

MATH 251  
Examination II  
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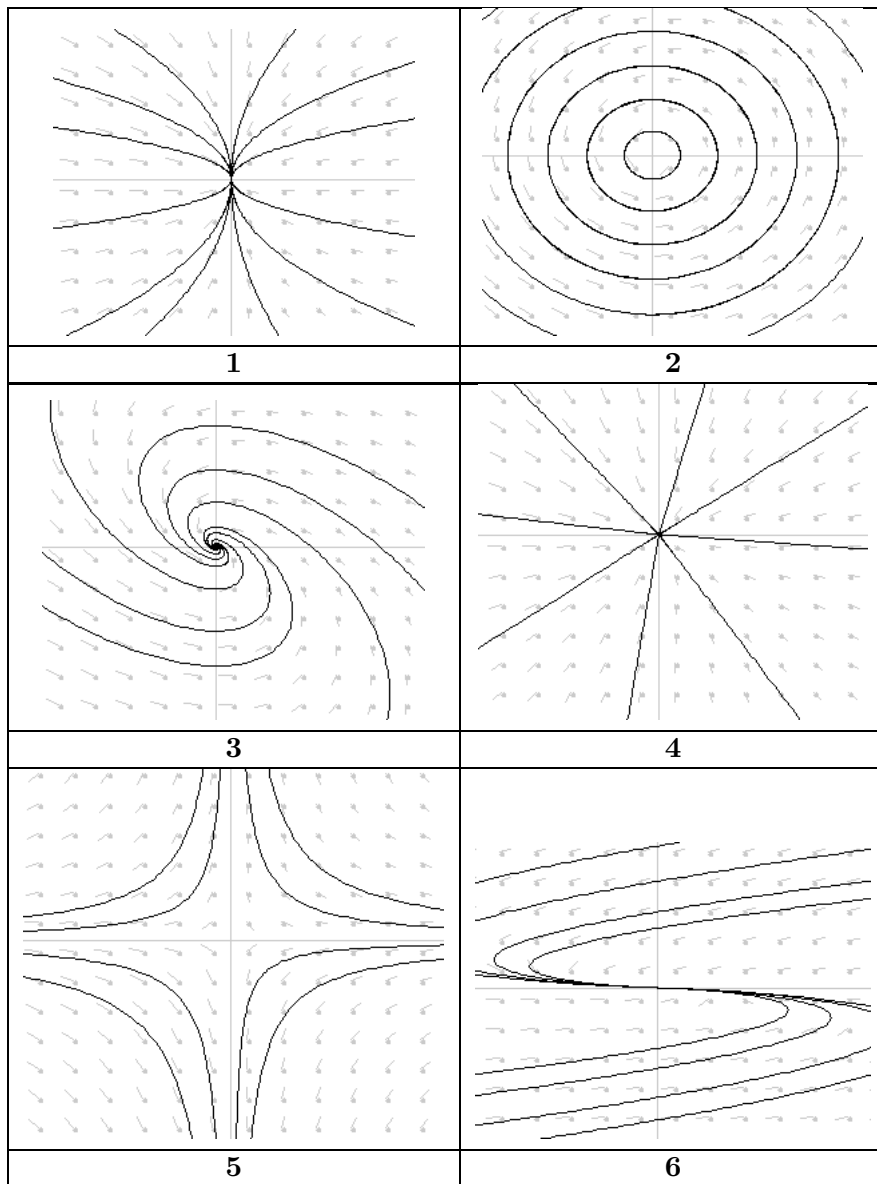
This exam has 13 questions for a total of 100 points. **In order to obtain full credit for partial credit problems, all work must be shown. Credit will not be given for an answer not supported by work.** The point value for each question is in parentheses to the right of the question number.

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1. (5 points) Match the sketches of phase portraits for  $2 \times 2$  homogeneous linear systems  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$  with the names of their critical points at the origin.



- (a) saddle
- (b) node
- (c) proper node
- (d) center
- (e) spiral

2. (5 points) Match the following formulas for general solutions of 2x2 homogeneous linear systems  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$  with the sketches of the phase portraits given in Problem 1:

- (a)  $c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_
- (b)  $c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2 \sin t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ 2 \cos t \end{pmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_
- (c)  $c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_
- (d)  $c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_
- (e)  $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2 \sin t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ 2 \cos t \end{pmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

3. (5 points) Match the three adjectives for the critical point  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  of a  $2 \times 2$  homogeneous linear systems  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$  with the five general solutions given in the table below by placing one of the letters **A**, **U**, or **S** in each of the five blanks.

