

Math 242 Test 2, Tuesday 31 March

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Show all work **clearly, make sentences**. No work means no credit. The points are:

ex1: 20, ex2: 15, ex3: 15, ex4: 15, ex5: 15.

**Exercise 1** We give the differential equation:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 5x + 4.$$

1. What are the critical points ? Use a phase diagram to determine whether each critical point is stable or unstable.

2. Solve this differential equation with  $x_0 = 2$ .

**Exercise 2** We give an initial value problem:

$$y' = 10(x + y), \quad y(0) = 1.$$

Write the algorithm of the Euler's method with a step size  $h$ , and apply it to find approximate values of the solution on the interval  $[0, 0.5]$  with step size  $h = 0.1$ . At last, give the order of this method.

x	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
approx solution						

**Exercise 3** Find a linear homogeneous constant-coefficient differential equation with, in each cases, the given general solution:

a)  $y(x) = Ae^{-x} + Be^{2x} + Ce^x,$

b)  $y(x) = A + Bx + Cx^2 + De^{17x},$

c)  $y(x) = Ae^{3x} + B \cos(2x) + C \sin(2x) + x(D \cos(2x) + E \sin(2x)).$

**Exercise 4** Solve the differential equation:

$$y^{(3)} - 5y'' - 16y' + 80y = 0,$$

using the fact that the function  $x \mapsto e^{5x}$  is solution of this differential equation.  
Then find the unique solution satisfying the initial conditions:

$$y(0) = 9/4, \quad y'(0) = -3, \quad y''(0) = 18.$$

**Exercise 5** We consider the initial value problem:

$$y'' + y' - 2y = (20x + 4)e^{3x}, \quad y(0) = 4, \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

Using that a particular solution is given by  $y_p(x) = (2x - 1)e^{3x}$ , solve this problem.