

For all problems, *SHOW ALL OF YOUR WORK*. While partial credit will be given, partial solutions that could be obtained directly from a calculator or a guess are worth no points. Continue your work on the back of the page or extra sheet at the end of the exam if you need additional space. *You do not need but may use the normal graphing calculator functions of any graphing calculator, but NOT any differential equations functionality it may have.* If you need to borrow a graphing calculator, ask me.

1. Solve each of the following differential equations to obtain a general solution or, where possible, a particular one. If possible, give an explicit solution.

a.  $2y' = \frac{1}{x}y - 4x^2$ ,  $y(1) = -1$  (8 points)

b.  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$  (8 points)

c.  $xy \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - x^2y^2$  (8 points)

d.  $2y'' + 8y' + 8y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 3$  (8 points)

2. A passing tortoise is heard to assert that  $y_1 = x^2(1 - x)^{-1}$  and  $y_2 \equiv 0$  are both solutions to the differential equation

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y + 2x}{x^2}$$

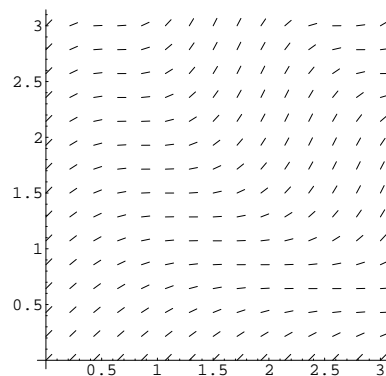
with initial condition  $y(1) = 0$ .

- a. Is the tortoise correct? (6 points)

- b. How is this related to the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem for first-order ordinary differential equations? (8 points)

3. The direction field for a differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  is shown to the right.

- a. Sketch a solution that goes through  $y(0.5) = 1.0$ . (3 points)  
 b. How many solution curves go through the point  $(0.5, 1.0)$ ?  
 How do you know? (3 points)



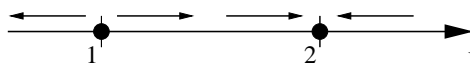
- c. For the solution you drew, what are the approximate values of  $y(0)$  and  $y(3)$ ? (3 points)

4. An alert student notes that her initially stationary professor has an initial acceleration of  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Air resistance, however, results in a retardation of this acceleration which is proportional to the professor's speed.
- a. Write an initial value problem modeling this. (6 points)

b. What can you say about the professor's motion without solving the differential equation? (3 points)

- c. Solve your initial value problem. What additional data do you need to be able to obtain an explicit solution? (6 points)

5. Write a differential equation that could result in the following phase diagram. Explain briefly why you choose the equation you do. (8 points)



- a. What are the equilibrium solutions of this differential equation? Which are stable? (4 points)

6. Euler’s method, Improved Euler’s method, and Runge-Kutta are used to solve a differential equation  $y'(x) = f(x, y(x))$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ . Some of the resulting points are given in the following table. The cumulative error for each method at  $x = 0.4$  is then given.

<i>Method</i>	$x =$	0	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4
1.	$y \approx$	1	1.0487		1.1377	1.1776	1.2143	1.2476		1.3044
2.	$y \approx$	1		1.0974	1.1419		1.2217	1.2566	1.2882	1.3164
3.	$y \approx$	1	1.0487	1.0947			1.2144	1.2477	1.2778	1.3045
	<i>Method</i>	1			2		3			
	<i>Error</i>	0.0001260			0.01192		$1.700 \times 10^{-6}$			

- a. What is the step size  $h$ ? (2 points)
- b. Identify which method is which by filling in the first column of the table. (How do you know?) (4 points)
- c. Fill in the missing values in the Euler’s method row, if the differential equation being solved is  $y' = 1 - \sin(xy)$ . Be sure it is clear how you obtain your result. (6 points)
- d. Suppose that we recalculated the values in the table with  $h = 0.2$ . What would you expect the error at  $x = 0.4$  to be for the Euler’s method calculation? For the Improved Euler’s method? Why? (6 points)