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**Differential Equations and Linear Algebra 2250**  
Midterm Exam 2

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**1. (The 3 Possibilities with Symbols)**

Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  denote constants and consider the system of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2b-4 & 3 & a \\ b+1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1-b & 1 & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b^2 \\ b \\ b^2-b \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) [40%] Determine  $a$  and  $b$  such that the system has a unique solution.
- (b) [30%] Explain why  $a = 0$  and  $b \neq 0$  implies no solution. Ignore any other possible no solution cases.
- (c) [30%] Explain why  $a = b = 0$  implies infinitely many solutions. Ignore any other possible infinitely many solution cases.

Because of a row of zeros (equation  $0=0$ ), we can reduce the question to a  $3 \times 3$  problem  $A\vec{u} = \vec{B}$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2b-4 & 3 & a \\ b+1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1-b & 1 & a \end{pmatrix}, \vec{B} = \begin{pmatrix} b^2 \\ b \\ b^2-b \end{pmatrix}, \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $|A| = a - ab = a(1-b) \neq 0$  for  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 1$

(a) Unique sol when  $|A| \neq 0$  (see reduction above)

$a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 1$
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(b) When  $a=0$ , then  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2b-4 & 3 & 0 \\ b+1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1-b & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  has col rank  $\leq 2$

hence there is one free var, if the system is consistent. We do

rref steps on  $C = \langle A | B \rangle$  to get  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2b-4 & 3 & 0 & b^2 \\ b+1 & -1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b^2 \end{array} \right)$

There is a signal eq for  $b \neq 0$ , hence no solution for  $a=0, b \neq 0$ .

(c) Define  $C$  as in part (b), then substitute  $a=b=0$  to get

rref step  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -4 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$ . A homogeneous system is consistent.

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One free variable implies  $\infty$ -many solutions.

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2. (Vector Spaces) Do all parts. Details not required for (a)-(d).

- (a) [10%] True or false: There is a subspace  $S$  of  $\mathcal{R}^3$  containing none of the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 $\vec{v}_3 = 2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \Rightarrow \dim(S) = 1, S = \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$
- (b) [10%] True or false: The set of solutions  $\vec{u}$  in  $\mathcal{R}^3$  of a consistent matrix equation  $A\vec{u} = \vec{b}$  can equal all vectors in the  $xy$ -plane, that is, all vectors of the form  $\vec{u} = (x, y, 0)$ . Example:  $\begin{cases} z = 0 \\ u = 0 \\ v = 0 \end{cases}$
- (c) [10%] True or false: Relations  $x^2 + y^2 = 0, y + z = 0$  define a subspace in  $\mathcal{R}^3$ .
- (d) [10%] True or false: Equations  $x = y, z = 2y$  define a subspace in  $\mathcal{R}^3$ . Kernel Theorem
- (e) [20%] Linear algebra theorems are able to conclude that the set  $S$  of all polynomials  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2$  such that  $f'(x) + \int_0^1 f(x)dx = 0$  is a vector space of functions. Explain why  $V = \text{span}(1, x, x^2)$  is a vector space, then fully state a linear algebra theorem required to show  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ . To save time, do not write any subspace proof details.
- (f) [40%] Find a basis of vectors for the subspace of  $\mathcal{R}^5$  given by the system of restriction equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 2x_3 + 4x_4 + 10x_5 &= 0, \\ 2x_1 + x_3 + 2x_4 + 4x_5 &= 0, \\ -2x_1 + 4x_5 &= 0, \\ 2x_1 + 2x_3 + 4x_4 + 12x_5 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $x^2 + y^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases}$  which are 2 linear algebraic eqs.  
 Rest follows from the Kernel Theorem.

(e)  $V = \text{span}(1, x, x^2) =$  subspace of the vector space of all polynomials, by the SPAN Theorem (sec. 4.2)

$S$  is a subspace by the Subspace Criterion (section 4.1)

Theorem  $S$  is a subspace of vector space  $V$  provided

(1)  $\vec{0}$  is in  $S$ ; (2)  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  in  $S \Rightarrow \vec{x} + \vec{y}$  in  $S$ ; (3)  $\vec{x}$  in  $S, c = \text{const} \Rightarrow c\vec{x}$  in  $S$

(f) Variable  $x_2$  missing, so it's a free variable. Augmented matrix is

$$C = \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 3 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 10 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 12 & 0 \end{array} \right), \text{ref}(C) = \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Last frame alg scalar answer is

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2t_3 \\ x_2 = t_1 \\ x_3 = -2t_2 - 8t_3 \\ x_4 = t_2 \\ x_5 = t_3 \end{cases}$$

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Basis =  $\{ \partial_{t_1}, \partial_{t_2}, \partial_{t_3} \} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -8 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

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## 3. (Independence and Dependence) Do all parts.

- (a) [10%] State a dependence test for 3 vectors in  $\mathcal{R}^4$ . Write the hypothesis and conclusion, not just the name of the test.
- (b) [10%] State fully an independence test for 3 polynomials. It should apply to show that  $1, 1+x, x(1+x)$  are independent.
- (c) [10%] For any matrix  $A$ ,  $\text{rank}(A)$  equals the number of lead variables for the problem  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . How many non-pivot columns in an  $8 \times 8$  matrix  $A$  with  $\text{rank}(A) = 6$ ?
- (d) [30%] Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4$  denote the rows of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Decide if the four rows  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_4$  are independent and display the details of the chosen independence test.

