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Exam in
Ordinary differential equations
7.5 hp
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9:00 to 16:00

Please read carefully the general instructions:

- This is an open book exam.
- In all your solutions show your reasoning and calculation, explaining carefully what you are doing. Justify your answers.
- Use natural language, not just mathematical symbols.
- Use clear and legible writing. Write preferably with a ball-pen or a pen (black or dark blue ink).
- Upload the exam on the course page before 16 o'clock
- A maximum score of 100 points can be achieved. A score of at least 50 points will ensure a pass grade if item 0 is completed.

GOOD LUCK!

0. **Mandatory, but gives no points.**

The PDF document that contains your home exam should start by you writing the following sentence:

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1. **Systems of differential equations** (20 points)

Find the general solution of the system of differential equations

$$X' = AX$$

where A is the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 7 & -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. **Higher order differential equations** (20 points)

Solve the differential equation

$$f''(x) - f'(x) - 2f(x) = 6xe^{-x}$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = -\frac{2}{3}.$$

3. **Power series method** (20 points)

Solve the following differential equation by means of the power series method and express its solution as an elementary function.

$$-x(x+1)^2 f'(x) + (x+1)^2 f(x) = x^2$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

4. **Autonomous systems of differential equations** (20 points)

For the following autonomous system, find all equilibrium points and determine whether they are asymptotically stable, stable or unstable

$$\begin{cases} x' = \sin x \cdot \cos y \\ y' = x + y \end{cases}$$

5. **Boundary value problems** (20 points)

Consider the differential equation

$$u'' - 2xu' + 2nu = 0 \tag{*}$$

for a parameter $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) Rewrite the differential equation in Sturm-Liouville form.

(b) Find a solution H_0 for the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - 2xu' &= 0, \\ H'_0(0) = 0 &= H'_0(1). \end{aligned}$$

(c) Show that if H_n is a solution of (*) for the parameters n , then there is a solution H_{n-1} for the parameter $n-1$ that satisfies $H'_n = nH_{n-1}$.

(d) Use the statement of the previous item to find solutions H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4 for the differential equation (*) with parameters $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$.