

MATH 251  
Examination II  
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This exam has 16 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. A table of Laplace transforms is attached as the last page of the exam.

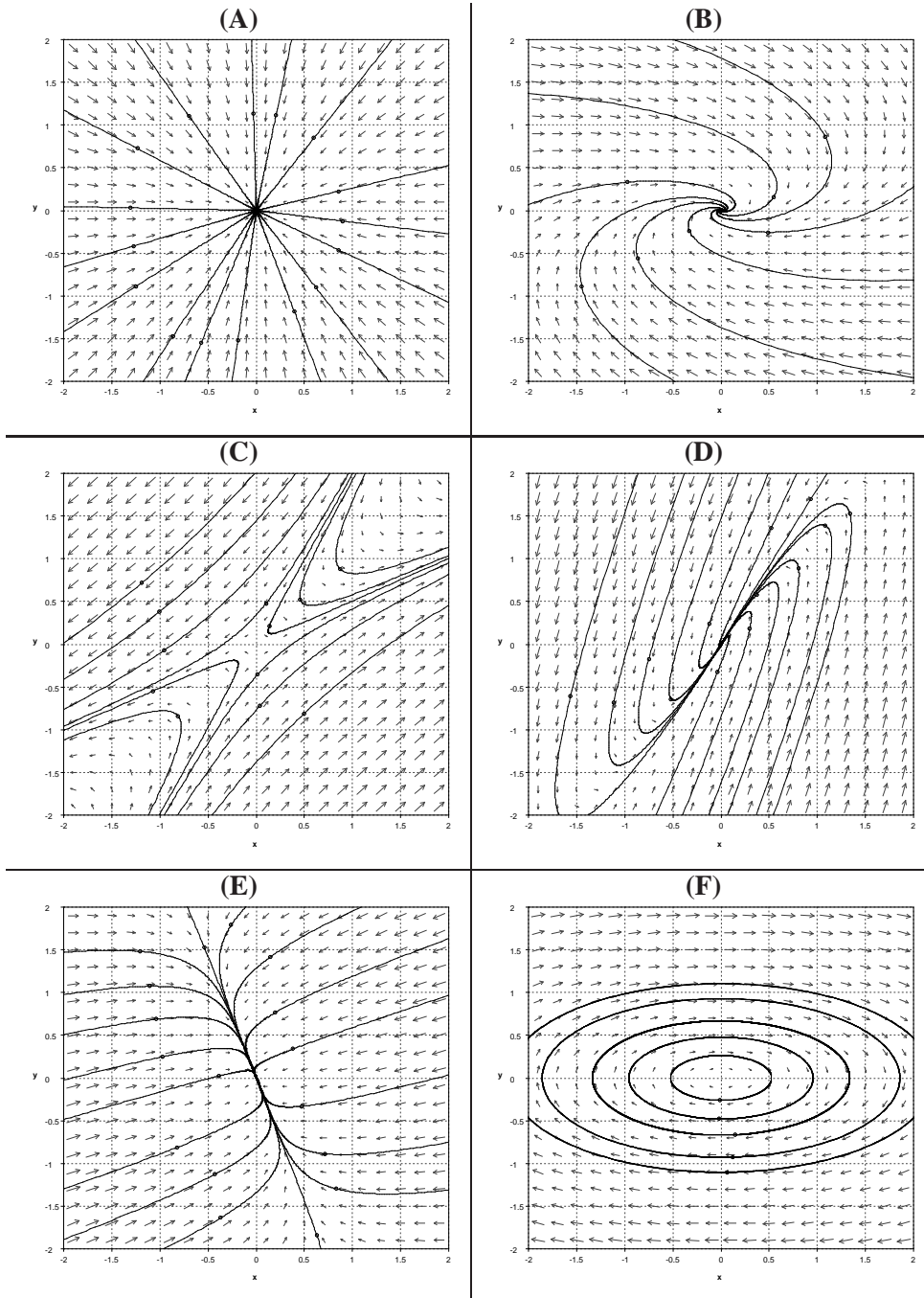
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1. (5 points) Match the sketches of phase portraits for the  $2 \times 2$  linear systems  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{Ax}$ , lettered A through F, with the names of their critical points at the origin.



node: \_\_\_\_\_  
 center: \_\_\_\_\_  
 proper node (star point): \_\_\_\_\_  
 saddle point: \_\_\_\_\_  
 spiral point: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(a)  $e^{-t} \left( C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} t+1 \\ 2t+1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  \_\_\_\_\_

(b)  $C_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(c)  $C_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(d)  $C_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(e)  $C_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

3. (5 points) Determine the stability of the critical point at the origin for each of the 2x2 linear systems  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  whose general solutions are given below. Use the letter **A** if the point is asymptotically stable, **U** if it is unstable, **S** if it is (neutrally) stable.

(a)  $C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(b)  $e^{-t} \left( C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} t+1 \\ 2t+1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  \_\_\_\_\_

(c)  $C_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(d)  $C_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

(e)  $C_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$  \_\_\_\_\_

4. (5 points) Consider the third order linear equation

$$y''' + 4y'' = 0.$$

What is its general solution?

