

Math 2280-001
Monday, April 27
Course review

Final exam: Wednesday May 6, 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. (I will let you work until 10:15). This is the official University time and location - our lecture room LCB 215 (here). As usual the exam is closed book and closed note, and the only sort of calculator that is allowed is a simple scientific one. You will be provided a Laplace Transform table and the formulas for Fourier coefficients. The algebra and math on the exam should all be doable by hand.

The final exam will be comprehensive, but weighted to more recent material. Rough percentage ranges per chapter are below – these percentage ranges add up to more than 100% because many topics span several chapters.

Chapters:

- 1-2: 10-20% first order DEs
- 3: 15-30% linear differential equations and applications
- 4.1, 5: 30-50% linear systems of differential equations and applications
- 7: 15-25% Laplace transforms and applications
- 9.1-9.4: 10-15% Fourier series and applications to forced oscillations

On the next page is a more detailed list of the topics we've investigated this semester. They are more inter-related than you may have realized at the time, so let's discuss the connections. Then we'll work an extended problem that lets us highlight these connections and review perhaps 70% of the key ideas in this course.

1-2: first order DEs

slope fields, Euler approximation
phase diagrams for autonomous DEs
equilibrium solutions
stability
existence-uniqueness thm for IVPs
methods:
separable
linear
applications
populations
velocity-acceleration models
input-output models

3 Linear differential equations

IVP existence and uniqueness

Linear DEs

Homogeneous solution space,
its dimension, and why
superposition, $\underline{x}(t) = \underline{x}_P + \underline{x}_H$
linear transformations
aka superposition
fundamental theorem for solution
space to $L(y) = f$ when L is linear

(We use vector space concepts:
vector spaces and subspaces
linear combinations
linear dependence/independence
span
basis and dimension)

Constant coefficient linear DEs

\underline{x}_H via characteristic polynomial
Euler's formula, complex roots
 \underline{x}_P via undetermined coefficients
solving IVPs

applications:

mechanical configurations
unforced: undamped and damped
cos and sin addition angle formulas
and amplitude-phase form
forced undamped: beating, resonance
forced damped: $\underline{x}_{sp} + \underline{x}_{tr}$, practical
resonance

Using conservation of total energy
(=KE+PE) to derive equations of motion,
Especially for pendulum and mass-spring
Linearization, esp. for pendulum.

4.1, 5.1-5.7 linear systems of DEs

first order systems of DEs and tangent vector
fields.

existence-uniqueness thm for first order IVPs
phase portraits for systems of two linear
homogeneous differential equations;
classifications based on eigendata

Vector space theory for linear first order
systems:

superposition, $\underline{x} = \underline{x}_P + \underline{x}_H$

dimension of solution space for \underline{x}_H .

conversion of DE IVPs or systems to first
order system IVPs.

Constant coefficient systems and methods:

$\underline{x}'(t) = A\underline{x}$

$\underline{x}'(t) = A\underline{x} + \underline{f}(t)$

$\underline{x}''(t) = A\underline{x}$ (from conservative systems)

$\underline{x}''(t) = A\underline{x} + \underline{f}(t)$

Fundamental matrices

Matrix exponentials

Matrix exponential integrating factor for
inhomogeneous systems of first order linear
DEs

applications: phase portrait interpretation of
unforced oscillation problems; input-output
modeling; forced and unforced mass-spring
systems.

7.1-7.6: Laplace transform

definition, for direct computation

using table for Laplace and inverse Laplace
transforms ... applications to linear
differential equations and systems of
differential equations from Chapters 3, 5..

Solving linear DE (and system of DE) IVPs with
Laplace transform. Partial fractions, on-off,
convolutions

9.1-9.4: Fourier series

definition, orthogonality and projection.

Computing Fourier series from def. and
rescaling known series

Applications to forced oscillations

We can illustrate many ideas in this course, and how they are tied together by studying the following two differential equations in as many ways as we can think of.

$$x''(t) + 5x'(t) + 4x(t) = 0$$

$$x''(t) + 5x'(t) + 4x(t) = 3\cos(2t)$$