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Let $f:[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued continuously differential function with $f(0)=0$. Suppose also that there is a constant $M > 0$ such that for $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq f'(x) \leq M f(x)$. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. $f(x)=0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$
- B. $f(x) > 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$
- C. $f'(x) > 0$ for some $x > 0$.

Find and justify your answer.

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Consider the vector differential equation

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = A(t)x(t),$$

where A is a smooth $n \times n$ function on \mathbb{R} . Assume A has the property that

$$\langle A(t)y, y \rangle \leq c \|y\|^2 \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where c is a fixed real number. Prove that any solution $x(t)$ of the equation satisfies

$$\|x(t)\| \leq e^{ct} \|x(0)\| \quad \text{for all } t > 0.$$

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Let the real-valued function $y(t)$ ($0 \leq t < \infty$) solve the initial value problem

$$y'' = -|y|, \quad y(0)=1, \quad y'(0)=0.$$

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Which of the following statements is true?

- A. $y(t) > 0$ for $t > 0$
- B. There is exactly one $t_0 > 0$ such that $y(t_0) = 0$.
- C. There exist $t_1 > t_2 > 0$ such that $y(t_j) = 0$ for $j = 1, 2$.

Find and justify your answer.

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Let the function $x(t)$ ($-\infty < t < \infty$) be a solution of the differential

equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2b\frac{dx}{dt} + cx = 0$ such that $x(0) = x(1) = 0$, where b

and c are real constants. Prove that $x(n) = 0$ for every integer n .

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- i. Find a basis for the space of real solutions of the differential equation

$$(*) \quad \sum_{n=0}^7 \frac{d^n x}{dt^n} = 0$$

- ii. Find a basis for the subspace of real solutions of (*) that satisfy

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0.$$

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