

**APPM 2360: Section exam 1**  
7.00pm – 8.30pm, February 11, 2009.

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**Problem 1:** (28 points) For this problem, give the answer only. No motivation is required. Each correct answer earns 4 points (no partial credits will be given).

- (a) Give the *general* solution to the equation  $y' = -ty^2$ .
- (b) Give a solution to the equation  $y' = -ty^2$  that satisfies  $y(0) = 7$ .
- (c) Identify the equilibrium points to the equation  $y' = y^3 - y$ .  
(You do not need to determine whether they are stable.)
- (d) Consider the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y' &= (1 + ty)y \\ y(0) &= 7. \end{cases}$$

Compute an approximation to  $y(1/2)$  by performing *one step* of the forwards Euler method (in other words, use the step size  $h = 1/2$ ).

- (e) Which of the following equations are both linear and homogeneous:
- (1)  $y'' + t^2 y = 0$
  - (2)  $y'' + t y^2 = 0$
  - (3)  $y' + 2y + 1 = 0$
  - (4)  $y' + 2y + t^2 = 0$ .
- (f) Determine all values of  $a$  for which Picard's theorem guarantees that the following initial value problem has at most one solution:

$$\begin{cases} y' &= t y^a \\ y(1) &= 0. \end{cases}$$

- (g) The equation

$$y' + 2y = 8t^3 + 2 \tag{1}$$

has the particular solution

$$y_p = 4t^3 - 6t^2 + 6t - 2$$

Find the solution  $y$  of equation (1) that satisfies  $y(0) = 2$ .

For question 2 — 4, motivate your answers. A correct answer with no work may receive no credit, while an incorrect answer with some correct work may result in partial credit.

**Problem 2:** (18 points) Consider the equation  $y' + ty = t$ .

- (a) (9 points) Construct the general solution.
- (b) (9 points) Construct the solution that satisfies  $y(1) = 2$ .

**Problem 3:** (18 points) Consider the equation

$$y' = y - \frac{y}{t} + \frac{1}{t}. \quad (2)$$

- (a) (9 points) Set  $z(t) = ty(t)$ . Construct a differential equation for  $z$  that is equivalent to equation (2).
- (b) (9 points) Construct the general solution to (2).

**Problem 4:** (18 points)

- (a) (6 points) A radioactive material, Dirtyum, is known to decay at a rate proportional to the amount present. It takes 2 years for 10 kg to decay down to 1 kg. Find  $A(t)$ , the amount of Dirtyum as a function of time, if there are 100 tons of Dirtyum at time  $t = 0$ .
- (b) (6 points) Initially ( $t = 0$ ), 100 tons of Dirtyum are deposited in an underground storage facility. In addition to this initial amount, more Dirtyum is dumped continuously in the facility at a rate totaling 5 tons per year. Write down a differential equation for  $A(t)$  and an initial equation describing this situation.
- (c) (6 points) Solve the differential equation in part (b) to find  $A(t)$  and find what is the amount of Dirtyum in the facility as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Note:* Your answers may contain unevaluated formulas (for instance, “as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , the amount of dirtyum will approach  $3 \cos(\log(4))$  tons”).

**Problem 5:** (18 points) For this problem, simply state the answer, no motivation is necessary. Consider the following first order ordinary differential equations:

$$(1) \quad y' = y + t^2, \quad (2) \quad y' = y^2, \quad (3) \quad y' = \sin(y),$$

$$(4) \quad y' = y^2 - 4, \quad (5) \quad y' = y^2 + 2y, \quad (6) \quad y' = 1/y^2.$$

- (a) (9 points) Match direction fields (A)—(D) to the above differential equations. (Note that there are more equations than direction fields, so two equations have no corresponding direction fields.)
- (b) (9 points) Identify the equilibria shown in **EACH GRAPH** and give their stability.

