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Math 2280-1
Second Midterm
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This exam is closed-book and closed-note. You may use a scientific calculator, but not one which is capable of graphing or of solving differential or linear algebra equations. **In order to receive full or partial credit on any problem, you must show all of your work and justify your conclusions.** There are 100 points possible, and the point values for each problem are indicated in the right-hand margin.
Good Luck!

1) Let A be the matrix

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -29 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Maple says

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} > \text{eigenvectors}(A); \\ [-2 + 5I, 1, \{[1 \ -2 + 5I]\}], [-2 - 5I, 1, \{[1 \ -2 - 5I]\}] \end{array} \right] \quad (1)$$

(Remember that Maple uses capital I instead of i for the square root of -1.)

1a) Using this information, find the general solution to the homogeneous first order system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx_1}{dt} \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -29 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(10 points)

1b) Carefully explain the connection between the first order system in 1a) and the second order linear differential equation

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) + 4 \left(\frac{d}{dt} y(t) \right) + 29 y(t) = 0.$$

Then write down the general solution to this DE, using your work from (1a). (Of course, you might want to check that your answer is right using the theory we developed for homogeneous linear differential equations, or secretly use that method to check your answer to 1a.)

(10 points)

1c) Find the general solution to

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) + 4 \left(\frac{d}{dt} y(t) \right) + 29 y(t) = 52 \cos(5 t) .$$

Identify the steady periodic and transient parts of the general solution.

(10 points)

1d) Use your work in the previous sections to write down the general solution to the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx_1}{dt} \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -29 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 52 \cos(5 t) \end{bmatrix} .$$

(5 points)

2) Consider a two mass, 3 spring system consisting of two masses with mass m_1 and m_2 , and springs with Hooke's constants k_1, k_2, k_3 , as sketched below. You can think of the masses as sliding along a frictionless table, or as hanging vertically. Let $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ measure displacement from equilibrium, as indicated. Assume there are no external forces.

2a) Derive the system of differential equations which governs the motion of the masses.

(5 points).

2b) What is the dimension of the solution space to this system of DEs? Explain briefly.

(5 points)

2c) In case each mass is 2 kg and the spring constants are each 4 N/m, show that the system in (2a) reduces to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_1(t) \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

(5 points)

2d) Find the general solution to the mass-spring system in (2c), and explain the two fundamental motions (modes) which superpose to yield this general solution. For your convenience, the system is rewritten below.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_1(t) \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

(15 points)

3a) Find the matrix exponential e^{Bt} where B is the matrix from problem 2,

$$B := \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

You may refer to eigenvalue-eigenvector calculations you did in that problem without redoing them.

(10 points)

3b) Find the matrix exponential e^{Ct} , where C is the matrix

$$C := \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Hint: the eigenspace for the eigenvalue -2 is defective.)

(10 points)

3c) Let A be any matrix. Explain why the two formulas for e^{At} , namely the power series definition and the product of any fundamental matrix solution with its inverse at $t=0$, must yield the same answer.

(5 points)

4) Consider a first order system initial value problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax + f(t)$$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

where A is a (constant) n by n matrix, and $x(t)$ is a vector valued function. Derive an integral formula for the solution to this system using matrix exponentials. Justify your steps.

(10 points)