

## Differential Equations and Linear Algebra 2250

Midterm Exam 3 [12:25 lecture]

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**Instructions:** This in-class exam is 50 minutes. No calculators, notes, tables or books. No answer check is expected. Details count 3/4, answers count 1/4.

**3. (Chapter 5)** Complete all.

**(3a)** [40%] Write the solution  $x(t)$  of

$$x''(t) + 9x(t) = 21 \sin(4t), \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 0,$$

as the sum of two harmonic oscillations of different natural frequencies.

Report the two natural frequencies and the solution  $x(t)$ .

**To save time, don't convert to phase-amplitude form.**

**Answer:**

The frequencies are 4 and 3, the solution is  $x(t) = -3 \sin(4t) + 4 \sin(3t)$ .

**(3b)** [30%] Given  $14x''(t) + 41x'(t) + 15x(t) = 0$ , which represents a damped spring-mass system with  $m = 14$ ,  $c = 41$ ,  $k = 15$ , determine if the equation is over-damped, critically damped or under-damped.

**To save time, do not solve for  $x(t)$ !**

**Answer:**

Use the quadratic formula to decide. The number under the radical sign in the formula, called the discriminant, is  $b^2 - 4ac = 41^2 - 4(14)(15) = 841$ , therefore there are two distinct roots and the equation is **over-damped**. Alternatively, factor  $14r^2 + 41r + 15$  to obtain roots  $-3/7$ ,  $-5/2$  and then classify as **over-damped**.

**(3c)** [30%] Consider the variation of parameters formula (33) in Edwards-Penney,

$$y_p(x) = y_1(x) \left( \int \frac{-y_2(x)f(x)}{W(x)} dx \right) + y_2(x) \left( \int \frac{y_1(x)f(x)}{W(x)} dx \right).$$

Given the second order equation

$$y''(x) + 34y'(x) + 298y(x) = 7 \cos(x^2) + 13 \sin(x),$$

write the equations for the variables  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$ ,  $W$ ,  $f$ .

**To save time, do not write out  $y_p$  and do not try to evaluate any integrals.**

**Answer:**

Variables are  $y_1(x) = e^{-17x} \cos(3x)$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{-17x} \sin(3x)$ ,  $f(x) = 7 \cos(x^2) + 13 \sin(x)$ ,  $W(x) = 3e^{-34x}$ .

**(3c)** [30%] (Alternate version announced at exam time)

$$y''(x) + 34y'(x) + 289y(x) = 7 \cos(x^2) + 13 \sin(x),$$

**Answer:**

Variables are  $y_1(x) = e^{-17x}$ ,  $y_2(x) = xe^{-17x}$ ,  $f(x) = 7 \cos(x^2) + 13 \sin(x)$ ,  $W(x) = e^{-34x}$ .

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## 4. (Chapter 5) Complete all.

(4a) [60%] A homogeneous linear differential equation with constant coefficients has characteristic equation of order 9 with roots  $0, 0, 3, 3, 3, 2i, -2i, 2i, -2i$ , listed according to multiplicity. The corresponding non-homogeneous equation for unknown  $y(x)$  has right side  $f(x) = 4e^x + 5e^{3x} + 6x^3 + 7x \sin 2x$ . Determine the undetermined coefficients **shortest** trial solution for  $y_p$ .

**To save time, do not evaluate the undetermined coefficients and do not find  $y_p(x)$ ! Undocumented detail or guessing earns no credit.**

Answer:

The atom list for  $f(x)$  is  $e^x, e^{3x}, 1, x, x^2, x^3, \cos 2x, x \cos 2x, \sin 2x, x \sin 2x$ . The list of 10 atoms is broken into 5 groups, each group having exactly one base atom: (1)  $e^x$ , (2)  $e^{3x}$ , (3)  $1, x, x^2, x^3$ , (4)  $\cos 2x, x \cos 2x$  (5)  $\sin 2x, x \sin 2x$ . The modification rule is applied to groups 3 through 5. The trial solution is a linear combination of the replacement 10 atoms in the new list (1)  $e^x$ , (2)  $x^3 e^{3x}$ , (3)  $x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5$ , (4)  $x^2 \cos 2x, x^3 \cos 2x$  (5)  $x^2 \sin 2x, x^3 \sin 2x$ . Groups 1 is not modified.

(4b) [40%] Let  $f(x) = 4x^2 e^{2x} + x e^{-x} \sin 2x$ . Find the roots of the characteristic polynomial of a constant-coefficient linear homogeneous differential equation which has  $f(x)$  as a solution.

Answer:

Because  $x e^{-x} \sin 2x$  is an atom for the differential equation if and only if  $e^{-x} \sin 2x, x e^{-x} \sin 2x, e^{-x} \cos 2x, x e^{-x} \cos 2x$  are atoms. Then the characteristic equation must have roots  $-1 + 2i, -1 - 2i, -1 + 2i, -1 - 2i$ , listing according to multiplicity. Similarly,  $x^2 e^{2x}$  is an atom for the differential equation if and only if 2 is a triple root of the characteristic equation. Total of 7 roots:  $2, 2, 2, -1 \pm 2i, -1 \pm 2i$  with product of the factors  $(r - 2)^3((r + 1)^2 + 4)((r + 1)^2 + 4)$  equal to the 7th order characteristic polynomial.

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5. (Chapter 6) Complete all parts.

(5a) [40%] Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & 20 & 0 & 3 \\ 30 & 40 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**To save time, do not find eigenvectors!**

Answer:

 $-1, 5, \pm 3i$ . The block matrix determinant theorem can be used, or the cofactor method.

(5b) [30%] Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ , which has eigenvalues 6, 9, 9, find all eigenvectors for eigenvalue 9.

**To save time, do not find the eigenvector for eigenvalue 6.**

Answer:

One row sequence is required for  $\lambda = 3$ . The sequence starts with  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , the last row having two rows of zeros. There are two invented symbols  $t_1, t_2$  in the last row algorithm answer  $x_1 = t_1 - 2t_2, x_2 = t_1, x_3 = t_2$ . Taking  $\partial_{t_1}$  and  $\partial_{t_2}$  gives two eigenvectors,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(5c) [40%] Find the matrices  $P, D$  in the diagonalization equation  $AP = PD$  for the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 8 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Answer:

The eigenpairs are  $\left(-1, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}\right), \left(1, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ . Then  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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