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MATH 302, FINAL EXAM  
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**Directions:** This is a pencil-and-paper exam. You are asked to put away all books, notes, calculators, cell phones, and other computing and/or telecommunications equipment. The last page of this booklet is blank and is intended for use as scrap paper. Additional sheets of paper are available upon request.

**Grading:** Each numbered question is worth 10 points, for a total of 100 points.

1. Find the solution of the equation  $y'(x) + \frac{3x^2 + 2}{2y(x)} = 0$  which goes through the point  $(1, -1)$ .

Find the values of  $y(-2)$  and  $y(2)$ , if they exist.

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2a. Find all solutions to the differential equation  $y''(t) - 6y'(t) + 10y(t) = 0$ .

2b. Find all solutions to the differential equation  $y''(t) - 6y'(t) + 10y(t) = 6e^{2t}$  which have  $y(0) = 1$ .

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**3a.** Consider the second-order linear differential equation  $(t - 1)y''(t) - ty'(t) + y = 0$ , which is solved by both  $y_1(t) = t$  and  $y_2(t) = e^t$ .

What is the Wronskian  $W[y_1, y_2](t)$ ?

Is this a fundamental set of solutions at time  $t = 0$ ?

**3b.** Find the solution to this equation with initial conditions  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 1 - e$ .

What is unusual about this solution at  $t = 1$ , and why isn't it a violation of the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem?

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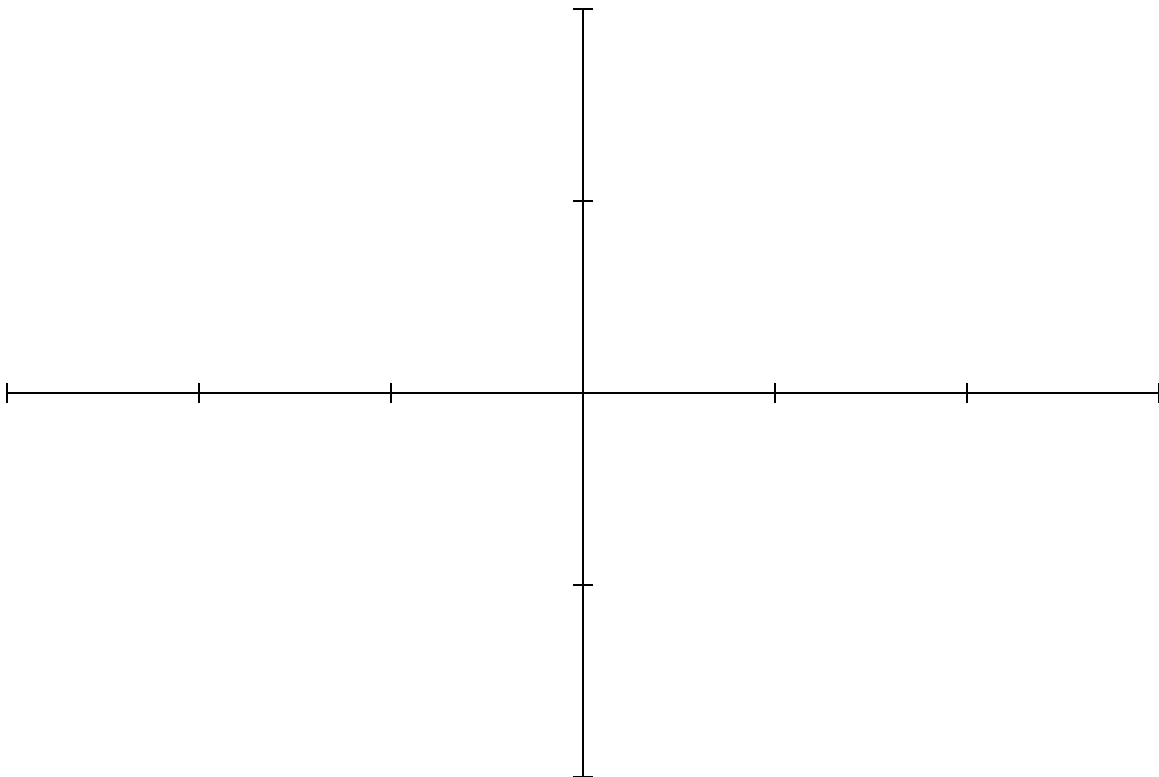
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4a. Consider the linear system of equations  $\begin{cases} x_1'(t) = 3x_1(t) \\ x_2'(t) = -2x_1(t) + x_2(t) \end{cases}$

What kind of critical point is there at the origin?

What are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors?

4b. Sketch the phase portrait for this system on the axes provided.



