

MATH 251  
Examination I  
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This exam has 15 questions for a total of 100 points. **In order to obtain full credit for partial credit problems, all work must be shown. Credit will not be given for an answer not supported by work.** The point value for each question is in parentheses to the right of the question number.

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1. (9 points) Consider the list of differential equations below.

A.  $y' = y^3 - y^2$

B.  $y''' - y^2 = \sin 3t$

C.  $y'' + e^t y' = 1$

D.  $t^2 + y + (t + y^2)y' = 0$

E.  $y'' - t^3 y' + e^{2t} y = 0$

F.  $y'' - 2y + 5y = 9 - e^y$

G.  $y' + 2y = \pi$

H.  $y' - t^2 y = t \ln t$

For each part, write down the letter corresponding to the equation on the list with the specified properties. There is only one correct answer to each part.

(a) (3 points) First order linear equation that is not separable.

(b) (3 points) Exact equation that is not separable.

(c) (3 points) Second order homogeneous linear equation.

2. (5 points) Consider the initial value problem

$$\sin(t)y'' + \tan(t)y' + ty = e^t, \quad y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{4\pi}{3}, \quad y'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Without solving the equation, what is the largest interval in which a unique solution is guaranteed to exist?

- (a)  $(-\infty, \infty)$
  - (b)  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$
  - (c)  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$
  - (d)  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2})$
3. (5 points) Which pair of functions below cannot be a fundamental set of solutions?

- (a)  $4, \quad 2 + 3t$
- (b)  $\cos 5t, \quad -2 \sin 5t$
- (c)  $e^{-t}, \quad 4te^{-t}$
- (d)  $2e^{-5t}, \quad -6e^{-5t}$

4. (5 points) Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{e^{4t}}{y}, \quad y(0) = -2.$$

(a)  $y = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}e^{4t} + \frac{7}{2}}$

(b)  $y = \frac{1}{2}e^{4t} - \frac{5}{2}$

(c)  $y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}e^{4t} - \frac{9}{2}}$

(d)  $y = -\sqrt{2e^{4t}}$

5. (5 points) Find the general solution of the exact equation

$$3x^2y^3 - ye^{xy} + (3x^3y^2 - xe^{xy} + 2)y' = 0.$$

(a)  $x^3y^3 - e^{xy} + 2y = C$

(b)  $2x^3y^3 - e^{xy} = C$

(c)  $9x^2y^2 - e^{xy} - xye^{xy} = C$

(d)  $\frac{ye^{xy} - 3x^2y^3}{3x^3y^2 - xe^{xy} + 2} = C$

6. (5 points) Suppose a mass-spring system described by the equation

$$u'' + k u = 2 \cos 4t - \sin 4t$$

is undergoing resonance. What is the value of the spring constant  $k$ ?

- (a) 0
  - (b) 2
  - (c) 4
  - (d) 16
7. (5 points) A 100-liter vat initially contains 80 liters of 2 grams/liter sodium hydroxide solution. At  $t = 0$ , sodium hydroxide solution with a concentration of 5 grams/liter begins to flow into the vat at the rate of 2 liters/min. The thoroughly mixed content of the vat is drawn off at the rate of 3 liters/min. Which of the initial value problems below best describes the quantity of sodium hydroxide,  $Q(t)$ , that would be in the vat at time  $t$ ,  $0 < t < 80$ ?

(a)  $Q' = 10 - \frac{3}{80-t}Q, \quad Q(0) = 160.$

(b)  $Q' = 10 - \frac{3}{100}Q, \quad Q(0) = 160.$

(c)  $Q' = 10 - \frac{3}{80+t}Q, \quad Q(0) = 200.$

(d)  $Q' = 10 - \frac{3}{100-t}Q, \quad Q(0) = 200.$

8. (5 points) Consider the autonomous equation

$$y' = y^3 - 12y^2 + 20y = y(y - 2)(y - 10).$$

Suppose  $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 10$ . What is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t)$ ?

- (a) 0
  - (b) 2
  - (c) 10
  - (d)  $\infty$
9. (5 points) Solve the following initial value problem

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(1) = 1, \quad y'(1) = 0.$$

- (a)  $2e^{-(t-1)} - e^{-2(t-1)}$
- (b)  $2e^{-(t+1)} - e^{-2(t+1)}$
- (c)  $e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$
- (d)  $3e^{2t} - 2e^{3t}$

10. (5 points) Given that  $y_1 = t^2$  and  $y_2 = \ln t$  are two solutions of a certain second order homogeneous linear equation,  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$ . All of the functions below are also solutions of the equation, EXCEPT

(a) 0.

(b)  $-3 \ln t$ .

(c)  $2t^2 \ln t$ .

(d)  $t^2 - \ln t$ .

11. (5 points) Which of the equations below has  $y(t) = 5e^{-3t}$  as a particular solution?

(a)  $y'' + 9y = 0$

(b)  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$

(c)  $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$

(d)  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$

12. (12 points) Consider the nonhomogeneous second order linear equation of the form

$$y'' + 2y' + y = g(t).$$

(a) (3 points) Find  $y_c(t)$ , the solution of its corresponding homogeneous equation.

For each of the parts (b) through (d), choose from the list below the function that is the most suitable choice of the **form** of particular solution  $Y$  that you would use to solve the given equation using the Method of Undetermined Coefficients. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE COEFFICIENTS.**

- A.  $(At + B)e^{-t}$
- B.  $(At^3 + Bt^2)e^{-t}$
- C.  $Ae^{-t} \cos(t) + Be^{-t} \sin(t)$
- D.  $Ae^{-t} \sin(t)$
- E.  $(At^2 + Bt + C)e^t \cos(2t) + (Dt^2 + Et + F)e^t \sin(2t)$
- F.  $At^2 e^t \cos(2t) + Bt^2 e^t \sin(2t)$
- G.  $(At^2 + Bt)e^{-t}$
- H.  $At^3 e^t \cos(2t) + Bt^3 e^t \sin(2t)$
- I.  $At^2 e^t \cos(2t)$

(b) (3 points)  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-t} \sin t$

(c) (3 points)  $y'' + 2y' + y = 2te^{-t}$

(d) (3 points)  $y'' + 2y' + y = -6t^2 e^t \cos(2t)$

13. (9 points) A mass-spring system is described by the equation

$$u'' + 6u' + k u = 0.$$

(a) (3 points) Find the value(s) of  $k$  that would make the system critically damped.

(b) (3 points) If  $k = 25$ , what is the quasi-frequency of this mass-spring system?

(c) (3 points) True or false: If  $k = 6$ , then there are some nonzero solutions of this mass-spring system that will cross the equilibrium position more than ten times.

14. (10 points) Solve the initial value problem:

$$ty' + 2y = \cos t, \quad y(\pi) = 0.$$

15. (10 points) Given that  $y_1(t) = t^3$  is a known solution of the second order linear differential equation

$$t^2y'' - 5ty' + 9y = 0, \quad t > 0.$$

Find the general solution of the equation.