

# Differential Equations and Linear Algebra 2250

## Sample Midterm Exam 2

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**Instructions:** This in-class exam is designed to be completed in 80 minutes. No calculators, notes, tables or books. No answer check is expected. Details count 3/4, answers count 1/4. This sample contains extra sample problems. The actual exam is certainly much shorter, tested for 80 minutes.

### Chapter 4

1. (Chapter 4) Do all parts.

(a) State a dependence test for 3 vectors in  $\mathcal{R}^4$ . Write the hypothesis and conclusion, not just the name of the test.

((b) State fully an independence test for 3 polynomials. It should apply to show that  $1, 1+x, x(1+x)$  are independent.

(c) For any matrix  $A$ ,  $\mathbf{rank}(A)$  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  $\mathbf{rank}(A) = 6$ ?

(d) Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4$  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) Extract from the list below a largest set of independent vectors.

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

(e) Check the independence tests which apply to prove that vectors  $x, x^{7/3}, e^x$  are independent in the vector space of all continuous functions on  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Demerits are given for missing a box, and also for checking a box that does not apply.

- Wronskian test**      Wronskian of functions  $f, g, h$  nonzero at  $x = x_0$  implies independence of  $f, g, h$ .
- Rank test**              Vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  are independent if their augmented matrix has rank 3.
- Determinant test**      Vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  are independent if their square augmented matrix has nonzero determinant.
- Atom test**              Any finite set of distinct Euler solution atoms is independent.
- Pivot test**              Vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  are independent if their augmented matrix  $A$  has 3 pivot columns.
- Sampling test**        Let samples  $a, b, c$  be given and for functions  $f, g, h$  define

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} f(a) & g(a) & h(a) \\ f(b) & g(b) & h(b) \\ f(c) & g(c) & h(c) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\det(A) \neq 0$  implies independence of  $f, g, h$ .

(f) Consider the homogenous system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . The nullity of  $A$  equals the number of free variables. Give an example of a matrix  $A$  with three pivot columns that has nullity 2.

(g) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all continuously differentiable vector functions  $\vec{v}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all vector solutions  $\vec{v}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}$  of the dynamical system

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = 2x(t) \\ y'(t) = 4y(t) \end{cases}$$

Find two independent solutions  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  such that  $S = \mathbf{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ . *This calculation proves that  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$  by Picard's theorem and the Span Theorem, hence  $S$  is a vector space.*

(h) The  $4 \times 6$  matrix  $A$  below has some independent columns. Report the independent columns of  $A$ , according to the Pivot Theorem.

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

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## Chapter 5

2. (Chapter 5) Do all parts.

(a) Solve for the general solution of  $15y'' + 8y' + y = 0$ .

(b) 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) 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) 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.*

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

(e) Find the characteristic equation of a higher order linear homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients, of minimum order, such that  $y = 3x^2 + 10xe^{-x} + 4\cos(2x)$  is a solution.

(f) Determine a *basis of solutions* of a homogeneous constant-coefficient linear differential equation, given it has characteristic equation

$$(r^4 - 4r^3)((r - \ln(2))^2 + 4)^2 = 0.$$

(g) Find the **Beats** solution for the forced undamped spring-mass problem

$$x'' + 64x = 40 \cos(4t), \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 0.$$

It is known that this solution is the sum of two harmonic oscillations of different frequencies.

(h) Determine the **shortest** trial solution for  $y_p$  according to the method of undetermined coefficients. **Do not evaluate** the undetermined coefficients!

$$\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - 4 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 11x^2 + 2x + 3 + 12 \cos 2x + 13xe^{2x}$$

(i) Find a particular solution  $y_p(x)$  and the homogeneous solution  $y_h(x)$  for  $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 12x^2$ .

(j) The differential equation  $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 12x^2 + 6x$  has a particular solution  $y_p(x)$  of the form  $y = d_1x^2 + d_2x^3 + d_3x^4$ . Find  $y_p(x)$  by the method of undetermined coefficients (yes, find  $d_1, d_2, d_3$ ).

(k) Find the steady-state periodic solution for the forced spring-mass system  $x'' + 2x' + 2x = 5 \sin(t)$ .

(l) Find by variation of parameters an integral formula for a particular solution  $x_p$  of the equation  $x'' + 4x' + 20x = e^{t^2} \ln(t^2 + 1)$ . To save time, don't try to evaluate integrals (it's impossible).

(m) Write the solution  $x(t)$  of

$$x''(t) + 25x(t) = 180 \sin(4t), \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 0,$$

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

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

(n) Given  $5x''(t) + 2x'(t) + 4x(t) = 0$ , which represents a damped spring-mass system with  $m = 5$ ,  $c = 2$ ,  $k = 4$ , determine if the equation is over-damped, critically damped or under-damped.

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

(o) Determine the practical resonance frequency  $\omega$  for the electric current equation

$$2I'' + 7I' + 50I = 100\omega \cos(\omega t).$$

(p) Given the forced spring-mass system  $x'' + 2x' + 17x = 82 \sin(5t)$ , find the steady-state periodic solution.

(q) 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

$$2y''(x) + 4y'(x) + 3y(x) = 17 \sin(x^2),$$

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

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

(r) A homogeneous linear differential equation with constant coefficients has characteristic equation of order 6 with roots  $0, 0, -1, -1, 2i, -2i$ , listed according to multiplicity. The corresponding non-homogeneous equation for unknown  $y(x)$  has right side  $f(x) = 5e^{-x} + 4x^2 + x \cos 2x + \sin 2x$ . 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 subtracts credit.**

(s) Let  $f(x) = x^3 e^{1.2x} + x^2 e^{-x} \sin(x)$ . Find the characteristic polynomial of a constant-coefficient linear homogeneous differential equation of least order which has  $f(x)$  as a solution. To save time, do not expand the polynomial and do not find the differential equation.