- (a)  $y(t) = C_1 + C_2 \cos 2t + C_3 \sin 2t$
- (b)  $y(t) = C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 e^{-4t}$
- (c)  $y(t) = C_1 + C_2 e^{2t} + C_3 e^{-2t}$
- (d)  $y(t) = C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 t^4$

5. (5 points) Evaluate the following definite integral

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \delta\left(t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cos t \, dt.$$

(Hint: The expression is equal to  $\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t - \frac{\pi}{2}) \cos t\}$ .)

- (a) 0
- (b)  $e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$
- (c)  $e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$
- (d)  $e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}s} \frac{\pi}{2}$

6. (5 points) The inverse Laplace transform of  $F(s) = \frac{2s-6}{s^2+4s+8}$  is

(a)  $2e^{2t} \cos 2t - 4e^{2t} \sin 2t$ ,

(b)  $2e^{2t} \cos 2t - 8e^{2t} \sin 2t$ ,

(c)  $2e^{-2t} \cos 2t - 10e^{-2t} \sin 2t$ ,

(d)  $2e^{-2t} \cos 2t - 5e^{-2t} \sin 2t$ .

7. (5 points) Find the Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}\{u_1(t)(t^2 - t)\}$ .

(Recall:  $u_c(t) = u(t - c)$ .)

(a)  $e^{-s} \left( \frac{2}{s^3} - \frac{1}{s^2} \right)$

(b)  $e^{-s} \left( \frac{2}{s^3} + \frac{1}{s^2} \right)$

(c)  $e^{-s} \left( \frac{2}{s^3} - \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \right)$

(d)  $e^{-s} \left( \frac{2}{s^3} - \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s} \right)$

8. (5 points) Suppose  $y(t)$  is the solution of the second order linear initial value problem

$$2y'' - y' + 2y = \delta(t - 10), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

What is  $Y(s)$ , the Laplace transform of  $y(t)$ ?

(a)  $Y(s) = \frac{e^{-10s} + 2}{2s^2 - s + 2}$

(b)  $Y(s) = \frac{e^{-10s} + 1}{s^2 - s + 2}$

(c)  $Y(s) = \frac{e^{-10s} - s}{s^2 - s + 2}$

(d)  $Y(s) = \frac{e^{-10s} + 2s}{2s^2 - s + 2}$

9. (5 points) Suppose

$$f(t) = u_1(t) + 2u_{3/2}(t)t + 3u_3(t)t^2 + 4u_4(t)t^3.$$

What is  $f(2)$ ?

- (a) 3  
(b) 5  
(c) 17  
(d) 49

10. (5 points) Suppose the linear system below has a (neutrally) stable center at  $(0,0)$ . What is/are the value(s) of  $\gamma$ ?

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ -5 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$$

- (a) 0
- (b) 4
- (c)  $-2, 2$
- (d)  $-4, 4$

11. (5 points) Which system of first order linear equations below is equivalent to the second order linear equation

$$y'' - 7y' + 2y = 0?$$

- (a)  $\begin{cases} x_1' = x_2 \\ x_2' = 2x_1 + 7x_2 \end{cases}$
- (b)  $\begin{cases} x_1' = x_2 \\ x_2' = 2x_1 - 7x_2 \end{cases}$
- (c)  $\begin{cases} x_1' = x_2 \\ x_2' = -2x_1 + 7x_2 \end{cases}$
- (d)  $\begin{cases} x_1' = x_2 \\ x_2' = -2x_1 - 7x_2 \end{cases}$

12. (5 points) Which of the points below is **not** a critical point of the nonlinear system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x^2 - y^2 \\y' &= xy + x + y + 1 \quad ?\end{aligned}$$

- (a) (1,1)
- (b) (1,-1)
- (c) (-1,1)
- (d) (-1,-1)

13. (5 points) Given that the point (0,1) is a critical point of the nonlinear system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x^2y - xy^2 \\y' &= xy - x - 3y + 3 \quad .\end{aligned}$$

This critical point (0,1) is a(n)

- (a) unstable saddle point.
- (b) unstable spiral point.
- (c) asymptotically stable node.
- (d) asymptotically stable proper node (star point).



14. (15 points) True or false:

(a) (3 points)  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t) - 6g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} - 6\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$ .

(b) (3 points)  $\mathcal{L}\{4f(t)g(t)\} = 4\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}$ .

(c) (3 points)  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{e^{-2s}\frac{4}{(s+1)^5}\right\} = \frac{1}{6}u_2(t)t^4 e^{-t}$ .

(d) (3 points) Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, and if the matrix-vector products  $\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the linear system  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  has an asymptotically stable node at  $(0,0)$ .

(e) (3 points) The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 42 & 0 \\ 0 & 42 \end{bmatrix}$  is an example of a matrix that have two linearly independent eigenvectors.

15. (12 points)

(a) (9 points) Find the general solution of the homogeneous linear system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -8 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$$

(b) (3 points) Given that  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , find the value of  $\alpha$ .

16. (8 points) In the parts below, consider a certain system of two first order linear differential equations in two unknowns,  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ .

(a) (5 points) Suppose one of the eigenvalues of the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $r = 1 + 2i$ , which has a corresponding eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 - 3i \end{bmatrix}$ . Write down the system's real-valued general solution.

(b) (3 points) Find the solution satisfying the initial condition  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .