

Midterm Examination
Time Limit: 50 Minutes

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This examination document contains 10 pages, including this cover page, and 5 problems. You must verify whether there any pages missing, in which case you should let the instructor know. **Fill in** all the requested information on the top of this page, and put your initials on the top of every page, in case the pages become separated.

You may *not* use your books, notes, or any calculator on this exam.

You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- (A) **If you use a lemma, proposition or theorem which we have seen in the class or in the book, you must indicate this** and explain why the theorem may be applied.
- (B) **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive little credit.
- (C) **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive little credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations will receive partial credit.
- (D) If you need more space, use the back of the pages; clearly indicate when you have done this.

| Problem | Points | Score |
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| 3 | 20 | |
| 4 | 20 | |
| 5 | 20 | |
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1. (20 points) Consider the following first-order differential equation:

$$y'(t) - 5y(t) = e^{5t}.$$

- (a) (10 points) Find *all* solutions to the differential equation.

(b) (5 points) Find the solution $y_0(t)$ to the differential equation satisfying $y_0(0) = 4$.

(c) (5 points) Compute the long-term behavior of *all* solutions $y(t)$.

2. (20 points) Consider the following first-order differential equation:

$$y'(t) = y(y - 1)(y + 1)(y - 3)(y - 5)^2.$$

- (a) (7 points) Find the constant solutions of the above differential equation and classify them into *stable*, *unstable* and *semistable*.

- (b) (7 points) Let $y_1(t), y_2(t), y_3(t)$ be the solutions of the above differential equation which satisfy $y_1(0) = 2$, $y_2(6) = 3$ and $y_3(0) = 4$, respectively. Compute their long-term behaviors

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_1(t), \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_2(t), \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_3(t).$$

- (c) (6 points) Use Euler's method with step $h = 0.1$ to approximate the value of $y_3(0.2)$, where $y_3(t)$ is the solution to the differential equation above satisfying $y_3(0) = 4$.

3. (20 points) Consider the second-order differential equation:

$$y''(t) + 9y'(t) + 20y(t) = t + 2.$$

- (a) (10 points) Find *one* solution to the differential equation.

(b) (5 points) Find *all* solutions to the differential equation above.

(c) (5 points) Consider the damped harmonic oscillator given by

$$y''(t) + 9y'(t) + 20y(t) = 0.$$

Determine whether the system is *underdamped*, *critically damped* or *overdamped*.

4. (20 points) Consider the second-order differential equation:

$$2t^2y''(t) + 3ty'(t) - 15y(t) = 0, \quad t > 0.$$

- (a) (5 points) Show that $y_1(t) = t^{-3}$ is a solution to the above differential equation.

- (b) (10 points) Find a second solution $y_2(t)$ which is linearly independent with $y_1(t)$.

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(c) (5 points) Find *all* solutions to the following differential equation:

$$2t^2y''(t) + 3ty'(t) - 15y(t) = 15, \quad t > 0.$$

5. (20 points) For each of the ten sentences below, circle whether they are **true** or **false**.
- (a) (2 points) An autonomous first-order differential equation must have as many stable constant solutions as unstable constant solutions.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (b) (2 points) If $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ solve a first-order differential equation, then their sum $y_1(t) + y_2(t)$ also solves the same differential equation.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (c) (2 points) Solutions to underdamped homogeneous systems must have infinitely many zeroes.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (d) (2 points) If $y_1(t) = \sin(3t)$ solves a linear second-order differential equation, then $y_2(t) = \cos(3t)$ also solves the same differential equation.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (e) (2 points) The local error in Euler's method with step 0.01 is of the order of 0.0001.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (f) (2 points) An autonomous first-order differential equation cannot have infinitely many semistable constant solutions.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (g) (2 points) The initial value problem given by a second-order differential equation on $y(t)$ and two initial conditions $y(t_0) = y_0$ and $y(t_1) = y_1$ always has a solution.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (h) (2 points) The Wronskian of $y_1(t) = e^{-t}$ and $y_2(t) = e^t$ is constant equal to 2.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (i) (2 points) The global error in Euler's method is smaller than the local error.
- (1) True. (2) False.
- (j) (2 points) The Wronskian of $y_1(t) = 1 - t$ and $y_2(t) = t^3$ is $W(y_1, y_2) = t^2$.
- (1) True. (2) False.