

8. [15 points] For each of the following, identify the statement as true or false by circling “True” or “False” as appropriate, and provide a short (one or two sentence) explanation indicating why that answer is correct.

a. [3 points] Two linearly independent solutions of  $x'' + 6x' + 9x = 0$  are  $x_1 = e^{-3t}$  and  $x_2 = te^{-3t}$ . Thus two linearly independent solutions of  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -9 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$  are  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} te^{-3t}$ . True          False

b. [3 points] If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a real-valued  $5 \times 5$  matrix with 5 distinct eigenvalues, not necessarily real, and if the real parts of all of the eigenvalues are negative, then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is an asymptotically stable critical point of  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ . True          False

c. [3 points] If the nonlinear system  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  has an unstable isolated critical point  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0$ , then any solution to the system will eventually get infinitely far from  $\mathbf{x}_0$ . True          False

d. [3 points] Suppose that the nonlinear system  $x' = F(x, y)$ ,  $y' = G(x, y)$  has an isolated critical point  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ . If we are able to linearize the system at this critical point and the eigenvalues of the resulting coefficient matrix are real-valued and non-zero, we can deduce the stability of the critical point from the linearization. True          False

e. [3 points]  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-2s}s}{(s+1)^2+4}\right\} = e^{-(t-2)} \cos(2(t-2))u_2(t)$  True          False