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| (a) | $c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$                  | _____ | Use                                |
| (b) | $c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2 \sin t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ 2 \cos t \end{pmatrix}$ | _____ | <b>A</b> for asymptotically stable |
| (c) | $c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$                   | _____ | <b>U</b> for unstable              |
| (d) | $c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$                      | _____ | <b>S</b> for stable                |
| (e) | $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2 \sin t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ 2 \cos t \end{pmatrix}$         | _____ |                                    |

4. (5 points) When an object with mass 5 kg is attached to a spring, the object stretches the spring by 2 m. A damper with damping coefficient of 4 N-s/m is attached to the system. Assume there is no external force acting on the system and that acceleration due to gravity is  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$ . If the object is released 1 m above its equilibrium position and is given an initial downward velocity of 3 m/s. Assuming that the downward direction is positive, which initial value problem describes the motion of the system?

(a)  $5y'' + 4y' + 25y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -3$

(b)  $5y'' + 4y' + 25y = 0, \quad y(0) = -1, \quad y'(0) = 3$

(c)  $5y'' + 4y' + 10y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -3$

(d)  $5y'' + 4y' + 10y = 0, \quad y(0) = -1, \quad y'(0) = 3$

5. (5 points) Initially an object with mass 2 kg is located on a frictionless surface and is moving eastward with no forces acting on it. At time  $t = 3$  seconds a constant external eastward force of .17 Newtons is added. At  $t = 4$  seconds the object is struck with a hammer in such a fashion that its momentum is reduced by .34 kg-m/s at that time. Which of the following  $F(t)$  represents the combination of these two forces.

(a)  $F(t) = .17u(t - 3) + .34\delta(t - 4)$

(b)  $F(t) = .17\delta(t - 3) + .34u(t - 4)$

(c)  $F(t) = .17u(t - 3) - .34\delta(t - 4)$

(d)  $F(t) = -.17\delta(t - 3) + .34u(t - 4)$

6. (5 points) What is the general real-valued solution of the following ODE:

$$y''' + y' = 0$$

(a)  $y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3$

(b)  $y(t) = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t + c_3 e^t$

(c)  $y(t) = c_1 + c_2 \cos t + c_3 \sin t$

(d)  $y(t) = c_1 t^2 + c_2 t + c_3$

7. (5 points) A spring-mass system is described by the differential equation  $y'' + 2y' + 10y = 0$  with initial conditions  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = -1$ . Which statement will best describe the behavior of the solution  $y(t)$  after a long time?

- (a)  $y(t)$  will oscillate with increasing amplitude.
- (b)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$
- (c)  $y(t)$  will approach a periodic function with period  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ .
- (d)  $y(t)$  will approach a periodic function with period  $\pi$ .

8. (5 points)  $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-(s-2)t} dt$  is the Laplace transform of which of the following functions?

- (a)  $t^2$
- (b)  $e^{2t}$
- (c)  $u(t-2)$
- (d)  $\delta(t-2)$

9. (5 points) If  $f(t) = u(t-2) - 2u(t-3) + 3u(t-4) - 4u(t-5)$ , what is  $f(\pi)$ ?

- (a) -2
- (b) -1
- (c) 0
- (d) 1

10. A spring-mass system is modeled by the initial value problem

$$2y'' + \gamma y' + 18y = F(t), \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -12.$$

(a) (6 points) If  $\gamma = 0$  and  $F(t) = 0$ , what is the amplitude of displacement?

(b) (3 points) If  $\gamma = 0$  and  $F(t) = 2 \cos(\omega t)$ , for which value(s) of  $\omega$  will the system undergo resonance?

(c) (3 points) If  $F(t) = 0$ , for which value(s) of  $\gamma$  will the system **not** oscillate?

11. Compute the following:

(a) (7 points)

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{3t}u(t-2)\}.$$

(b) (7 points)

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + 8s + 25}\right\}.$$

12. (16 points) Use Laplace transforms to solve the following initial value problem:

$$y' + 3y = tu(t - 2) + \delta(t - 3), \quad y(0) = 1.$$

13. Consider the  $2 \times 2$  linear homogeneous system:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$$

(a) (2 points) Find the vector  $\mathbf{x}'$  at the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b) (11 points) Find the solution  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  that satisfies the initial condition  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .