



**MATH 2240**  
**Differential Equations 1**

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**FINAL EXAM**

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**Instructions:**

1. Read the whole exam before beginning.
2. Make sure you have all 9 pages.
3. Organization and neatness count.
4. Justify your answers.
5. Clearly show your work.
6. You may use the backs of pages for calculations.
7. You may use an approved calculator.

PROBLEM	GRADE	OUT OF
1		10
2		12
3		7
4		9
5		14
6		9
7		7
8		10
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>78</b>

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**Problem 1:** In fisheries management the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx(M - x) - h$$

is used to model a fish population  $x$  as a function of time  $t$ . The constants  $k$ ,  $M$  are positive; the constant  $h > 0$  is the *harvesting rate* at which fish are removed by fishing. Assume  $h < kM^2/4$ .

(a) Find the equilibrium solutions (expressed in terms of  $k$ ,  $M$  and  $h$ ).

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(b) Classify the equilibrium solutions in terms of stability.

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(c) Sketch typical solutions in the  $(t, x)$ -plane.

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(d) The model predicts that the fish population will go extinct if the initial population is less than  $x_{\min}$ . Find  $x_{\min}$  in terms of  $k$ ,  $M$  and  $h$ .

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(e) What happens if the harvesting rate is high, with  $h > hM^2/4$ ? Describe the qualitative solutions in this case. What are the implications for the fish population?

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/12 **Problem 2:** Solve the following first-order differential equations:

(a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6e^{2x-y}, \quad y(0) = 0$

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(b)  $x^3 + \frac{y}{x} + (y^2 + \ln x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

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(c)  $xy' = 2y + x^2 \cos x$

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/7 **Problem 3:** Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y^2, \quad y(0) = 0.$$

/2 (a) Explain why this is a difficult problem to solve analytically (i.e. exactly).

/5 (b) Use Euler's method with step size  $h = 0.2$  to approximate  $y(0.6)$ .

/9 **Problem 4:** Consider the second-order equation

$$x^2y'' - xy' + y = 0 \quad (x > 0).$$

/2 (a) Verify that  $y_1(x) = x$  and  $y_2(x) = x \ln x$  are solutions of this equation.

/2 (b) What is the general solution of this equation?

/5 (c) Using linear independence, carefully justify why your answer to (b) gives *every* possible solution of the given equation.

$\boxed{\phantom{000}}/14$  **Problem 5:** Solve the following:

(a)  $y'' + 9y = 2 \cos 3x + 3 \sin 3x$

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(b)  $y^{(4)} + 2y'' = 0.$

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(c)  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = f(x)$  (express your answer in terms of  $f(x)$ )

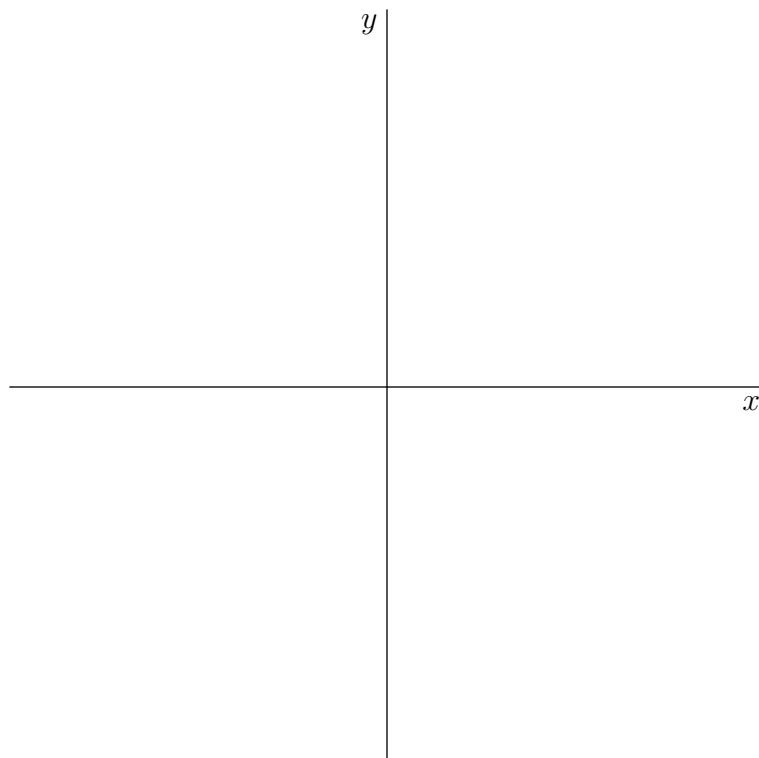
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/9 **Problem 6:** Consider the linear system  $\begin{cases} x' = 2x + 3y \\ y' = 2x + y \end{cases}$

/5 (a) Find the general solution of the system.

/2 (b) Find the solution that satisfies the initial conditions  $x(0) = 11$ ,  $y(0) = -1$ .

/2 (c) Sketch the phase portrait (qualitative solutions in the  $(x, y)$ -plane).



/7 **Problem 7:** Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -9 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

/4 (a) Use a matrix power series to show that  $e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 6t & 4t \\ -9t & 1 - 6t \end{bmatrix}$ .

/3 (b) Use the result from part (a) to solve the following initial value problem:

$$\begin{cases} x' = 6x + 4y & x(0) = 1 \\ y' = -9x - 6y & y(0) = 2 \end{cases}$$



/10 **Problem 8:** Consider the nonlinear system  $\begin{cases} x' = x - y \\ y' = 1 - x^2 \end{cases}$

(a) Find all the equilibria of the system and classify them according to type and stability.  
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(b) Sketch the phase portrait (qualitative solutions in the  $(x, y)$ -plane).  
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