

Math 21: Spring 2014
Midterm 2

NAME:

LECTURE:

Time: **75 minutes**

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Problem	Value	Score
1	10	
2	5	
3	12	
4	10	
5	20	
6	18	
7	25	
TOTAL	100	

Problem 1 : (10 points) Suppose you have just poured a cup of freshly brewed coffee. Newton's Law of Cooling states:

The rate of cooling of an object is proportional to the temperature difference between the object and its surroundings.

In this problem, let T denote the temperature of the coffee and R denote the temperature of the room, which we assume to be constant.

a) Suppose that T is larger than R . Is $\frac{dT}{dt}$ positive or negative?

b) Write down a differential equation that expresses Newton's Law of Cooling in this situation.

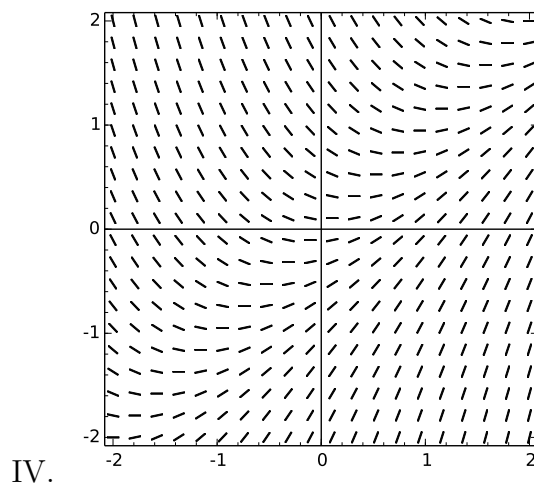
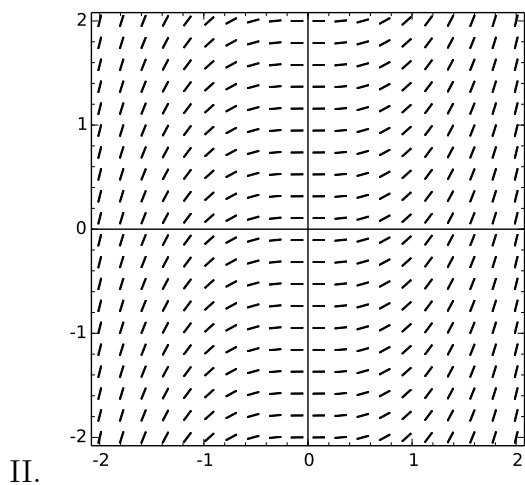
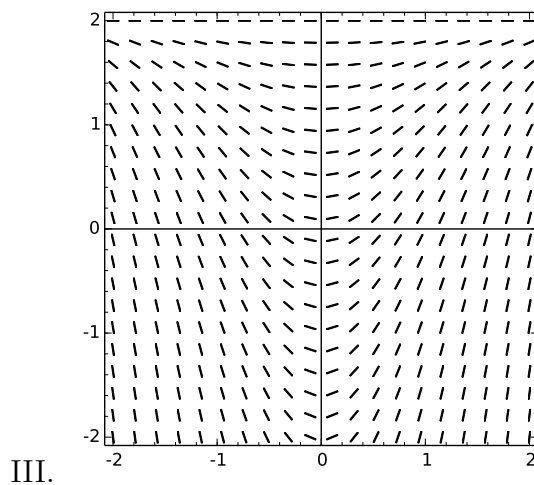
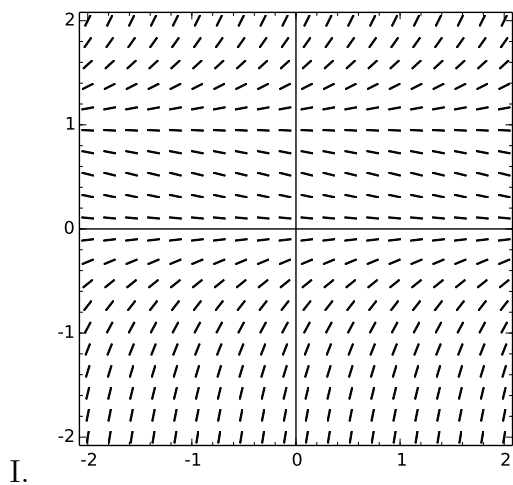
Problem 2 : (5 points) Find all values of k for which the function

$$y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad y = e^{kx}$$

satisfies the differential equation

$$y'' - 5y' - 6y = 0.$$

Problem 3 : (12 points) Match the direction fields below with their differential equations. Also indicate which two equations do not have matches.



Equation	I, II, III, IV, or “none”	Equation	I, II, III, IV, or “none”
$y' = y(1 - y)$		$y' = x + y$	
$y' = -y(1 - y)$		$y' = x - y$	
$y' = x^2$		$y' = x(2 - y)$	

Problem 4 : (10 points) Consider the initial value problem

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

Use Euler's method with step size $h = 1$ to estimate $y(2)$, where y is the solution to the initial value problem above.

Problem 5 : (20 points) Solve the following differential equations and initial value problems.

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

b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\ln x}{xy}, \quad y(1) = 2$

Problem 6 : (18 points) A 5-foot long ladder rests against a wall in such a way that the foot of the ladder is 3 feet away from the wall. Then at time $t = 0$, the foot of the ladder starts slipping away from the wall at a speed of 1 foot per second.

a) (3 points) Write an equation relating x , the distance between the foot of the ladder and the wall, and y , the distance between the top of the ladder and the floor. Note that both x and y are functions of t here, where t is measured in seconds.

b) (3 points) Write an initial value problem satisfied by x as a function of t .

c) (4 points) Solve the initial value problem you wrote to find the **function** x .

d) (4points) Write down the initial value problem satisfied by y . Hint: You will have to differentiate the equation you got in part (a), and use information you already know about x .

e) (4 points) Solve the initial value problem you wrote to find the **function** y .

Problem 7 : (25 points) Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -P \left(1 - \frac{P}{5}\right) \left(1 - \frac{P}{10}\right),$$

for a function $P: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$.

- a) (8 points) Find all critical points of the differential equation, and classify them as stable, unstable, or semi-stable.

Doctor Campisi and Doctor Vincent have computed the following partial fraction decomposition for you:

$$\frac{1}{P\left(1 - \frac{P}{5}\right)\left(1 - \frac{P}{10}\right)} = \frac{50}{P(5 - P)(10 - P)} = \frac{1}{P} + \frac{2}{5 - P} - \frac{1}{10 - P}.$$

b) (10 points) Give a general solution for the differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -P \left(1 - \frac{P}{5}\right) \left(1 - \frac{P}{10}\right), \quad P \geq 0, \quad t \geq 0$$

You do not need to solve for P .

c) (7 points) Sketch, **and label**, on one graph, the 4 solutions of the differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -P \left(1 - \frac{P}{5}\right) \left(1 - \frac{P}{10}\right), \quad P \geq 0, \quad t \geq 0$$

that have the following initial values:

- i. $P(0) = 4$
- ii. $P(0) = 6$
- iii. $P(0) = 9$
- iv. $P(0) = 12$