

**Final Exam Part B**  
**Math 537 Ordinary Differential Equations**  
**8:00-10:00 AM Dec 14, 2020**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID** \_\_\_\_\_

- A.** The exam must be taken completely alone. Showing it or discussing it with anybody is forbidden.
- B.** Make an effort to make your submission clear and readable. Severe readability issues may be penalized by grade.
- C.** There are five problems. **Select and complete four of them.**
- D.** Please submit your work to Gradescope by 10:10 AM on Dec. 14, 2020.
- E. Additional instructions are provided on Slides via Zoom during the exam period.**

\* *“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle,”* Ian Maclaren.

1: [25 points] Consider the following 2nd order ODEs:

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dt^2} - a^2 X = F(t), \quad (1.1)$$

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dt^2} + a^2 X = G(t). \quad (1.2)$$

Complete the following problems:

- (a) [5 points] Assume that  $F = G = 0$  and  $a$  is a positive constant. Solve Eqs. (1.1) and (1.2) for general solutions.
- (b) [10 points] Find  $F(t)$  so that Eq. (1.1) has repeated eigenvalue. Briefly discuss the characteristics of the particular solution. [ $a$  is a positive constant.]
- (c) [10 points] Find  $G(t)$  so that Eq. (1.2) has repeated eigenvalue. Briefly discuss the characteristics of the particular solution. [ $a$  is a positive constant.]
- (d) [BP] State the conditions under which the solutions in problem (1a) change rapidly within an interval or oscillate rapidly over a global scale.
- (e) [BP] Assume  $F = G = 0$  and  $a(t) > 0$  is a function of time. Briefly discuss how to solve both systems.

**2:** [25 points] Consider the following 2nd order ODE for nonlinear pendulum oscillations (as shown in Figure 1):

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \epsilon \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \sin(\theta) = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Apply the full equation and its simplified versions to discuss the following concepts:

- (a) [5 points] Locally linearized systems near a stable or unstable critical point.
- (b) [10 points] The impact of dissipation on the local, global, and structural stability.
- (c) [10 points] The impact of nonlinearity (e.g., represented by a cubic term) on the local, global, and structural stability.
- (\*) Please discuss stability using eigenvalues, extrema of potential energy, etc.

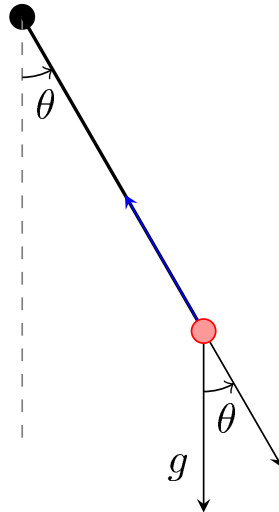


Figure 1: A pendulum consisting of a weightless rod of length  $L$  and a bob with a mass of  $m$ . The bob and the point of support are marked with a red and black dot, respectively. The parameter “ $g$ ” denotes the gravitational force. The angle  $\theta$  is measured in the counterclockwise direction. Stable and unstable equilibrium points appear at  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi$ , respectively.

**3:** [25 points] Consider the Lorenz model:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = -\sigma X + \sigma Y, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = -XZ + rX - \alpha Y, \quad (3.2)$$

$$\frac{dZ}{dt} = XY - \beta Z. \quad (3.3)$$

- (a) [5 points] Briefly discuss methods for analyzing the above nonlinear system.
- (b) [5 points] Compute a Jacobian matrix to obtain a linearized system.
- (c) [10 points] Apply a perturbation method to obtain systems of equations for basic state ( $O(\epsilon^0)$ ) and perturbation ( $O(\epsilon^1)$ ) variables.
- (d) [5 points] Given  $\sigma = 10$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ , and  $\beta = 8/3$ , briefly discuss the characteristics of three types of solutions within different intervals of heating parameters ( $r$ ).
- (e) [BP] Find critical points for positive parameters.
- (f) [BP] Find critical points within the non-dissipative system (i.e., no  $\sigma X$  in Eq. (3.1) and  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ ).

