

**Problem 1** (10 points). Solve the following differential equation. You may leave your solution in implicit form.

$$(x^2 - x + y^2) + (2xy - e^{-y})\frac{dy}{dx} = 0, \quad y(0) = 1.$$

**Problem 2** (5+10=15 points). i) Show that

$$\int \frac{ds}{s \ln s} = \ln(\ln(s)) + C.$$

ii) Solve the differential equation

$$(x^2 - 1)\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy \ln(y), \quad y(0) = e^{-1}.$$

**Problem 3** (5+15+5=25 points). Let  $a$  be a nonzero real number. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 + (\pi a/2)^2, \quad y(0) = 0. \tag{1}$$

i) What is the strongest conclusion that can be made regarding solutions of equation (1) using the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem for First Order Differential Equations?

(Is a solution certain to exist in some open interval containing 0? If so, is a solution certain to be unique in some open interval containing 0?)

ii) Find a function  $\phi$  of  $x$  that solves the differential equation (1). What is the largest domain over which  $\phi$  is defined and differentiable (the answer will depend on the number  $a$ )? Denote this domain by  $I_a$ .

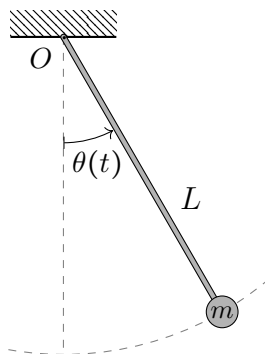
(The following integral may be useful: for any nonzero  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\int \frac{ds}{s^2 + \alpha^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \arctan\left(\frac{s}{\alpha}\right) + C$ .)

iii) Recall that the *length* of an open interval  $(c, d) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : c < x < d\}$  is defined to be  $d - c$ . For example, the length of  $(3, 7)$  is 4 and the length of  $(-2, 1)$  is 3.

What is the length of the domain  $I_a$  found in part ii)? Find a value of  $a$  so that the length of  $I_a$  is less than or equal to  $\frac{1}{1000}$ .

**Problem 4** (10+5+5+10+20=50 points). Consider an example of a simple pendulum: it consists of a rigid, but weightless, linear rod of length  $L$ , one of whose ends is attached to a fixed point  $O$ , and a mass  $m$  that is attached to the free end of the rod.

Denote the angle the rod makes with the vertical line passing through the point  $O$  at time  $t$  by  $\theta(t)$ . The motion of the pendulum is completely described by  $\theta(t)$ .



Suppose that gravity is uniform, and points down. One can show that when the angle  $\theta(t)$  remains close to 0 throughout the motion, so that we can make the *small angle approximation*  $\sin(\theta) \approx \theta$ , to a good approximation  $\theta(t)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$mL^2 \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + dL \frac{d\theta}{dt} + mgL\theta = 0,$$

where  $d > 0$  is a damping constant, and  $g$  is the gravitational constant.

- i) In terms of the constants  $m$ ,  $L$ ,  $d$ , and  $g$ , characterize when the pendulum is underdamped, critically damped, and overdamped. Briefly describe a typical motion of the pendulum in each of these three cases.

Suppose that  $d/mL = 6$  and  $g/L = 9$ . In the absence of a driving torque, the motion of the pendulum is then described by the equation

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + 6 \frac{d\theta}{dt} + 9\theta = 0. \tag{2}$$

- ii) Find the roots of the characteristic polynomial  $\chi(z)$  of equation (2).  
 iii) Find a basis  $\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$  of the space of solutions of equation (2).  
 iv) Compute the Wronskian  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(t)$  of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ . Using the result, verify that  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are linearly independent.

If a clockwise torque of magnitude  $te^{-3t}mL^2$  is applied to the pendulum, the equation of motion becomes

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + 6 \frac{d\theta}{dt} + 9\theta = te^{-3t}. \tag{3}$$

- v) Solve equation (3) subject to the initial conditions

$$\theta(0) = 0, \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt}(0) = 0,$$

using your preferred method.