

Exam on Dynamical Systems
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1. (1.5p)

(a) Find the general solution of the following differential equation

$$\varphi'' + \frac{9}{4}\varphi = 0.$$

(b) (True or False) "All the solutions of $\varphi'' + \frac{9}{4}\varphi = 0$ are periodic with a period $T = 4\pi$."

2. (1.5p) Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be an open interval and $a, f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous functions. Write the general solution of the differential equations:

(a) $x' + a(t)x = 0$,

(b) $x' + a(t)x = f(t)$.

3. (0.5p) Write the Euler numerical formula for a first order differential equation.

4. (3p) We consider the differential system:

$$\dot{x} = -y + y^3, \quad \dot{y} = -x + x^3.$$

(a) Study the stability of the equilibrium point $(0, 0)$.

(b) Find a first integral.

(c) Find all the equilibria.