

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Section L\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You will have **50 minutes** to complete this closed book,  
no notes, no calculator exam.

**Keep the exam booklet closed until  
the beginning of the examination.**

Make sure that your booklet has **6 pages** (including this one).

Write clear, complete, legible answers in the spaces provided.

Use the back of the page if needed, but clearly indicate when doing so.

**Read each question carefully and completely.  
Think about the problem being asked.**

**Good luck!**

1	2	3	4	Bonus	Total
/ 10	/10	/15	/15	/4	/50+4B

1. Given the equation

$$y'' - 7y + 10y = 0$$

- (a) Reduce it to a first order linear system.  
(b) Choose the solutions of the system among the following vector functions

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} e^{5t}, \quad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}, \quad x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t}$$

- (c) Determine whether the solutions of the system are linearly independent.  
(d) Write a general solution for the system.  
(e) Write a general solution for the original second order equation.

**Solution:**

- (a) (2 points) The linear system associated to this equation is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -10 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) (2 points)  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are solutions of the system.  
 $x_3$  is not a solution of the system.  
(c) (2 points) We call Mr Wronskian :) :  
We can compute the Wronskian in  $t = 0$

$$W[x_1, x_2](0) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = -3 \neq 0$$

or we can compute the Wronskian for every  $t$ :

$$W[x_1, x_2](t) = \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{5t} & e^{2t} \\ 5e^{5t} & 2e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = -3e^{7t} \neq 0$$

- (d) (2 points) The general solution for the problem is a linear combination of the two solutions  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

$$x = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} e^{5t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

- (e) (2 points) The general solution for the second order equation is

$$y = c_1 e^{5t} + c_2 e^{2t}$$

2. Given the equation

$$(5xy + 2y + 5) dx + 2x dy = 0$$

- (a) Determine whether it is exact. If not, find an integrating factor.
- (b) Solve the equation

**Solution:**

- (a) (1 point) In order to check whether the equation is exact, one has to compare  $M_y$  and  $N_x$ .

$$M_y = 5x + 2 \neq 2 = N_x,$$

meaning that the equation is not exact .

- (3 points) We find an integrating factor, solving the equation

$$\mu' = \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} \mu \quad \text{that is} \quad \mu' = \frac{5}{2} \mu \quad \text{and therefore} \quad \mu(x) = e^{\frac{5}{2}x}$$

- (b) (1 point) The equation

$$e^{\frac{5}{2}x}(5xy + 2y + 5) dx + e^{\frac{5}{2}x}2x dy = 0$$

is exact.

- (2 points) We compute

$$F(x, y) = \int e^{\frac{5}{2}x}2x dy + \psi(x) = 2xye^{\frac{5}{2}x} + \psi(x).$$

- (1 point) We compare the partial derivative of  $F$  with respect to  $x$  with  $e^{\frac{5}{2}x}(5xy + 2y + 5)$  and

- (1 point) we obtain

$$\psi'(x) = 5e^{\frac{5}{2}x} \quad \text{and therefore} \quad \psi(x) = 2e^{\frac{5}{2}x} + k$$

- (1 point) The implicit solution is given by

$$e^{\frac{5}{2}x}(2xy + 2) = c$$

3. Solve the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y' + \frac{1}{x}y = xe^x \\ y(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:** (method of variation of parameters)

We look for a solution of the form  $y = uy_1$  where  $y_1$  is the solution of the complementary equation  $y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 0$ .

(4 points)

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{x}$$

(2 points) Plugging  $y$  into the equation gives

$$u' \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}u + \frac{1}{x^2}u = xe^x$$

(4 points) and therefore

$$u' = x^2e^x, \quad \text{and integrating (by parts) we obtain} \quad u = e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2) + c$$

(2 points) Thus

$$y = \frac{c}{x} + \frac{e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)}{x}$$

(1 point) Setting  $y(1) = 0$  we obtain  $c = -e$ .

(2 points) Therefore the solution of the initial value problem is

$$y = \frac{e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)}{x} - \frac{e}{x}$$

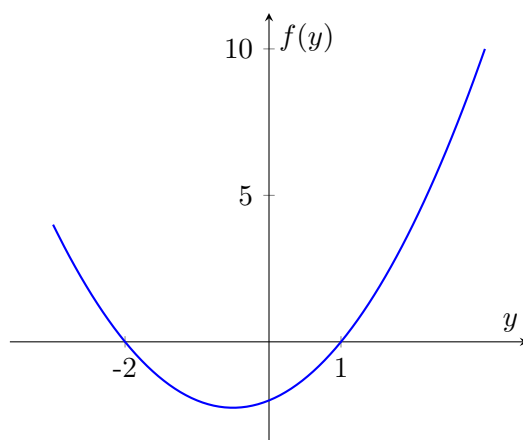
4. Given the following autonomous equation

$$y' = y^2 + y - 2$$

- (a) Sketch the graph of  $y'$  versus  $y$ .
- (b) List and classify any critical points.
- (c) Sketch the phase line.
- (d) Determine points of inflection and study the concavity of the solution.
- (e) Sketch the solutions in the  $y$  versus  $t$  plane.

**Solution:**

- (a) (3 points)



- (b) (3 points)  $y = -2$  is asymptotically stable.  
 $y = 1$  is unstable.
- (c) (3 points) See below.
- (d) (3 points) We only have one point of inflection in  $y = -\frac{1}{2}$ .  
The solution  $y$  is concave up in  $(-2, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup (1, +\infty)$   
and concave down in  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ .
- (e) (3 points)

5. In the following, assume that all the functions are defined on a common interval  $(a, b)$ .  
Prove that if  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are solutions

$$y' + p(x)y = f_1(x), \quad y' + p(x)y = f_2(x)$$

respectively, and  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants, then

$$y = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$$

is a solution of

$$y' + p(x)y = c_1f_1(x) + c_2f_2(x).$$

**Solution:**

(4 points) In order to prove this result (principle of superposition), one only needs to plug the solution into the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} y' + p(x)y &= (c_1y_1 + c_2y_2)' + p(x)(c_1y_1 + c_2y_2) \\ &= (c_1y_1' + c_2y_2') + p(x)(c_1y_1 + c_2y_2) \\ &= c_1(y_1' + p(x)y_1) + c_2(y_2' + p(x)y_2) \\ &= c_1f_1(x) + c_2f_2(x) \end{aligned}$$