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Differential Equations- Resit Examination

**Duration**: 60 minutes; **Directions**: All answers must be written below the respective questions. Anything written elsewhere won't be graded.

## Question 1. –

 $Solve\ the\ Riccati\ differential\ equation$ 

$$\dot{y} = (y - x)^2 + 1, \ y(0) = 0.5$$

given that one of its solution is  $y_1(x) = x$ .

Using change of variables  $y = v + x \rightarrow \dot{y} = \dot{v} + 1$  leads to

$$\dot{v} + 1 = (v + x - x)^2 + 1 \rightarrow \dot{v} = v^2, \quad Bernouilli \text{ diff. eqn.}$$
$$v = w^{-1} \rightarrow \dot{v} = -w^{-2}\dot{w} \rightarrow -w^{-2}\dot{w} = w^{-1} \rightarrow \quad \dot{w} = -1$$
$$w = -x + c \rightarrow v = \frac{1}{c - x} \rightarrow \quad y = \frac{1}{c - x} + x$$

Thus, y = x and  $y = \frac{1}{c-x} + x$  are solutions to the Riccati equation. The solution y = x does not satisfy the d.e., so we use the other one

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{c-x} + x \to 0.5 = \frac{1}{c-0} + 0 \to c = 2$$

The solution is therefore

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2-x} + x$$

## Question 2. –

Find a particular solution of

$$x^{2}\ddot{y} - 2x\dot{y} + 2y = e^{\frac{9}{2}}$$

given that the corresponding homogeneous equation

$$x^2\ddot{y} - 2x\dot{y} + 2y = 0$$

has solutions x and  $x^2$ .

The solution has the form

$$y_p = u_1 x + u_2 x^2$$

with  $\dot{u}_1 x + \dot{u}_2 x^2 = 0....(*)$  Substitute this in the given equation:

$$x^{2}(\dot{u}_{1} + 2u_{2} + 2x\dot{u}_{2}) - 2x(u_{1} + 2xu_{2}) + 2(u_{1}x + u_{2}x^{2}) = x^{\frac{9}{2}}$$
$$\dot{u}_{1}x^{2} + 2x^{3}\dot{u}_{2} = x^{\frac{9}{2}} \rightarrow \dot{u}_{1} + 2x\dot{u}_{2} = x^{\frac{5}{2}}...(**)$$

Equation (\*) implies  $\dot{u}_1 = -\dot{u}_2 x$ . Substitute this into Equation (\*\*):  $\dot{u}_2 = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . This leads to  $\dot{u}_1 = -x^{\frac{5}{2}}$ . Last two expressions yield

$$u_1 = -\frac{2}{7}x^{\frac{7}{2}}$$
 and  $u_2 = \frac{2}{5}x^{\frac{5}{2}}$ 

Thus

$$y_p = u_1 x + u_2 x^2 = -\frac{2}{7} x^{\frac{7}{2}} x + \frac{2}{5} x^{\frac{5}{2}} x^2 = \frac{4}{35} x^{\frac{9}{2}}$$

## Question 3. –

[20 pts.] Sketch the phase portrait of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In particular, on the phase portrait show the trajectories corresponding to the initial conditions

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use arrows to indicate the trajectory directions. Also, trajectories must exhibit the directions of their slow and fast changes.

Ans.



