

**Instructions:** This take-home test is due no later than the beginning of class on Monday, April 24. You must **work alone** on these problems. You may use your own text, your own notes, your own calculator, and Maple, but you may use no other aids without my specific permission.

**Please show all work and justify all answers. Staple your work with this sheet.**

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1. Consider the system of differential equations

$$Y' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ -1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} Y$$

- Find the general solution  $Y(t)$ .
  - Sketch the configuration of solutions in the phase plane, indicating any straight-line solutions.
  - $Y(t) = (0, 0)$  is an equilibrium solution of this system.
    - Identify it as a node, a saddle point, a center, or a spiral point, and
    - determine if it is unstable, stable, or asymptotically stable.
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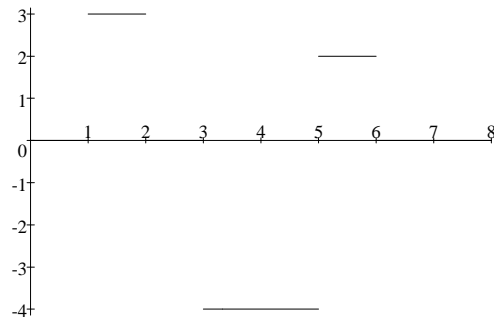
$$Y' = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 15 \\ -6 & -11 \end{pmatrix} Y$$

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- Use Maple to draw the time series solutions, phase plane graph, and space curve corresponding to the initial condition  $Y(0) = (1, 1)$ .

3. Compute  $e^{At}$  if  $A$  is the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -5 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ .

4. Compute the Laplace transform of the function  $f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t} & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 5 \\ 0 & \text{if } t > 5 \end{cases}$ .

5. Express the function graphed below as a sum of shifted Heaviside functions, i.e.  
 $f(t) = k_1H(t - a_1) + k_2H(t - a_2) + \dots$ .



6. In my Maple lecture notes found on the web site, you will find an example demonstrating the solution of a differential equation by Laplace transforms in Maple. Modify that example to solve the following initial value problem:

$$x'' + 9x = 1, \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 0.$$