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**Math 2250-010**  
**Super Quiz 2 SOLUTIONS**  
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1a) What two properties must hold for a subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  in order that  $W$  be a subspace?  
(1 point)

*$W$  must be closed under addition and scalar multiplication.*

*In other words, it must be true that*

$$\alpha) \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in W \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in W$$

$$\beta) \mathbf{u} \in W, c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow c\mathbf{u} \in W$$

1b) What does it mean for a collection vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  to be a basis for a vector space/subspace  $W$ ?  
(1 point)

*They must span  $W$  and be linearly independent.*

*In other words, each  $\mathbf{w} \in W$  must be expressible as a linear combination*

$$\mathbf{w} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$$

*and it must be true that*

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0.$$

2a) The span of the three vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 12 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find a basis for this subspace using some or all of the three vectors, and explain your reasoning. Hint: the following matrix, which has the three vectors as its columns, along with its reduced row echelon form on the right, can help you answer this question:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 12 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5 points)

*Because column dependencies are preserved by elementary row operations, we use the reduced row echelon form to deduce that*

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = 2\mathbf{v}_1 + 3\mathbf{v}_2$$

*Thus  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ . Since  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  are linearly independent it follows that they are a basis of the subspace*

$$V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}.$$

(In fact, any two of the three vectors would have been a basis for this subspace, since each of the three vectors can be written as a linear combination of the other two, and any two of them are linearly independent.)

2b) What is the dimension of the subspace in part 2a?

(1 point)

Since we found a basis consisting of two vectors, the dimension is 2.

3) Consider the following differential equation for a function  $x(t)$ , which could arise from an unforced mass-spring configuration.

$$x''(t) + 2x'(t) + 5x(t) = 0.$$

3a) Find the general solution to this homogeneous linear differential equation.

(6 points)

The characteristic polynomial is  $p(r) = r^2 + 2r + 5 = (r + 1)^2 + 4$ . The roots are given by

$$(r + 1)^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$(r + 1)^2 = -4$$

$$r + 1 = \pm 2i$$

$$r = -1 \pm 2i.$$

Thus we get a basis of solutions  $x_1(t) = e^{-t}\cos(2t)$ ,  $x_2(t) = e^{-t}\sin(2t)$  and the general (homogenous) solutions consists of all linear combinations

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{-t}\cos(2t) + c_2 e^{-t}\sin(2t).$$

(If you're still confused where the "real" solutions came from, recall that from the roots of the characteristic polynomial we get complex exponential solutions

$$e^{(-1 + 2i)t} = e^{-t}(\cos(2t) + i\sin(2t))$$

$$e^{(-1 - 2i)t} = e^{-t}(\cos(2t) - i\sin(2t)).$$

Adding these two solutions and dividing by 2 gives us the "real" solution  $e^{-t}\cos(2t)$ ; Subtracting these two solutions and dividing by  $2i$  gives the "real" solution  $e^{-t}\sin(2t)$ . Since this is a homogeneous linear DE, linear combinations of solutions are solutions.)

3b) Which of the three damping phenomena is exhibited by solutions to this differential equation?

(1 point)

Since the roots of the characteristic polynomial are complex, these solutions are underdamped.....their "amplitude" decays exponentially, but they oscillate infinitely often.

3c) Now consider the inhomogeneous DE

$$x''(t) + 2x'(t) + 5x(t) = 20.$$

Notice that  $x_p(t) = 4$  is a particular solution. Use this fact and your previous work to write down the general solution to the inhomogeneous DE.

(2 points)

(You weren't asked to check, but if substitute  $x_p(t) = 4$  into the left side of the DE you get  $0 + 0 + 5 \cdot 4 = 20$ , so this indeed a particular solution.)

$$x(t) = x_p(t) + x_H(t) = 4 + c_1 e^{-t} \cos(2t) + c_2 e^{-t} \sin(2t) .$$

3d) Solve the initial value problem

$$x''(t) + 2x'(t) + 5x(t) = 20$$

$$x(0) = 0$$

$$x'(0) = 0.$$

(5 points)

$$x(t) = 4 + c_1 e^{-t} \cos(2t) + c_2 e^{-t} \sin(2t)$$

$$x'(t) = c_1 (-e^{-t} \cos(2t) - 2e^{-t} \sin(2t)) + c_2 (-e^{-t} \sin(2t) + 2e^{-t} \cos(2t))$$

$$x(0) = 0 = 4 + c_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -4$$

$$x'(0) = 0 = -c_1 + 2c_2 = 4 + 2c_2 \Rightarrow 2c_2 = -4 \Rightarrow c_2 = -2 .$$

$$x(t) = 4 - 4e^{-t} \cos(2t) - 2e^{-t} \sin(2t) .$$

> with (DEtools) :

`dsolve( {x''(t) + 2*x'(t) + 5*x(t) = 20, x(0) = 0, x'(0) = 0} );`

`#quick check, although solution looks correct...`

$$x(t) = -2e^{-t} \sin(2t) - 4e^{-t} \cos(2t) + 4$$

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4) Find the amplitude-phase form  $x(t) = C \cos(3t - \alpha)$ , for the function

$$x(t) = -\cos(3t) + \sqrt{3} \sin(3t).$$

(3 points)

$$A = -1, B = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow C = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} = 2 .$$

$$\frac{A}{C} = \cos(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{B}{C} = \sin(\alpha) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{2\pi}{3} .$$

If you didn't recognize  $\alpha$  as an elementary angle, the following symbolic answers are also correct, for  $(A, B)$  in the second quadrant:

$$\alpha = \arccos\left(\frac{A}{C}\right) = \arccos\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{B}{A}\right) + \pi = \arctan(-\sqrt{3}) + \pi .$$

> `evalf(2*pi/3);`

`arctan(-sqrt(3.)) + evalf(pi);`

`arccos(-.5);`

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