- (e) [40%] Extract from the list below a largest set of independent vectors.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Rank Test: 3 vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  are dependent  $\Leftrightarrow$   
The rank of the augmented matrix has  $\text{rank} < 3$ .
- (b) Wronskian Test: If the Wronskian of the 3 polynomials is nonzero at some  $x = x_0$ , then the 3 polynomials are independent.
- (c) The rank = # pivot cols, therefore ans = 2
- (d) The col rank is  $\leq 3$ , so the 4 rows cannot be independent, by the rank test applied to the transpose of  $A$ .
- (e) The safest method is to form the augmented matrix  $A$  of the col vectors ( $A$  is  $6 \times 6$ ). Then find the pivot cols from  $\text{rref}(A)$ . The answer is  $\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_4$ . It is also possible to see  $\vec{v}_3 = \frac{1}{2}\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_5 = \vec{v}_4 - \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_6 = \vec{v}_5 - \vec{v}_3$   
So  $\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_4$  are the independent columns.

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4. (Determinants) Do all parts.

- (a) [10%] True or ~~False~~ The value of a determinant is the product of the diagonal elements.  
 (b) [10%] True or ~~False~~ The determinant of the negative of the  $n \times n$  identity matrix is  $-1$ .  
 (c) [20%] Assume given  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A, B$ . Suppose  $A^2B = E_2E_1A$  and  $E_1, E_2$  are elementary matrices representing respectively a swap and a multiply by  $-5$ . Assume  $\det(B) = 10$ . Let  $C = 2A$ . Find all possible values of  $\det(C)$ .  
 (d) [30%] Determine all values of  $x$  for which  $(I + C)^{-1}$  fails to exist, where  $C$  equals the transpose of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3x & 0 & 1 \\ x-1 & x & x \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 (e) [30%] Let symbols  $a, b, c$  denote constants. Apply the adjugate [adjoint] formula for the inverse to find the value of the entry in row 3, column 4 of  $A^{-1}$ , given  $A$  below.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & c & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)  $|A^2B| = |E_2E_1A| \Rightarrow |A|^2|B| = |E_2||E_1||A|$  by the det product Thm. Then  $|B| = 10, |E_2| = -5, |E_1| = -1$  implies that  $|A|^2(10) = (-5)(-1)|A|$  or  $5(2|A|^2 - |A|) = 0$ . So  $|A| = 0$  or  $|A| = 1/2$ . Then  $|C| = |2A| = |2I||A| = 8|A| = \boxed{0 \text{ or } 4}$

(d)  $|I + C^T| = |I^T + C^T| = |(I + C)^T| = |I + C| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 3x & 1 & 1 \\ x-1 & x & x+1 \end{vmatrix} =$   
 $(3) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ x & x+1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3x & 1 \\ x-1 & x \end{vmatrix} = 3 - (3x^2 - x + 1) = x - 3x^2 + 2 =$   
 $(-3x - 2)(x - 1)$ . Ans:  $\boxed{x = 1, x = -2/3}$

(e) entry = cofactor( $A, 4, 3$ )/ $|A| = (-1)^{3+4} \text{minor}(A, 4, 3)/|A| = \boxed{1}$   
 $\text{minor}(A, 4, 3) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1, |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b & 1 \end{vmatrix} (-1) = 1$  (cof on col 3)

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5. (Linear Differential Equations) Do all parts.

- (a) [20%] Solve for the general solution of  $15y'' + 8y' + y = 0$ .
- (b) [40%] The characteristic equation is  $r^2(2r+1)^3(r^2-2r+10) = 0$ . Find the general solution  $y$  of the linear homogeneous constant-coefficient differential equation.
- (c) [20%] A fourth order linear homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients has two particular solutions  $2e^{3x} + 4x$  and  $xe^{3x}$ . Write a formula for the general solution.
- (d) [20%] Mark with **X** the functions which **cannot** be a solution of a linear homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients. Test your choices against this theorem:

The general solution of a linear homogeneous  $n$ th order differential equation with constant coefficients is a linear combination of Euler solution atoms.

X $e^{\ln 2x }$	X $e^{x^2}$	$2\pi + x$	$\cos(\ln x )$ X
$\cos(x \ln 3.7125 )$	$x^{-1}e^{-x} \sin(\pi x)$ X	$\cosh(x)$	$\sin^2(x)$

- (a)  $15r^2 + 8r + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (5r+1)(3r+1) = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1/5, -1/3$   
 $y = c_1 e^{-x/5} + c_2 e^{-x/3}$
- (b) roots:  $r = 0, 0, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2, 1 \pm 3i$   
 Euler Sol atoms =  $1, x, e^{-x/2}, xe^{-x/2}, x^2 e^{-x/2}, e^x \cos 3x, e^x \sin 3x$   
 $y =$  linear combination of the atoms
- (c) Atoms must be  $1, x, e^{3x}, xe^{3x}$  and the general solution is a linear combination of the 4 Euler Sol. atoms.
- (d)  $e^{\ln|2x|} = |2x|$  not an atom or l.c. of atoms  
 $\cos(\ln|x|)$  not an atom, only  $\cos(bx)$  qualifies  
 $x^{-1}$  not allowed, only positive powers or zero power  
 $e^{x^2}$  not of the form  $e^{ax}$ .

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