4: [25 points + bonus] Based on Student Learning Objectives (SLOs in Figure 2) and your work for Math537, please complete the following:

- (a) [25 points] Create your own QuadChart (as shown in Figure 3);
- (b) [5 bonus points] Post your QuadChart to any social medias or web sites, and attach a screenshot of the posted work into your Part-B work.

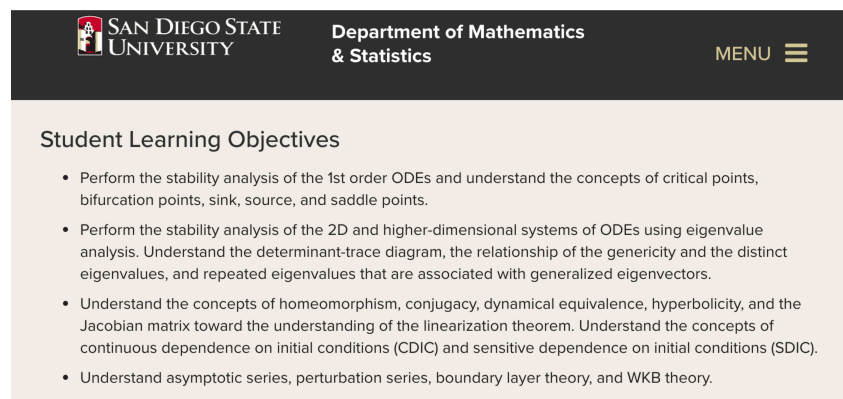


Figure 2: Student Learning Objectives for Math537.  
[https://math.sdsu.edu/courses/syllabi\\_math/math537](https://math.sdsu.edu/courses/syllabi_math/math537)

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<p><b>Key Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point 1</li> <li>• Point 2</li> <li>• Point 3</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;"> <p>A ppt file is available from canvas.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: #4169e1; font-weight: bold;">Representative Diagram</p>
<p><b>Approach</b></p> <p>How you learn major concepts (listed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quadrant) , e.g., which lecture, homework, or quiz</p>	<p><b>Key Milestones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List major concepts, e.g., eigenvalue problems .....</li> <li>• ..... March 2020                      linearization theorem</li> <li>• ..... April 2020                      classification of critical points</li> <li>• ..... May 2020                        .....</li> </ul>

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Figure 3: A template for QuadChart

5: [25 points] Consider a composite motion with the following harmonic oscillators:

$$\frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} = -\omega_1^2 x_1, \quad (5.1)$$

$$\frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} = -\omega_2^2 x_2. \quad (5.2)$$

- (a) [5 points] Discuss the condition under which the composite motion with the two frequencies is periodic or quasi-periodic.
- (b) [20 points] Compute and generate a plot (e.g., Figure 4) to illustrate either a periodic or quasi-periodic composite solution (with two frequencies).

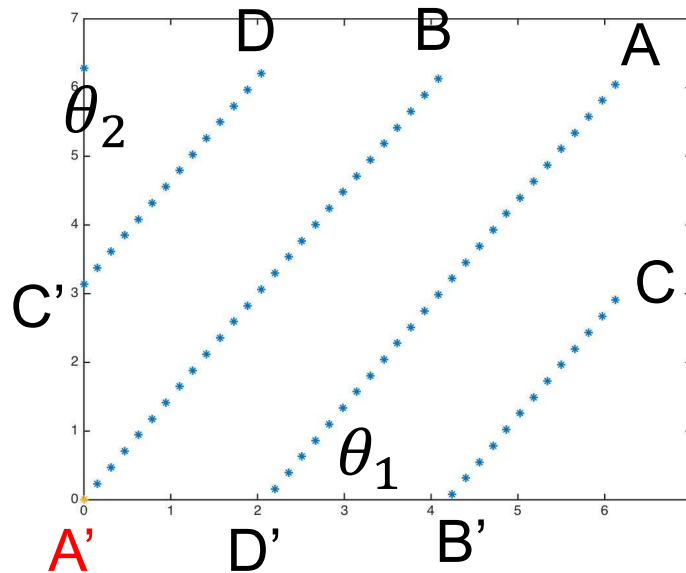


Figure 4: A solution with rational frequency ratio in the  $\theta_1 - \theta_2$  plane.