

MATH 251  
Final exam  
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There are **9** partial credit questions. **In order to obtain full credit for these problems, all work must be shown. Credit will not be given for an answer not supported by work.**

**THE USE OF CALCULATORS IS NOT PERMITTED IN THIS EXAMINATION.** At the end of the examination, the booklet will be collected.

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1. (16 pts) Solve the initial value problem

$$y' - 2y = t^2 e^{2t}, \quad y(0) = -1.$$

2. (16 pts) Find the general solution to each of the following:

(a)  $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$

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

(c)  $y'' + y' - 20y = 0$

3. (16 pts) Find the *form* of a particular solution of the equation:

$$y'' + 9y = 7 \sin 3t + 2te^t - t^2.$$

**DO NOT** solve for the constants!

4. (16 pts) Solve the following initial value problem:

$$y'' + 4y = \delta(t - \pi), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 3.$$

5. (18 pts) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find the general solution of  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ .
- (b) Classify the type and stability of the critical point at the origin.
- (c) Sketch the phase portrait.
- (d) Find the particular solution satisfying  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

6. (20 pts) Consider the following nonlinear system:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= y - 2 \\y' &= x^2 - y^2\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Find all the critical points.
- (b) Linearize the system near each critical point and find the eigenvalues of the resulting linear system.
- (c) What can you conclude about the type and stability of the critical points of the nonlinear system?

7. (16 pts) Solve the heat conduction problem described by:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= 9u_{xx}, & 0 < x < 5, & \quad t > 0 \\u(0, t) &= u(5, t) = 0 & \text{for } t > 0 \\u(x, 0) &= \sin \frac{2\pi x}{5} - 3 \sin \pi x + 13 \sin \frac{7\pi x}{5}\end{aligned}$$

8. (16 pts) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & 1 \leq x < 2 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the graphs of the even and odd extensions of  $f$  of period 4, for three periods; state which graph corresponds to which extension.
- (b) Which extension has a Fourier sine series, and which has a cosine series? Write down the *form* of each series, but **DO NOT** compute the coefficients.
- (c) To what value does each series converge at  $x = 2$ ?

9. (16 pts) Consider the following initial/boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned}tu_t &= x^2u_{xx} \\u(0,t) &= u(1,t) = 0 \quad \text{for } t > 0 \\u(x,0) &= f(x)\end{aligned}$$

Separate the variables by setting  $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$  and state (but **DO NOT SOLVE!**) the resulting eigenvalue problem for  $X$ .