

Final Answers

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How to use this resource

- When you feel reasonably confident, simulate a full exam and grade your solutions. [For your grading you can get the full solutions here.](#)
- If you're not quite ready to simulate a full exam, we suggest you thoroughly and slowly work through each problem. Use this document with the final answers only to check if your answer is correct, without spoiling the full solution.
- Should you need more help, check out the hints and video lecture on the [Math Education Resources](#).

Tips for Using Previous Exams to Study: Work through problems

Resist the temptation to read any of the final answers below before completing each question by yourself first! We recommend you follow the guide below.

1. **How to use the final answer:** *The final answer is not a substitution for the full solution!* The final answer alone will not give you full marks. The final answer is provided so that you can check the correctness of your work without spoiling the full solution.
 - To answer each question, only use what you could also use in the exam. [Download the raw exam here.](#)
 - If you found an answer, how could you verify that it is correct from your work only? E.g. check if the units make sense, etc. Only then compare with our result.
 - If your answer is correct: good job! Move on to the next question.
 - Otherwise, go back to your work and check it for improvements. Is there another approach you could try? If you still can't get to the right answer, you can check the full solution on the [Math Education Resources](#).
2. **Reflect on your work:** Generally, reflect on how you solved the problem. Don't just focus on the final answer, but whether your mental process was correct. If you were stuck at any point, what helped you to go forward? What made you confident that your answer was correct? What can you take away from this so that, next time, you can complete a similar question without any help?
3. **Plan further studying:** Once you feel confident enough with a particular topic, move on to topics that need more work. Focus on questions that you find challenging, not on those that are easy for you. Once you are ready to tackle a full exam, follow the advice for the [full exam \(click here\)](#).

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Question 1 (a)**Easiness: 5.0/5**

FINAL ANSWER. The general solution is a linear combination of these two independent solutions, $y = Ae^{-t} + Bte^{-t}$.

Question 1 (b)**Easiness: 4.4/5**

FINAL ANSWER. We thus would guess a particular solution of form $x_p = (Ax + B) \sin x + (Cx + D) \cos x$.

Question 1 (c)**Easiness: 2.3/5**

FINAL ANSWER. When $x = 0$, $y = 0$, but $\frac{x}{y}$ is not continuous at $(0,0)$ because it is not defined. Therefore the theorem cannot be used and uniqueness is not guaranteed.

Question 1 (d)**Easiness: 4.8/5**

FINAL ANSWER. $\mathcal{L}(1) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} dt$

Question 1 (e)**Easiness: 3.4/5**

FINAL ANSWER. We can now write the above in matrix notation $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -t^2 & -t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$. This is a first-order linear system as requested.

Question 1 (f)**Easiness: 5.0/5**

FINAL ANSWER. $X(s) = \frac{s^2+2s+3}{s^3+1}$

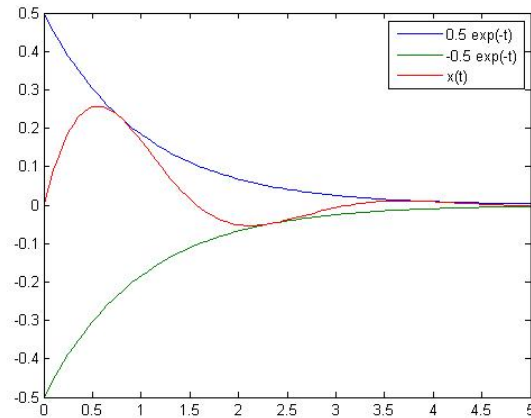
Question 2 (a)**Easiness: 4.6/5**

FINAL ANSWER. $y(x) = 3 + 5e^{\frac{-x^4}{4}}$.

Question 2 (b)**Easiness: 4.9/5**

FINAL ANSWER. $\frac{x^3}{3} + x = \frac{t^3}{3} + t - \frac{4}{3}$

Question 3 (a)**Easiness: 5.0/5**



FINAL ANSWER.

