

Unless stated otherwise each answer must be clearly motivated.  
You may use a simple calculator (which actually you won't need).

The (maximum) scores: exc.1: 6 pt; exc.2: 7 pt; exc.3: 7 pt; exc.4: 10 pt; exc.5: 10 pt.

1. a. Find the Laplace transform of the function  $g(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 2 \\ 5-t, & \text{if } 2 \leq t \leq 4 \\ 1, & \text{if } t \geq 4 \end{cases}$
- b. Use the Laplace transform to find the solution of the initial value problem  $y''(t) + 4y'(t) + 4y(t) = 2te^{-2t}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = -4$ .

2. a. Find the (real) eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- b. Find bases for each eigenvalue and check whether  $A$  is diagonalizable.

- c. For this question check your answer.

(More than one calculation error means: Zero points!)

- Find the value of the determinant of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

3. The matrix  $A$  is given by  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- a. Find the general (real) solution of the system of differential equations  $x'(t) = Ax(t)$ .

- b. Find the solution that passes through the point  $(5, 0)$  at time  $t = 0$ .

Write the solution in the form  $\begin{cases} x_1(t) = \dots \\ x_2(t) = \dots \end{cases}$

Give a sketch of this solution in the phase plane.

4. Consider the system of differential equations  $\begin{cases} x' = (x^2 - 1)y \\ y' = x(2 - y) \end{cases}$

- a. Find the stationary points.

- b. Determine the local behaviour of the solutions around these stationary points (i.e. classify them as nodes, spiral points etc.) by considering the linearizations.

- c. Find out if there are solution curves  $x = \text{constant}$  or  $y = \text{constant}$ .

- d. Sketch a phase portrait that is consistent with the properties found in the first three parts of the question.

- e. Find an explicit solution for the system starting from the initial value  $(0, 2)$ . (Note that this has to do with one of the cases found in part b!) Check (and explain) that this solution is consistent with your phase portrait.

5. Consider the following partial differential equation with boundary values:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \frac{1}{25}u_{xx}, \\ u_x(0, t) = 0, u_x(10, t) = 0, \text{ for } t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = g(x), \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

in the domain  $D: 0 \leq x \leq 10, 0 \leq t$ .

Interpretation:  $u$  is the temperature of a rod of length 10 that is insulated at the endpoints. (Note that  $u_x$  denotes the derivative with respect to  $x$ .)

- a. Using the method of separation of variables (so no ready made solutions!) find the solution of the above initial value problem.

- b. Find the explicit solution in case the function  $g$  is given by  $g(x) = \frac{1}{10}(\cos(\pi x) - \cos(2\pi x))$ .

- c. Give a set of 'basic' solutions  $u_n(x, t)$  if the boundary condition at  $x = 10$  is altered to  $u(10, t) = 0$ ,

i.e. non-trivial solutions for  $\begin{cases} u_t = \frac{1}{25}u_{xx}, \\ u_x(0, t) = 0, u(10, t) = 0, \text{ for } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$

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Solutions

1a First put  $g(t)$  in a suitable (standard) form:

$$g(t) = (5-t) \cdot (u_2(t) - u_4(t)) + u_4(t) = 5u_2(t) - (t-2)u_2(t) + (t-4)u_4(t).$$

The L-transform then becomes  $G(s) = 3 \frac{e^{-2s}}{s} - \frac{e^{-2s}}{s^2} + \frac{e^{-4s}}{s^2}$ .

1b Laplace transform (taking into account  $s^2 + 4s + 4 = (s+2)^2$ ):

$$s^2 Y(s) - s - (-4) + 4(sY(s) - 1) + 4Y(s) = \frac{2}{(s+2)^2} \iff Y(s) = \frac{s}{(s+2)^2} + \frac{2}{(s+2)^4}.$$

Now  $\frac{s}{(s+2)^2} = \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2} - \frac{2}{(s+2)^2} = \frac{1}{s+2} - \frac{2}{(s+2)^2} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} e^{-2t} - 2te^{-2t}$ ,

and  $\frac{2}{(s+2)^4} = \frac{1}{3!} \frac{2 \cdot 3!}{(s+2)^4} = \frac{1}{3} t^3 e^{-2t}$ ,

which gives the final answer  $y(t) = e^{-2t} - 2te^{-2t} + \frac{1}{3} t^3 e^{-2t}$ .

(1/2) als Folge zu nehmen  
bzw.  $\frac{1}{(s+2)^4}$

2a  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \dots = (2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) = (\lambda - 2)^2(\lambda - 1)^2$  so  $A$  has two eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , both with algebraic multiplicity 2.

2b To find the eigenvectors for  $\lambda = 2$ :

the null space of  $(A - 2I) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has dimension 2, so

eigenvalue 2 has algebraic multiplicity 2

and geometric multiplicity 2. A (possible) basis of eigenvectors:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Likewise,  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of eigenvectors for  $\lambda = 1$ .

The two bases put together give a basis of eigenvectors for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , so  $A$  is diagonalizable.

