

Box in your answer to each question. Please fold your exam into the test booklet.  
Good luck.

1. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x(x-2)^2.$$

You are not expected to solve this DE explicitly (nor should you), in order to answer the questions below.

- (a) Find the critical points of this DE

$x = 0, 2$  are the two c.p.'s; Only  $x = 0$  is stable.

- (b) Sketch the phase line for this DE

- (c) Determine the stability of the critical points

- (d) Carefully sketch the 4 solution curves  $x = x(t)$  for the initial conditions  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 2$ ,  $x(0) = 3$ ,  $x(0) = 4$ .

- (e) With the help of the phase line, and the solution curves above, determine the  $\lim x(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if  $x(0) = 3$ .

$$\lim x(t) = 2.$$

2. Solve the IVP

$$x'' + 4x' + 8x = 0; \quad x(0) = 0, x'(0) = 2$$

Char Poly  $(r^2 + 4r + 8) = 0$  has  $r = -2 \pm 2i$  as roots. So,  $x(t) = e^{-2t}(c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t)$ . IC's imply  $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 1$ , and thus  $x(t) = e^{-2t} \sin 2t$

3. Given the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -xy + y^2, y(0) = 1.$$

Use Euler's numerical algorithm with step size  $h = 0.1$  to estimate  $y(0.1)$  and  $y(0.2)$ .

$y(0.1) \approx y(0) + (0.1)f(0, 1) = 1 + (.1)1 = 1.1 = y_1$ , Since  $f(x_1, y_1) = f(.1, 1.1) = -.11 + 1.21 = 1.1$ , then  $y(0.2) \approx y_2 = y_1 + 0.1f(x_1, y_1) = 1.1 + (.1)1.1 = 1.21$ .

4. Suppose that the population  $P(t)$  (in millions) of a country satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP(200 - P)$$

with  $k$  constant. Its population in 1940 was 100 million and was then growing at a rate of 1 million per year. In which year will the population exceed 160 million?

At  $t = 0, P'(0) = 1 = kP(0)(200 - P(0)) = k10^4$ , giving  $k = 10^{-4}$ . Thus  $\frac{dP}{P(200-P)} = 10^{-4}dt$ . Since  $\frac{1}{P(200-P)} = (1/200)[\frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{200-P}]$ , we have  $(1/200)[\ln P - \ln(200 - P)] = 10^{-4}t + C$ . Setting  $P(0) = 100$ , yields  $C = 0$ . Solving for  $t = 50 \ln \frac{P}{200-P}$ . Thus  $P = 160$  when  $t = 50 \ln 4 \approx 69.14$ . Thus early in the year 2009, the population will exceed 160 million for the first time.

5. Consider the following differential equations for  $u(t)$  the displacement of a spring from its relaxed length at time  $t$ .

- (a) The unforced spring satisfies the homogenous DE

$$u'' + u' + 4u = 0$$

Find the solution for the unforced spring.

$$u = e^{-t/2}[c_1 \cos(\sqrt{15}t/2) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{15}t/2)]$$

- (b) A motor is turned on and drives the spring so that  $u$  satisfies

$$u'' + u' + 4u = \sin t$$

Verify that  $u_p(t) = (-1/10) \cos t + (3/10) \sin t$  is a particular solution to this forced spring system.

- (c) Write down the general solution to forced spring system

$$u'' + u' + 4u = \sin t.$$

$$u = e^{-t/2}[c_1 \cos(\sqrt{15}t/2) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{15}t/2)] - (1/10) \cos t + (3/10) \sin t$$