

MATH S3027 (SECTION 2)  
ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS - SUMMER 2019

PRACTICE FINAL

The exam is **170 minutes**. There are **100 points** in total. No additional material or calculators are allowed.

- Write your **name and UNI** clearly on your exam booklet.
- **Show your work** and reasoning, not just the final answer. Partial credit will be given for correct reasoning, even if the final answer is completely wrong.
- **Don't cheat!**
- Don't panic!

- (1) (10 points) State whether the following are true/false. No explanation necessary.
- Some first-order linear systems of ODEs have infinitely many critical points.
  - For continuous functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)g(t)\} = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}.$$

- Given a square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , there is only one change of basis matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  such that  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}$  is in Jordan normal form.
- For any square matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ ,

$$\exp(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \exp(\mathbf{A})\exp(\mathbf{B}).$$

- Every linear homogeneous second-order ODE with three regular singular points has a hypergeometric series solution, up to some change of variables.

- (2) Consider the first-order equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x + y + 1}{y + 1}.$$

- (5 points) Write an autonomous (non-homogeneous) linear  $2 \times 2$  first-order system associated to this equation, and explain the relationship between the system and the original equation.
- (10 points) Solve the system from part (a).
- (5 points) Draw the slope field of the original equation in a region around  $(0, 0)$ . (Hint: first understand the slope field of the *homogeneous* part of part (a), and then add on the non-homogeneous part.)

- (3) Consider the first-order equation

$$y' = \frac{1}{\alpha x + \beta y}.$$

- (5 points) For which  $\alpha, \beta$  is this equation exact? Separable? Linear?
- (5 points) Solve the equation for any non-zero  $\alpha, \beta$  using a change of variables to make it into a separable equation. (Leave your solution in implicit form.)

(4) Consider the second-order equation

$$x^2 y'' - 2e^x y = 0.$$

- (a) (7 points) Find all of its singular points (including possibly  $\infty$ ) and identify whether they are regular or irregular.
- (b) (5 points) For one of the singular points in part (a), explain the appropriate series ansatz in order to find a fundamental set of solutions around that point.
- (c) (8 points) For one of the singular points in part (a), explain why a series solution must exist and be analytic for all  $x$ . Find any series solution around that point up to  $O(x^3)$ .

(5) Consider the second-order IVP

$$y'' + 4y = \begin{cases} 0 & t < \pi \\ \cos(t) & t \geq \pi \end{cases}, \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

- (a) (8 points) Solve for  $y$  using forward and inverse Laplace transforms.
- (b) (7 points) Solve for  $y$  using impulse response and convolution.
- (c) (5 points) What is the steady-state behavior of  $y$ ? Can the final value theorem be applied?

(6) Consider the first-order system  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}$ , with

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) (5 points) Find all eigenvectors (and corresponding eigenvalues) of  $\mathbf{P}$ .
- (b) (5 points) Find its Jordan normal form  $\mathbf{D}$  and corresponding change of basis matrix  $\mathbf{S}$ , i.e. so that  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .
- (c) (5 points) For each critical point of the system, describe whether it is stable, asymptotically stable, or unstable. How do solutions behave as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?
- (d) (5 points) Compute the matrix exponential  $\exp(\mathbf{D}t)$ . Hence write down the general solution to the system of ODEs.

For more practice with Jordan normal form, repeat this problem with the matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$