

**Math 830-831, Qualifying Exam, June, 2014** Work all of the following problems:

1. Assume  $a$  and  $f$  are  $C^1$  functions on the set of real numbers. Find an implicit representation of the solution of the IVP

$$a(z)z_x + z_y = 0, \quad z(x, 0) = f(x).$$

Then use implicit differentiation to find formulas for  $z_x$  and  $z_y$ . Finally, use your answers to show that for  $|y|$  sufficiently small a shock develops.

2. Show that the vector field  $\vec{V}(x, y, z) = \langle z - y, x - z, y - x \rangle$  is not tangent to any point on the curve

$$C: \quad x = t, \quad y = 2t, \quad z = 3t, \quad t > 0.$$

Then find the integral surface of vector field  $\vec{V}$  containing the curve  $C$ .

3. Use the Putzer algorithm to help you solve the IVP

$$x' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 6 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t \\ -e^t \end{bmatrix}, \quad x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Verify that the assumptions of the Cauchy-Kovalevsky Theorem for the IVP

$$u_t = \cos u_x, \quad u(0, x) = \frac{\pi}{4}x + \frac{\pi}{6}x^2$$

about the origin are satisfied and solve this IVP explicitly finding all terms of degree three and less.

5. Draw the phase plane diagram for the differential equation  $x'' = 2x^3 - x$  and find the equation of the separatrix.
6. Work each of the following:

- (a) Classify the PDE

$$u_{xx} - 9u_{yy} = 16x^2y^2.$$

Then solve this PDE by first solving a corresponding canonical form.

- (b) Classify the PDE

$$u_{xx} - 6u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} = 9xy.$$

Then solve this PDE by first solving a corresponding canonical form.

7. Draw the phase plane diagram for the system

$$x' = -y + x(x^2 + y^2) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right)$$
$$y' = x + y(x^2 + y^2) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right).$$

The right hand sides of these two equations are understood to be zero when  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ . Is the origin unstable, stable or asymptotically stable?

8. State and prove Floquet's Theorem.