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Problems 5 – 6 will concern the autonomous system of equations  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x - x^2 - xy \end{bmatrix}$ .

**5a.** Find the critical points of this system.

For each critical point, write down the matrix of the associated linear system.

**5b.** Classify each of the critical points above [as a node, saddle point, spiral point, or center] and indicate whether it is stable.

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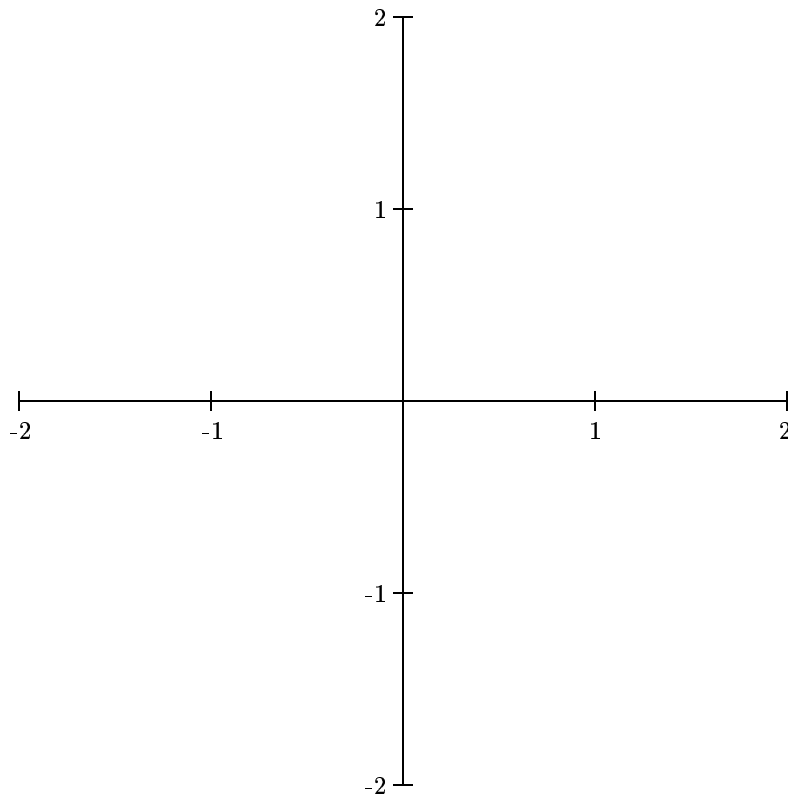
We are still considering the system of equations  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x - x^2 - xy \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**6a.** It is known that every function of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} = Ce^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a solution.

Draw these trajectories on the axes below.

Also use your answers to Problem 5 to sketch phase portraits near each of the critical points.



**6b.** Let  $\vec{x}(t)$  be the solution which satisfies the initial condition  $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

What is  $\vec{x}'(0)$ ? What is  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}(t)$ ?

Sketch the trajectory of  $\vec{x}(t)$  on the axes provided.

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7a. Suppose an autonomous system of equations  $\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(x(t), y(t)) \\ y'(t) = g(x(t), y(t)) \end{cases}$

has the property that  $x f(x, y) + y g(x, y) < 0$  at every point except the origin.

Show that for every solution  $\begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$ , the quantity  $\|\vec{x}(t)\|^2 = [x(t)]^2 + [y(t)]^2$  is always decreasing.

7b. Explain why the origin must be a stable critical point,  
and why there cannot be any other critical points or limit cycles.

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8a. Suppose  $f(x)$  is represented by the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ .

Write out the power series representations for  $f'(x)$  and  $xf(x)$ .

8b. Find a power series solution for the differential equation  $f'(x) = xf(x)$ .

What is the pattern for the coefficients  $a_n$ ?

Do not solve the differential equation using other methods first – that would be cheating...



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9a. Suppose we wanted to rewrite the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x, & \text{if } |x| < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0, & \text{if } \frac{\pi}{2} \leq |x| \leq \pi \end{cases}$ , with  $f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$ ,

as the Fourier series  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$ .

Use the Euler-Fourier formulas to express each of the coefficients  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  as a definite integral, then evaluate  $a_0$  exactly.

9b. True or false:  $b_n = 0$  for every  $n$ .

If it is true, give a brief explanation why.

If it is false, find a specific value of  $n$  for which  $b_n \neq 0$ .

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10a. The *wave equation* 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0 \\ u(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0 \\ u(L, t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$
 has solutions in the form  $u_n(x, t) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)T_n(t)$ .

What differential equation must  $T_n(t)$  solve?

Based on this, what is the general form of the function  $T_n(t)$ ?

10b. If a function  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t)$  is a solution to the wave equation,  
what relationship exists between  $u(x, t + 2L)$  and  $u(x, t)$ ?