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## Chapter 10

**3. (Chapter 10)** Complete all parts. It is assumed that you have memorized the basic 4-item Laplace integral table and know the 6 basic rules for Laplace integrals. No other tables or theory are required to solve the problems below. If you don't know a table entry, then leave the expression unevaluated for partial credit.

(a) Display the details of Laplace's method to solve the system for  $x(t)$ . Don't solve for  $y(t)$ !

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x + 3y, \\y' &= -2y, \\x(0) &= 1, \quad y(0) = 2.\end{aligned}$$

(b) Find  $f(t)$  by partial fractions, the shifting theorem and the backward table, given

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{2s^3 + 3s^2 - 6s + 3}{s^3(s-1)^2}.$$

(c) Solve for  $f(t)$ , given

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{2t}f(t)) + 2\frac{d^2}{ds^2}\mathcal{L}(tf(t)) = \frac{s+3}{(s+1)^3}.$$

(d) Solve for  $f(t)$ , given

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{-3t}f(t)) = \frac{s+1}{(s+2)^2}$$

(e) Fill in the blank spaces in the Laplace table:

**Forward Table**

$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}(f(t))$
$t^3$	$\frac{6}{s^4}$
$e^{-t}\cos(4t)$	
$(t+2)^2$	
$t^2e^{-2t}$	

**Backward Table**

$\mathcal{L}(f(t))$	$f(t)$
$\frac{3}{s^2+9}$	$\sin 3t$
$\frac{s-1}{s^2-2s+5}$	
$\frac{2}{(2s-1)^2}$	
$\frac{s}{(s-1)^3}$	

(f) Find  $\mathcal{L}(f(t))$  from the Second Shifting theorem, given  $f(t) = \sin(2t)\mathbf{u}(t-2)$ , where  $\mathbf{u}$  is the unit step function defined by  $\mathbf{u}(t) = 1$  for  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{u}(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ .

(g) Find  $f(t)$  from the Second Shifting Theorem, given  $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{se^{-\pi s}}{s^2+2s+17}$ .

(h) Solve for  $x(t)$ , given

$$\mathcal{L}(x(t)) = \frac{d}{ds} \left( \mathcal{L}(e^{2t} \sin 2t) \right) + \mathcal{L}(t \sin t)|_{s \rightarrow (s+2)}.$$

(i) Solve for  $x(t)$ , given

$$\mathcal{L}(x(t)) = \frac{s+2}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{1+s}{s^2+5s}$$

(j) Find  $\mathcal{L}(f(t))$ , given  $f(t) = e^{2t} \left( \frac{\sin(t)}{t} \right)$ .

(k) Apply Laplace's method to find a formula for  $\mathcal{L}(x(t))$ . **Do not** solve for  $x(t)$ ! Document steps by reference to tables and rules.

$$\frac{d^4x}{dt^4} + 4\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = e^t(5t + 4e^t + 3\sin 3t), \quad x(0) = x'(0) = x''(0) = 0, \quad x'''(0) = -1.$$

(l) Find  $\mathcal{L}(f(t))$ , given  $f(t) = u(t - \pi) \frac{\sin(t)}{t - \pi}$ , where  $u$  is the unit step function.

(m) Find  $f(t)$  by partial fraction methods, given

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{8s^2 - 24}{(s-1)(s+3)(s+1)^2}.$$

(n) Apply Laplace's method to find a formula for  $\mathcal{L}(x(t))$ . To save time, **do not** solve for  $x(t)$ ! Document steps by reference to tables and rules.

$$x^{(4)} + x^{(2)} = 3t + 4e^t + 5\sin 2t, \quad x(0) = x'(0) = x''(0) = 0, \quad x'''(0) = -1.$$

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## Chapter 6

4. (Chapter 6) Complete all parts.

(a) Define  $E = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $E^3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  without using matrix multiply.

(b) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 12 \\ -4 & 1 & -3 & 15 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ . To save time, **do not** find eigenvectors!

(c) Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , which has eigenvalues 1, 2, 2, find all eigenvectors for eigenvalue 2.

(d) Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , which has eigenvalues 1, 1, -1, assume there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $AP = PD$ . Circle those vectors from the list below which are possible columns of  $P$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(e) Find the remaining eigenpairs of

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

provided we already know one eigenpair

$$\left( 6, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

(f) Suppose a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  has eigenpairs

$$\left( 2, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right), \quad \left( 2, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right), \quad \left( 0, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

Display an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $AP = PD$ .

(g) Assume the vector general solution  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  of the linear differential system  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Display Fourier's model for the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ .

(h) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 7 & 1 & 27 \\ -1 & 6 & -3 & 62 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . To save time, **do not** find eigenvectors!

(i) Assume  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$  and Fourier's model holds:

$$A \left( c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 2c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find  $A$ .

(j) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Circle the possible eigenvectors of  $A$  in the list below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(k) Consider the  $3 \times 3$  matrix

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that matrix  $E$  has a Fourier model:

$$E \left( c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 4c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(l) Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and define  $A$  by  $AP = PD$ . Display the eigenpairs of  $A$ .

(m) Assume the vector general solution  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t)$  of the  $2 \times 2$  linear differential system  $\vec{\mathbf{u}}' = C\vec{\mathbf{u}}$  is given by

$$\vec{\mathbf{u}}(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the matrix  $C$ .

(n) Find all eigenpairs for the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then display Fourier's model for  $A$ .

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