

# GRA 60353

## Mathematics

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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 matrix  $A$  given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 8 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) **(6p)** Compute the rank of  $A$ . How many free variables does  $A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  have?
- (b) **(6p)** Find  $\text{Null}(A)$ , and determine its dimension.
- (c) **(6p)** Determine the definiteness of  $A$ .

QUESTION 2.

- (a) **(6p)** Find the general solution of the differential equation  $y'' - 12y' + 20y = 3e^{-t}$ .
- (b) **(6p)** Find the general solution of the following system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= 3y_1 + 4y_2 \\ y_2' &= 4y_1 - 3y_2 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) **(6p)** Find the equilibrium states of the autonomous differential equation  $y' = 0.15y(1 - y/200)$  and determine their stability. Are any of the equilibrium states globally asymptotically stable?

QUESTION 3.

We consider the function  $f(x, y, z) = 16 - x^4 - 2x^2 - 3y^2 + 6xz - 6z^2 + 10z$ .

- (a) **(6p)** Find all stationary points of  $f$  with  $x = 1$ .
- (b) **(6p)** Show that  $f$  has a global maximum point, and find the maximal value of  $f$ .
- (c) **(6p)** Use the envelope theorem to estimate  $\max(16 - x^4 - 2x^2 - 3y^2 + 6xz - 6z^2 + 10z)$ .

QUESTION 4.

We consider the Kuhn-Tucker problem

$$\max f(x, y, z) = 3x^2 - y^2 - 2z^2 \text{ subject to } 2x^4 + 2y^4 + z^4 \leq 18$$

- (a) **(6p)** Write down the Kuhn-Tucker conditions for this problem.
- (b) **(6p)** Find all points  $(x, y, z; \lambda)$  that satisfy the Kuhn-Tucker conditions.
- (c) **(6p)** Show that the best candidate points from (b) are the maximum points, and use this to determine the maximum value.

QUESTION 5.

**Extra credit (6p)** Solve the logistic differential equation  $y' = 0.15y(1 - y/200)$ , and determine the time it takes for the system to reach 90% of the carrying capacity when  $y_0 = 50$ .