  is the solution of the  $(n-1)$  first order linear differential equation  $P[y, g(x)] = c$ ,  
where  $P(u, v)$  is the bilinear concomitant associate with  $L_n$ , the function  $g$  is a nontrivial  
solution of the adjoint equation  $\overline{L}_n y = 0$ , and  $c$  is arbitrary constant. **(5marks)**

(c) Consider the non-linear system 
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x + 4y - x^2 \\ \dot{y} &= 6x - y + 2xy\end{aligned}$$

Determine the type and stability at the critical point  $(0,0)$  of the nonlinear autonomous  
system. **(4marks)**

3. (a) Define the terms Lipschitz continuity and Lipschitz constant of a function in a region.

**(4marks)**

(b). Find Picards first three approximations  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  for the initial value problem

$y' = x^2 + y, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad D: |x| \leq 1, \quad |y - 1| \leq 1$ . Determine the largest interval on which the theorem guaranteed the existence and uniqueness of a solution.

**(4marks)**

(c) Find nontrivial solutions of the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0. \quad \text{(4marks)}$$

4.( a) Solve the differential equations

$$(i) (1+x)ydx + (1-y)xdy = 0 \quad (ii) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+y}{1+x} \quad \text{(4marks)}$$

(b) Convert the differential equation  $x^2 y'' - xy' + y = \log x$  into a differential equation with constant coefficients.

**(4marks)**

(c) Let  $I_n$  be the adjoint operator on  $L_n$ . Show that  $L_n$  is the adjoint operator of  $\overline{L_n}$ . **(4marks)**

5. (a) Discuss solution of the homogeneous linear system. **(4marks)**

(b) Solve the system  $\dot{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}, \quad x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  **(4marks)**

(c) Solve the differential equation  $\ddot{X} - 2\ddot{X} - \dot{X} + 2X = 0$ ,  
subject to  $x(0) = 0, \dot{x}(0) = 0, \ddot{x}(0) = 1$  **(4marks)**

6. (a) Describe the method of undetermined coefficients. **(3marks)**

(b) Find the general solution of  $y^{iv} - 5y''' + 6y'' + 4y' - 8y = 0$  **(4marks)**

(c) Using the method of undetermined coefficients solve the differential equation

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 2e^x - 10 \sin x, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 4.72 \quad \text{(5marks)}$$