2c

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \dots = 5$$

0, 1 or 2



3a First: eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A:

$$\text{Det}(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -4 - \lambda & -3 \\ 6 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-4 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - (-3) \cdot 6 = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 10 = (\lambda + 1)^2 + 9$$

Has zeros (= eigenvalues)  $\lambda_{1,2} = -1 \pm 3i$ . (1/2)

The eigenvectors for  $\lambda = -1 + 3i$ :

$$\text{the null space of } A - (-1 + 3i)I = \begin{bmatrix} -3 - 3i & -3 \\ 6 & 3 - 3i \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 + i & 1 \\ 2 & 1 - i \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 + i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix};$$

An eigenvector:  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 + i \end{bmatrix}$ . (1/2)

The complex solution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}e^{(-1+3i)t} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 + i \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}(\cos 3t + i \sin 3t) \\ &= e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -\cos 3t \\ \cos 3t - \sin 3t \end{bmatrix} + ie^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin 3t \\ \cos 3t + \sin 3t \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1/2)$$

leads to the real solution

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = C_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -\cos 3t \\ \cos 3t - \sin 3t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin 3t \\ \cos 3t + \sin 3t \end{bmatrix} \quad (1/2)$$

3b To get a solution for which  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

we have to solve  $C_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $C_1, C_2$ . (1/2)

This is easily done and gives  $C_1 = -5, C_2 = 5$ , so that the answer becomes

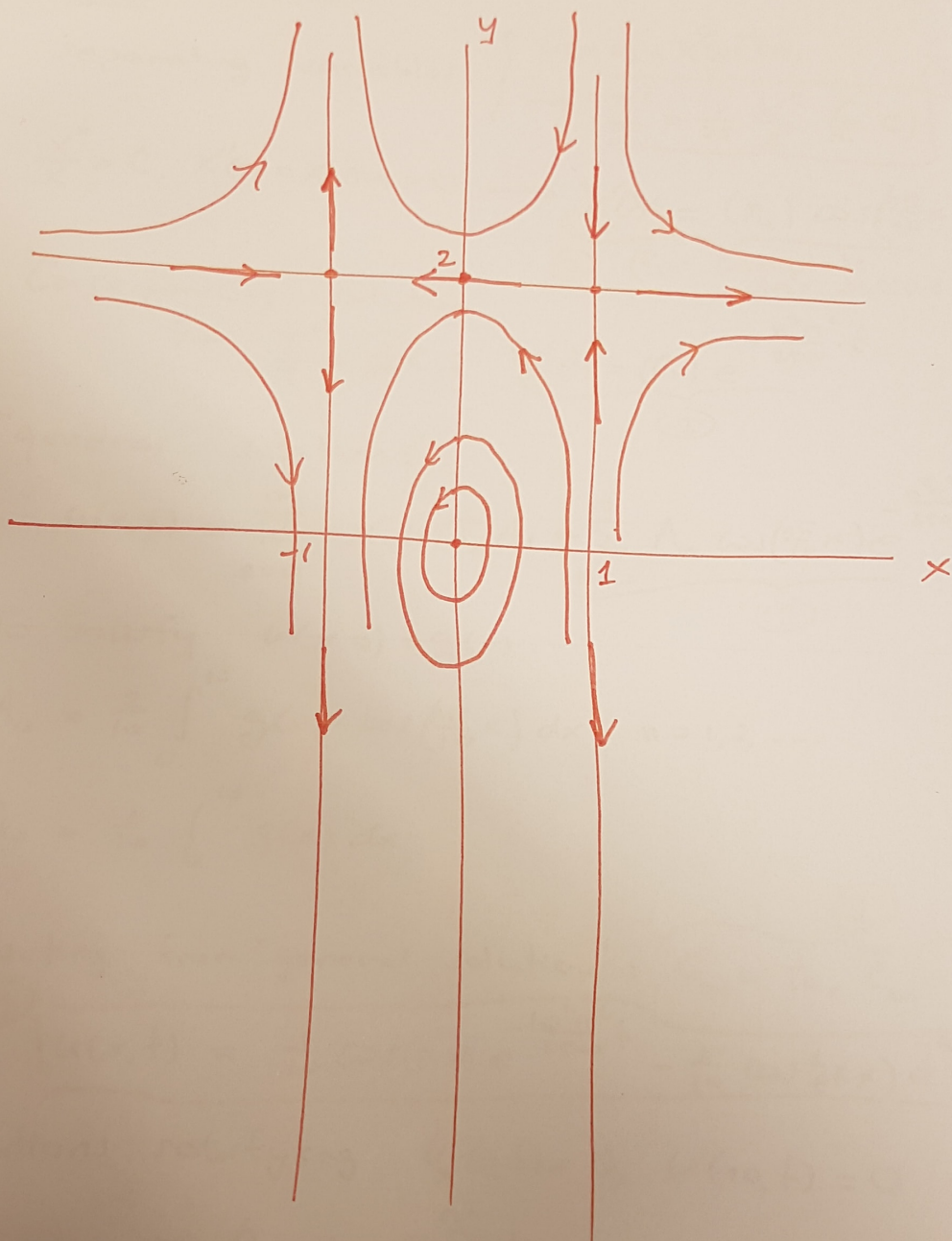
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t) &= (-5)\mathbf{x}_1(t) + 5\mathbf{x}_2(t) \\ &= \dots = 5e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 3t - \sin 3t \\ 2 \sin 3t \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1/2)$$

That is:  $\begin{cases} x_1(t) = 5e^{-t}(\cos 3t - \sin 3t) \\ x_2(t) = 10e^{-t} \sin 3t. \end{cases}$  (1/2)

The origin is a stable spiral point, + picture: (1)

and since at the point  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  the derivative (= direction of the solution curve) is given by

$\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , the solution spirals around the origin counter clockwise.





