

## Differential Equations and Linear Algebra 2250

Midterm Exam 1a

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**Instructions:** This in-class exam is 50 minutes. No calculators, notes, tables or books. No answer check is expected. Details count 3/4, answers count 1/4.

## 4. (Linear Equations)

(a) [50%] Solve the linear model. Show all integrating factor steps.

$$\begin{cases} 4x'(t) = -128 + \frac{16}{2t+1}x(t), \\ x(0) = 16 \end{cases}$$

(b) [20%] Solve the homogeneous equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} - (2x+1)y = 0$ .(c) [30%] Solve  $17\frac{dy}{dx} + 34y = \frac{5}{2}$  using the superposition principle  $y = y_h + y_p$ . Expected are answers for  $y_h$  and  $y_p$ .

(a)  $x' - \frac{4}{2t+1}x = -\frac{128}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{(xw)'}{w} = -32 \Rightarrow xw = c - 32 \int w dt$   
 $w = e^{\int p dt} = e^{-2 \ln |2t+1| + c}$ , choose  $w = (2t+1)^{-2}$ , then  
 $xw = c - 32 \cdot \frac{(2t+1)^{-1}}{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow xw = c + 16(2t+1)^{-1} \Rightarrow$   
 $x(2t+1)^{-2} = c + 16(2t+1)^{-1} \Rightarrow x(t) = c(2t+1)^2 + 32t + 16$   
 Then  $x(0) = 16 \Leftrightarrow 16 = c + 16$  implies  $c = 0$  and  $x(t) = 32t + 16$

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(b) The answer is:  $y = \frac{\text{constant}}{\text{integrating factor}} = \frac{c}{e^{-\int (2x+1) dx}} = \frac{c}{e^{-x^2-x}}$

(c) Select  $y_p$ :  $0 + 34y = \frac{5}{2}$  or  $y_p = \frac{5}{(34)(2)}$

Solve for  $y_h = \frac{c}{\text{integr. factor}}$

$$y_h = \frac{c}{e^{\int p dx}} = \frac{c}{e^{2x}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} y_h = c e^{-2x} \\ y = y_h + y_p \end{cases}$$

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5. (Stability)

(a) [50%] Draw a phase line diagram for the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \cosh(x) (2 - |2x - 4|)^3 (2 + x)(x^2 - 4)(1 - x^2)^3.$$

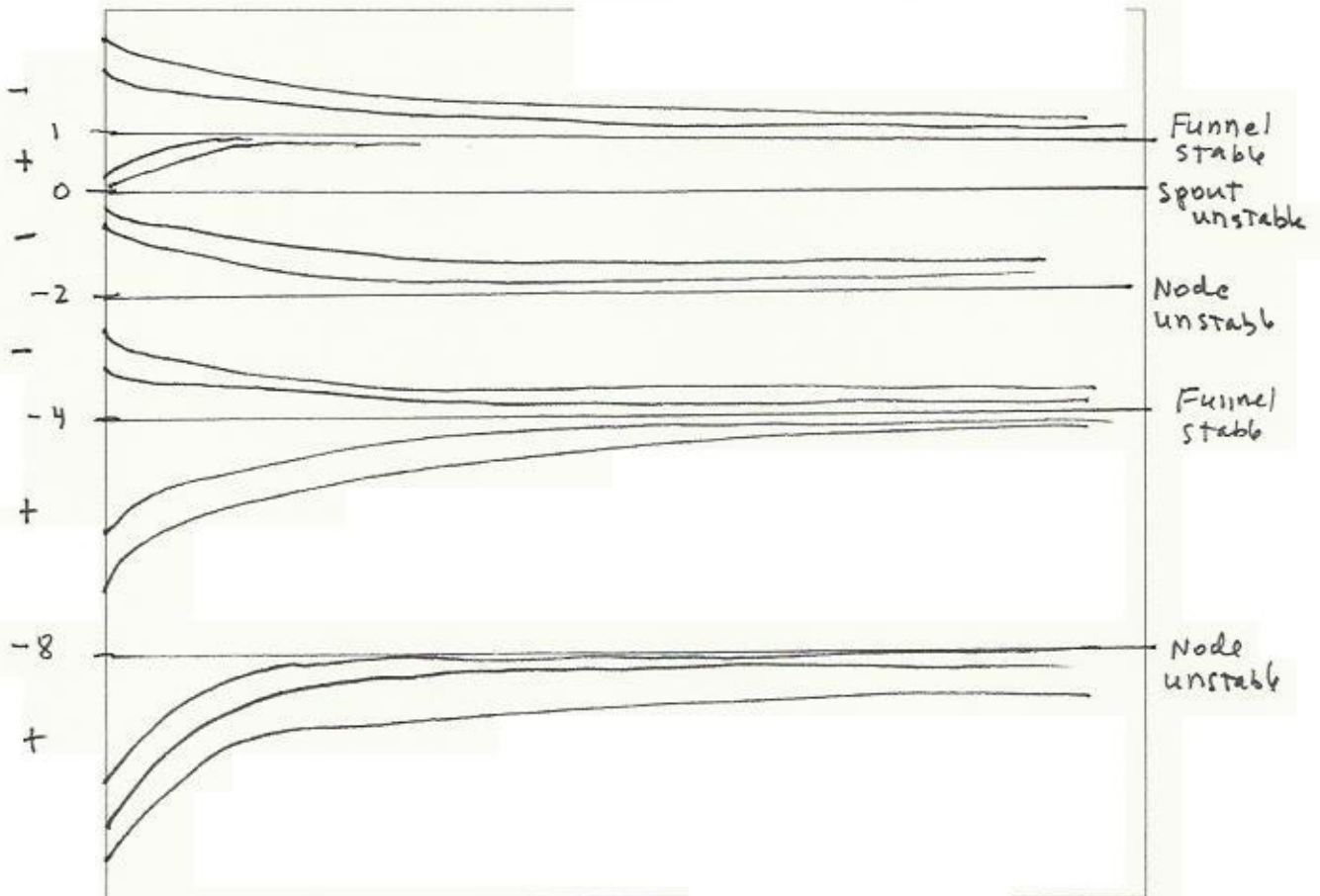
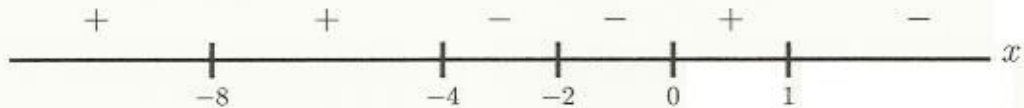
Expected in the phase line diagram are equilibrium points and signs of  $dx/dt$ . Definition.

$$\cosh(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}$$

$\cosh(x) > 0$  for all  $x$ ;  $2 - |2x - 4| = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x - 4 = \pm 2 \Leftrightarrow x = 3$  or  $x = 1$   
 Other roots are  $x = -2, -2, 2, 1, -1$ . Zero is not a root. There are 5 roots.



(b) [50%] Assume an autonomous equation  $x'(t) = f(x(t))$ . Draw a phase diagram with at least 12 threaded curves, using the phase line diagram given below. Add these labels as appropriate: **funnel**, **spout**, **node** [neither spout nor funnel], **stable**, **unstable**.



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