

Math 219    Differential Equations    II. Exam    02.12.2008									
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6 QUESTIONS ON 5 PAGES								TOTAL 100 POINTS	
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**Question 1 (20 pts.)**    Consider the differential equation

$$y^{(4)} - y = 0.$$

Find a fundamental set of solutions and compute their Wronskian.

**Question 2 (20 pts.)** Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$y'' + y = \begin{cases} t/2 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 6 \\ 0 & \text{if } t \geq 6, \end{cases} \quad y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1.$$

**Question 3 (10 pts.)** Use the Laplace transform and the Convolution Theorem to find the function  $y(x)$  which satisfies the equation

$$y(x) = x^3 + \int_0^x \sin(x-t)y(t)dt.$$

**Question 4 (10 pts.)** Express the solution of the initial value problem

$$y'' + y = g(x) + \delta(x), \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1$$

as a convolution integral. ( $\delta(x)$  is the unit impulse function at  $x = 0$ .)

**Question 5 (20 pts.)** Find the power series solution of the differential equation

$$y' = 2xy.$$

**Question 6 (20 pts.)** Consider the damped spring-mass system with an external forcing function, so that the position  $x(t)$  of the object with unit mass obeys

$$x'' + bx + kx = F(t).$$

If  $b$  and  $F(t)$  are 0, the solution has a minimal period of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . The system is critically damped (i.e. the characteristic equation has a double root).  $F(t) = 1$  for  $0 \leq t < 1$  and for  $3 \leq t < 4$ , and 0 otherwise.

(a) Show that  $k = 16$  and  $b = 8$ .

(b) Express  $F(t)$  as a combination of step functions.

(c) Assuming  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = 0$ , solve the equation.