

**18.034 Midterm #2, Sample TF Questions**  
The exam is Wed. 04/18/07, 1:00-1:55pm,

1. Consider the differential equation  $y^n + a_1y^{n-1} + \dots + a_ny = e^{-x}$ . If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are all positive, then every solution tend to zero as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
2. Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$  be three solution of  $y''' + ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ . If  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) = 2e^{3x}$ , then every solution is expressed uniquely as  $c_1\phi_1(x) + c_2\phi_2(x) + c_3\phi_3(x)$ .
3.  $\mathcal{L}[e^{t^2}](s)$  exists for  $s > 0$ .
4.  $\mathcal{L}[t^k](s)$  exists for all  $k$ .
5. Let  $y(t)$  be the solution of the initial value problem  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = u_0(t)$  with  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ . (Here,  $u_0(t)$  is the unit step function.) Then,  $\mathcal{L}[y](s) = 1/(s^2 + 2s + s)$ .
6.  $f(x, y) = x^2|y|$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition on the rectangle  $|x| \leq 1, |y| \leq 1$ .
7.  $f(x, y) = xy^2$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition on the strip  $|x| \leq 1, |y| < \infty$ .
8.  $f(\mathbf{x}) = |\mathbf{x}|$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition on  $|\mathbf{x}| \leq 1$ .
9. If  $f(x, y)$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition on a closed bounded domain, then so does  $f^2(x, y)$ .
10. Given  $L[y] = y^{(n)} + a_1y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_ny$  such that  $|a_j| \leq b_j$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , let  $\phi$  is a solution of  $L[y] = 0$  on  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then,  $|\phi(x)| \leq |\phi(0)|e^{(1+b_1+b_2+\dots+b_n)}$ .
11.  $f * 1 = f$ .
12.  $f * g = g * f$ .
13. The system of differential equations
 
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax + by, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = cx + dy$$
 has only one critical point.
14. The system
 
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 4x - y, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x + y$$
 has two solutions  $x = e^{3t}, y = e^{3t}$  and  $x = e^{2t}, y = e^t$ .
15. If  $|f(t, x)| \leq K$  for all  $-\infty < t, x < \infty$  then the solution  $x(t)$  of the initial value problem  $x' = f(t, x), x(0) = 0$  exists for all  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .
16. The sequence of Picard approximations of the initial value problem  $x' = t^2 + x^2, x(0) = 0$  converges for all  $t$ .
17. The sequence of Picard approximations of the initial value problem  $x' = x(1 - 2t), x(0) = 1$  converges for all  $t$ .
18.  $x(t) = 1$  is the only solution of the initial value problem  $x' = t\sqrt{1 - x^2}, x(0) = 1$ .
19.  $x(t) = -1$  is the only solution of the initial value problem  $x' = t(1 + x), x(0) = -1$ .
20. If  $F(t, x)$  and  $\partial F/\partial x$  are continuous in the rectangle  $|t| \leq 1, |x| \leq 1$ , then two solutions  $y' = F(t, y)$  and  $z' = F(t, z)$  satisfy  $|y(t) - z(t)| \leq |y(0) - z(0)|e^{M|t|}$  for some  $M > 0$ .

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