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2. (a) If  $\langle y_x \rangle$  is the solution sequence of the difference equation  $y_{x+1} = y_x + B$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2$  with  $y_0$  prescribed, then  $\langle y_x \rangle$  is a constant sequence, if  $B = 0$ , it diverges to  $+\infty$ , if  $B > 0$  and diverges to  $-\infty$ , if  $B < 0$ .

(b) Solve that :

$$(E - a)(E - b)y_x = 0, \text{ if } a \neq b$$

3. (a) Solve that :

$$y_{x+1} - y_x = 1$$

(b) Solve that :

$$\Delta y_x + \Delta^2 y_x = \sin x$$

4. (a) If  $Z[\langle f(x) \rangle] = F(Z)$ , then

$$Z[\langle nf(x) \rangle] = -ZdF(z)/dz$$

(b) Using the inversion integral method, find

$$\text{the inverse Z-transfer of } \frac{3z}{(z-1)(z-2)}$$

5. (a) Evaluate the sum  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + r^2$ .

(b) Solve the difference equation  $a_r = 8a_{r-1} + 10^{r-1}$ , with the initial condition  $a_0 = 1$ .

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6. (a) The condition  $1 + C_1 + C_2 > 0$ ,  $1 - C_1 + C_2 > 0$ ,  $1 - C_2 > 0$ , are necessary and sufficient for both roots of  $m_2 + C_1 m + C_2 = 0$  to be less than 1 in absolute value.

- (b) Find the critical point of the system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -y, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x \quad \text{and discuss its nature}$$

and stability. Also find the general solution of the system and sketch the trajectories.

7. (a) State and prove the Lagrange's identity.

- (b) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real linearly independent solution of

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right] + Q(x)y = 0$$

on  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then between any two consecutive zeros of  $f$ , there is precisely one zero of  $g$ .

8. (a) Find non-trivial solution of the

Sturm-Liouville problem  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + xy = 0$ .

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- (b) Find the formal expansion of the function  $f$  equation, where  $f(x) = \pi x - x^2$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ , in the series of orthonormal characteristic function  $\{g_n\}$  of the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0, \text{ with } y(0) = 0, y(\pi) = 0.$$

9. (a) Prove that a necessary condition for

$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y') dx$ , to be an extremum is that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{df}{dy'} \right) = 0$$

- (b) Show that the shortest curve joining two fixed points is a straight line.

10. (a) Transform the equation

$$y'' + \frac{1}{Z} y' + \left( \lambda - \frac{N^2}{Z^2} \right), \text{ into normal form.}$$

- (b) Find the plane curve of fixed perimeter and maximum area.
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