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Math 331

Midterm Exam

Spring 2020

Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Instructor name: _____ Your section number _____

In this exam there are 5 sheets, including this one, and there are 6 problems.

Instructions:

- Calculators and outside notes are **not allowed** to be used during the exam.
- You must explain how you arrived at your answers, and show your algebraic calculations.
- You can leave fractions and square roots in your answers – no need to give decimal expansions.

Question	Points	Score
1	15	
2	15	
3	20	
4	15	
5	20	
6	15	
Total:	100	

1. For the questions below, consider the differential equation:

$$2xy + 1 + (x^2 + 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

- (a) (5 points) Test the exactness of the differential equation
- (b) (10 points) Find the general solution of the differential equation.

2. (15 points) Find the *explicit* solution to the initial value problem:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy^2 + 2y^2 \qquad y(0) = 1$$

3. (20 points) Find the solution to the Initial Value Problem:

$$y'' + 3y' - 10y = 0$$

$$\text{with } y(0) = 3 \text{ and } y'(0) = 5$$

4. (15 points) Find the solutions, $y(t)$, to the differential equation:

$$y'' + \frac{y'}{t} = 3 + t$$

using the substitution $v(t) = y'(t)$

Hint: Your solutions, $y(t)$, will include two unknown constants.

5. A population of a colony of duck billed platypi in Australia can be modelled by the logistic population model:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 4P\left(1 - \frac{P}{2}\right)$$

Here, P is given in hundreds of duck billed platypi and t is measured in years.

- (a) (10 points) Draw a phase line for this autonomous differential equation, and classify all equilibria as stable or unstable.

- (b) (10 points) Sketch the graphs of the equilibrium solutions as well as the two solutions given the starting populations: $P_1(0) = 1, P_2(0) = 5$;

Each graph should clearly show the solution's initial condition and long-term behavior as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

6. A 5 gallon vat is full of pure water. At time $t = 0$ salt water is added to the vat through a pipe carrying water at a rate of 2 gallons per minute and a concentration of $\frac{1}{4}$ a pound per gallon. Water drains out of the vat at a rate of 2 gallon per minute, so that the level of the vat is always 5 gallons. Assume that the salt is always evenly mixed throughout the vat. Let $S(t)$ denote the amount of salt in the vat at time t , and let t be measured in minutes.

(a) (10 points) Set up the differential equation and initial condition for $\frac{dS}{dt}$ for the situation above.

(b) (5 points) Find $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S(t)$. Justify your answer by classifying the equilibrium point.

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