

*Time: 8.00 – 13.00. Tools allowed: only materials for writing.*

*Please provide full explanations and calculations in order to get full credit, except for the Problem 1.*

*The exam consists of 8 problems of 10 points each, for a total of 80 points. For grades 3, 4, and 5, one should obtain 36, 50, and 64 points, respectively.*

1. Solve the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}y' - (\cos x)y &= e^{\sin x} \sin x, \\ y(0) &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

2. Multiply the equation

$$(3xy + \cos y)y' + y^2 = 0,$$

by a suitably chosen function to make the equation exact. Find the general solution to this equation (which can be in the form  $f(x, y) = c$  for some explicit function  $f$ ).

3. Find the general solution of

$$y'' - 7y' + 6y = 5e^x + 6x - 7.$$

4. Prove that 0 is an ordinary point of the equation

$$(x^2 - 1)y'' + (x + 1)y' - y = 0.$$

Express the solutions of the equation as a linear combination of two power series. On what interval is the solution valid?

5. (a) (5 points) Find the general solution of the system

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= 2x + y \\ y' &= -x + 2y\end{aligned} \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

(b) (2 points) Make a sketch of the phase portrait.

(c) (1 point) Is  $(0, 0)$  stable/asymptotically stable/unstable as a critical point?

(d) (2 points) Using your result in (b), make a sketch of the phase portrait of the system

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= 2x + y + 2 \\ y' &= -x + 2y - 1\end{aligned} \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

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6. Note: in this problem, leave the coefficients undetermined.

- (a) (5 points) *Method of undetermined coefficients* tells us that a particular solution of the non-homogeneous system of ODE's (compare with Problem 5)

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= 2x + y \\ y' &= -x + 2y + te^{2t} \cos t \end{aligned} \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

should be in the following form:  $\vec{Y}_1(t) = \dots$  (just an answer is enough; leave the coefficients undetermined; you do not need to compute  $\vec{Y}_1$  here).

- (b) (5 points) *Method of variation of parameters* tells us that a particular solution of the non-homogeneous system of ODE's (compare with Problem 5)

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= 2x + y + 1/t \\ y' &= -x + 2y \end{aligned}$$

should be in the following form:  $\vec{Y}_2(t) = \dots$ , where..... satisfy the following system: .....

(just an answer is enough; leave the coefficients undetermined; you do not need to compute  $\vec{Y}_2$  here).

7. Let  $\alpha \geq 0$  be a positive real parameter. Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= -y + x^2 \\ y' &= x + \alpha y + xy \end{aligned} \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

- (a) (1 point) Is this a linear system? Is this a locally linear system around the point  $(0,0)$ ? Briefly explain.
- (b) (9 points) Classify (by the portrait type and stability type) the point  $(0,0)$  as a critical points of this system. Justify your conclusions carefully (Note: you may have to consider separate cases  $\alpha = 0, 0 < \alpha < 2$ , etc).

8. Whenever you use Liapunov's method, explain which Liapunov's function you use and which properties it satisfies in order to justify your conclusion.

Let  $\alpha$  be a real parameter to be specified later. Consider the system the non-linear system of ODE's

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= y^2 - x \\ y' &= \alpha(xy + y^5) \end{aligned}$$

- (a) (5 points) Assuming  $\alpha = 1$ , determine the stability type (stable/asymptotically stable/unstable) of  $(0,0)$  of the system above. Justify your conclusion.
- (b) (5 points) Assuming  $\alpha = -1$ , determine the stability type (stable/asymptotically stable/unstable) of  $(0,0)$  of the system above. Justify your conclusion.

(try to) HAVE FUN and GOOD LUCK! :)