

This exam consists of 12+1 problems (one additional problem is for extra credits, and can be skipped). Each problem has a maximal score of 6p, and 72p (12 solved problems) is marked as 100% score.

**You must give reasons for your answers. Precision and clarity will be emphasized when evaluating your answers.**

QUESTION 1.

We consider the quadratic form  $f$  given by  $f(x, y, z, w) = x^2 + y^2 + 9z^2 + 4w^2 + 6yz - 4yw - 12zw$ .

- (a) **(6p)** Find the symmetric matrix  $A$  of the quadratic form  $f$ , and compute the rank of  $A$ .
- (b) **(6p)** Determine the definiteness of the quadratic form  $f$ .
- (c) **(6p)** Find two vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  such that  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$  is the set of solutions of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

QUESTION 2.

Find the general solutions of the following differential equations:

- (a) **(6p)**  $y' - 2y = e^t$
- (b) **(6p)**  $3t^2 - y - ty' = 0$

Find all equilibrium states of the following differential equation, and determine their stability. Are any of the equilibrium states globally asymptotically stable?

- (c) **(6p)**  $y' = 2y(3 - y)$

QUESTION 3.

Let  $u$  be the function given by  $u(x, y, z) = 1 + x^2 + 5y^2 + 8z^2 + 4xy - 2yz$ , and consider the composite function  $f(x, y, z) = \ln(u)/u^2$  with  $u = u(x, y, z)$ .

- (a) **(6p)** Find the minimal value of  $u = u(x, y, z)$ , if it exists.
- (b) **(6p)** Compute the first order partial derivatives of  $f = f(x, y, z)$ .
- (c) **(6p)** Determine the maximum and minimum values of  $f$ .

QUESTION 4.

We consider the following Kuhn-Tucker problem:

$$\max f(x, y) = x^2y^2 \text{ subject to } x^2 + y^2 + x^2y^2 \leq 3$$

- (a) **(6p)** Write down all Kuhn-Tucker conditions for this problem.
- (b) **(6p)** Find all points  $(x, y; \lambda)$  with  $x, y \neq 0$  that satisfy the Kuhn-Tucker conditions.
- (c) **(6p)** Show that the Kuhn-Tucker problem has a maximum, and find the maximum value.

QUESTION 5.

**Extra credit (6p)** Find the general solution of following system of differential equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$