**Disclaimer**

**General Information:**
This is a midterm from a previous semester. This means:

- This midterm contains problems that are of similar, but not identical, difficulty to those that will be asked on the actual midterm.
- The format of this exam will be similar, but not identical to this midterm.
- This midterm is of similar length to the actual exam.
- Note that there are concepts covered this semester that do NOT appear on this midterm. This does not mean that these concepts will not appear on the actual exam! Remember, this midterm is only a sample of what could be asked, not what will be asked!

**How to take this exam:**
You should treat this midterm should be as the actual exam. This means:

- “Practice like you play.” Schedule 55 uninterrupted minutes to take the sample exam and write answers as you would on the real exam; include appropriate justification, calculation, and notation!
- Do not refer to your books, notes, worksheets, or any other resources.
- You should not need (and thus, should not use) a calculator or other technology to help answer any questions that follow.

However, in your future professions, you will need to use mathematics to solve many different types of problems. As such, part of the goal of this course is:

- to develop your ability to understand the broader mathematical concepts (not to encourage you just to memorize formulas and procedures!)
- to apply mathematical tools in unfamiliar situations (Indeed, tools are only useful if you know when to use them!)

There have been questions in your online homework and projects with this intent, and there will be a problem on your midterm that will require you to apply the material in an unfamiliar setting.

**How to use the solutions:**

**DO NOT JUST READ THE SOLUTIONS!!!**

The least important aspect of the solutions is learning the steps necessary to solve a specific problem. You should be looking for the concepts required to provide solutions. Content may not be recycled, but concepts will be!

- Work each of the problems on this exam before you look at the solutions!
- After you have worked the exam, check your work against the solutions. If you are miss a type of question on this midterm, practice other types of problems like it on the worksheets!
- If there is a step in the solutions that you cannot understand, please talk to your TA or lecturer!
Instructions

- You have **55 minutes** to complete this exam. It consists of 6 problems on 12 pages including this cover sheet. Page 11 has possibly helpful formulas and may also be used for extra workspace.

- If you wish to have any work on the extra workspace pages considered for credit, indicate in the problem that there is additional work on the extra workspace pages and **clearly label** to which problem the work belongs on the extra pages.

- The value for each question is both listed below and indicated in each problem.

- Please write clearly and make sure to **justify your answers** and **show all work**! Correct answers with no supporting work may receive no credit.

- You may not use any books or notes during this exam

- Calculators are NOT permitted. In addition, neither PDAs, laptops, nor cell phones are permitted.

- Make sure to read each question carefully.

- Please **CIRCLE** your final answers in each problem.

- A random sample of graded exams will be copied prior to being returned.

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1. **Multiple Choice** [16 pts]

Circle the response that best answers each question. Each question is worth 4 points. There is no penalty for guessing and no partial credit.

I. Which of the following is the direction field for the differential equation \( \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{y} \)?

II. Given that \( \ln(1 - x) = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k} \), find the fourth degree Taylor polynomial centered at \( x = 0 \) for \( \ln(1 + 2x) \).

   A. \( p_4(x) = -2x - 2x^2 - \frac{8}{3}x^3 - 4x^4 \)
   B. \( p_4(x) = 2x - 2x^2 + \frac{8}{3}x^3 - 4x^4 \)
   C. \( p_4(x) = -2x - x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 \)
   D. \( p_4(x) = 2x - x^2 + \frac{2}{3} + x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 \)
   E. None of the above
III. The curve $C$ described by the polar equation $r = \sin(2\theta)$ is shown below:

Which of the following represents the point on the curve when $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$?

A. $P_1$  B. $P_2$  C. $P_3$  D. $P_4$

E. More than one of these  F. None of these

IV. Suppose $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x - 1)^k$ diverges when $x = -2$. Then:

A. $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$ must converge.  B. $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$ must diverge.

C. $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$ could converge or diverge.  D. None of the above.
2. **Short Answer** [20 pts]

Answer each of the following questions and justify your responses unless otherwise requested.

I. [6 pts] Find all values of $a > 0$ and a value for $C$ such that $y(t) = C \cos(at)$ is a solution to the initial value problem:

\[
\begin{aligned}
\ y''(t) + 4y(t) &= 0 \\
\ y(0) &= 3, \quad y'(0) = 0
\end{aligned}
\]

II. [4 pts] CIRCLE the correct response to each question. NO justification is necessary!

Differentiating a power series ________ change the radius of convergence.

MUST \hspace{2cm} COULD \hspace{2cm} DOES NOT

Differentiating a power series ________ change the interval of convergence.

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III. [4 pts] Find all values of $a$ such that the curve $C$ described by the polar equation $r(\theta) = a - 3\cos \theta$ passes through the origin in the $xy$-plane.

IV. [6 pts] The curve $C$ is described parametrically by:

\[
\begin{align*}
  x(t) &= 1 - t^2 \\
  y(t) &= t^4, & t \geq 0
\end{align*}
\]

Eliminate the parameter to find a description in terms of $x$ and $y$ only. Sketch the curve and indicate the positive orientation on your sketch.
3. [14 pts] A curve is described parametrically by:

\[
\begin{align*}
  x(t) &= t^2 + 2t + 2 \\
  y(t) &= 4t + 1
\end{align*}
\]

for all \( t \) where \( x(t) \) and \( y(t) \) are well-defined.

I. Find \( \frac{dy}{dx} \) in terms of \( t \). Simplify your final answer!

II. Give the Cartesian equation(s) for all vertical tangent lines to the curve or state that there are none.

III. Find the Cartesian equation(s) for all tangent lines to the curve with slope 2.
4. [16 pts] Consider the initial value problem:

\[ \frac{dy}{dx} = xe^{-x/2}, \quad y(0) = 1. \]

I. The direction field for this differential equation is given below. Sketch the solution to the initial value problem. Make a conjecture about \( \lim_{x \to \infty} y(x) \).

From the sketch, it looks like \( \lim_{x \to \infty} y(x) = \) ____________

II. Calculate the specific solution to the initial value problem.

III. From your solution, compute \( \lim_{x \to \infty} y(x) \).
5. [15 pts] Consider the function $y = \frac{x^2}{1 + 2x}$.

I. Give the Taylor series centered at $x = 0$ in summation notation for this function. What is the radius of convergence of this series?

II. Use the Taylor series you found in Part I to calculate $y'''(0)$.

III. Give the sum of the first 3 nonzero terms\(^1\) in the Taylor series centered at $x = 0$ for

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{t^2}{1 + 2t} \, dt.$$
6. [18 pts] The power series for a certain function $f(x)$ is given by:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (x + 2)^k}{k \cdot 3^k}.$$ 

I. Find the interval of convergence of the power series.

II. Let $g(x) = f(x - 2)$. Calculate $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{g(x)}{\sin x}$.

*Hint: The power series for $g(x)$ is centered at $x = 0$.***
A Few Trigonometric Identities

1. \( \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2} \)

2. \( \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2} \)

3. \( \sin(2\theta) = 2\sin \theta \cos \theta \)

4. \( \cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \)

5. \( \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \)

6. \( \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta = 1 \)

7. \( \csc^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta = 1 \)

Some Values for the Trigonometric Functions

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