Question 3 (b)

Easiness: 4.3/5

FINAL ANSWER. The steady solution is $x(t) = \frac{1}{17} \sin(2t) - \frac{4}{17} \cos(2t)$.

Question 4 (a)

Easiness: 4.0/5

FINAL ANSWER. $\mathcal{L}(g(t)) = \frac{e^{-s}}{s-1}$

Question 4 (b)

Easiness: 4.9/5

FINAL ANSWER. $Y(s) = \frac{e^{-s}}{(s-1)^3} + \frac{1}{(s-1)^2}$

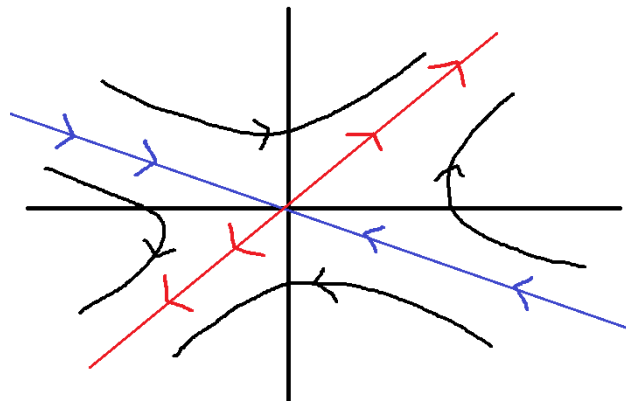
Question 4 (c)

Easiness: 4.5/5

FINAL ANSWER. $y(t) = u(t-1)\frac{1}{2}(t-1)^2 e^{t-1} + t e^t$.

Question 5 (a)

Easiness: 5.0/5



FINAL ANSWER.

Question 5 (b)

Easiness: 3.8/5

FINAL ANSWER. $x(t) = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} 10te^{3t} + 5e^{3t} \\ 10te^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$.

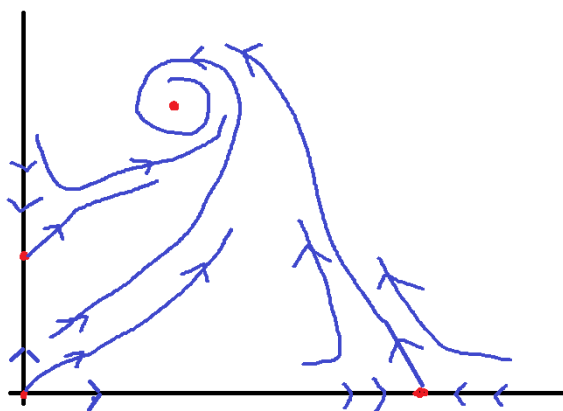
Question 6 (a)

Easiness: 5.0/5

FINAL ANSWER. $J(1, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues satisfy the characteristic polynomial $\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 4 = 0$ so $\lambda^\pm = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9-16}}{2} = -3/2 \pm \sqrt{7}i/2$. These eigenvalues have a nonzero imaginary part giving rise to a spiral/ellipse. As their real components are negative, we have a stable spiral at $(1, 2)$.

Question 6 (b)

Easiness: 4.5/5



FINAL ANSWER.

Question 6 (c)

Easiness: 5.0/5

FINAL ANSWER. While little can be done rigorously, our prediction is that with $x(0) = 1$ that $(x(t), y(t)) \rightarrow (1, 2)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Question 7 (a)

Easiness: 4.2/5

FINAL ANSWER. Finally, if $y(0) > 1$ then $y \rightarrow 1$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Question 7 (b)

Easiness: 4.0/5

FINAL ANSWER. Notice how this approximated solution slowly approaches the equilibrium value $y=1$.

Question 7 (c)

Easiness: 4.7/5

FINAL ANSWER. The step size of $h = 2$ is too large a step to take to accurately resolve the exact solution of the initial value problem.