4a We have to solve  $\begin{cases} (x^2 - 1)y = 0 \\ x(2 - y) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = 2$ .  
 For  $x = 0$ , the first equation gives  $y = 0$ , and for  $y = 2$  you get the correspond values  $x = \pm 1$ .  
 So there are three stationary points:  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(-1, 2)$  and  $(1, 2)$ .

4b The Jacobian matrix:  $J(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2xy & x^2 - 1 \\ 2 - y & -x \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 $J(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has characteristic polynomial  $\lambda^2 + 2$ , which gives eigenvalues  $\pm i\sqrt{2}$ .

So the linearized system has a center at the origin, and for the non-linear system  $(0, 0)$  is either a center or a (stable or unstable) spiral point.

$J(-1, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues  $-4$  and  $1$ , so  $(-1, 2)$  is a saddle point.

$J(1, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues  $4$  and  $-1$ , so  $(1, 2)$  is also a saddle point.

Furthermore, given the simple form of the last two matrices it is clear that for the linearization around  $(-1, 2)$ , an eigenvector for  $\lambda = -4$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 1$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Likewise, around  $(1, 2)$ , the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  belongs to the positive eigenvalue and the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  to the negative eigenvalue.

4c  $x = -1, x = 1, y = 2$

4d  $1 \pm$

4e If  $y = 2$ , then  $y' = 0$ , so  $y$  is constant, namely  $y = 2$ .  
 The corresponding DE for  $x$ :  $x' = (x^2 - 1) \cdot 2$ , a separable differential equation.  
 I separate the variables and integrate:

$$\frac{1}{x^2 - 1} \frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} dx = \int \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x - 1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x + 1} dx = \int 2 dt \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \left| \frac{x - 1}{x + 1} \right| = 2t + C.$$

Plugging in the initial value  $x(0) = 0$  gives  $C = \ln 1 = 0$ .

Lastly: rewrite the implicit solution  $\ln \left| \frac{x - 1}{x + 1} \right| = 2t$ . Note that since we start with  $x$  between  $-1$  and  $1$ , the absolute value of  $\frac{x - 1}{x + 1}$  equals  $\frac{1 - x}{x + 1}$

$$\left| \frac{x - 1}{x + 1} \right| = e^{2t} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1 - x}{x + 1} = e^{2t} \Leftrightarrow 1 - x = (1 + x)e^{2t} = e^{2t} + e^{2t}x \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (e^{2t} + 1)x = 1 - e^{2t} \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1 - e^{2t}}{e^{2t} + 1}.$$

So  $x$  takes on values between  $0$  and  $-1$ , and if  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x \rightarrow -1$ , which means that the solution curve converges to the stationary point  $(-1, 2)$ , which is consistent with the saddle point we found there earlier.

(= BONUS POINT)



5] (short) solution

separating variables: 
$$u(x,t) = X(x)T(t) \quad (1)$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{T'}{T} = \frac{1}{25} \frac{X''}{X} (= c)$$

$$\frac{X''}{X} = c, \quad X'(0) = X'(10) = 0 \rightarrow X_n(x) = (A_n) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{10}x\right)$$

(2) (for complete derivation)

Corresponding solution

for  $\frac{T'}{T} = \frac{1}{25} c$ :  $T_n(t) = (C_n) e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2500} t}$

(1)

"general" solution:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X_n(x) T_n(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{10}x\right) e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2500} t} \quad (1)$$

To satisfy  $u(x,0) = g(x)$ :

$$(1) \begin{cases} A_n = \frac{2}{10} \int_0^{10} g(x) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{10}x\right) dx, \quad n=1,2,\dots \\ A_0 = \frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} g(x) dx \end{cases}$$

b] starting from "general solution":  $C_{10} = \frac{1}{10}, C_{20} = \frac{-1}{10}$  (1)

so  $(1) \quad u(x,t) = \frac{1}{10} \cos(\pi x) e^{-\frac{10^2 \pi^2}{2500} t} - \frac{1}{10} \cos(2\pi x) e^{-\frac{20^2 \pi^2}{2500} t}$

c] solutions satisfying  $u_x(0,t) = 0, u(10,t) = 0$ :

$$u_n(x,t) = \cos(\lambda_n x) \cdot e^{-\frac{\lambda_n^2}{25} t}, \quad \lambda_n = \frac{n + \frac{1}{2}\pi}{10} \quad (2)$$