

Make yourself a single  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  formula sheet, and see if you can do the following practice exam in 3 hours.

1. What is the condition for

$$f(x) dx + g(x)h(y) dy = 0$$

to be an exact equation?

2. Solve

(a)  $xy' + y = x^2$ ,  $y(1) = 2$ .

(b)  $x dy - y dx = x^2 y dy$ .

3. Find the orthogonal trajectories of  $x^p + cy^p = 1$ ,  $p$  a constant.
4. When light passes through a window, some of it is absorbed. Experimentally, the amount of light absorbed by a small thickness of glass is proportional to the thickness of the glass and to the amount of incident light. Show that if  $r$  percent of the light is absorbed by a thickness  $w$ , then the percentage of the light absorbed by a thickness  $nw$  is

$$100 \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{r}{100} \right)^n \right], \quad 0 \leq r \leq 100$$

5. A point moves in the first quadrant of the  $xy$  plane so that the tangent to its path makes with the coordinate axes a triangle whose area is equal to the constant  $a^2$ . Find the path.
6. Check that  $x^2$  is a solution of

$$x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$$

Then reduce the order and hence find the general solution.

7. Find the inverse Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^3} \right\}.$$

8. Solve

$$tY'' - tY' + Y = 0, \quad Y(0) = 0, \quad Y'(0) = 1.$$

Hint: take the Laplace transform.

9. Show that

$$xy'' + (1-x)y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2$$

has a quadratic polynomial as a solution. You may find it beneficial to solve this with the Frobenius 'machine'.

10. Find a nontrivial solution about  $x = 0$  of

$$xy'' + y = 0$$