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1. Consider the differential equation  $y''(t) - 4y'(t) + 5y(t) = 0$ .

(a) (2pts) Solve using "guess  $e^{rt}$ ."  $y = e^{rt} \Rightarrow y' = re^{rt}, y'' = r^2 e^{rt}$

Plug in:  $r^2 e^{rt} - 4(re^{rt}) + 5(e^{rt})$

$= (r^2 - 4r + 5)e^{rt} = 0$

if  $r^2 - 4r + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2} = 2 \pm i \Rightarrow y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \cos t + c_2 e^{2t} \sin t$

(b) (2pts) Solve using Laplace transforms. Use  $y(0) = y_0$ , and  $y'(0) = y_1$ . Stop when you find the transform of the solution,  $Y(s)$ . Do not take the inverse transform to find  $y(t)$ .

Transform:  $(s^2 Y(s) - s y_0 - y_1) - 4(s Y(s) - y_0) + 5 Y(s) = 0$

Solve for  $Y(s)$ :  $Y(s)(s^2 - 4s + 5) = s y_0 + y_1 - 4y_0$

$Y(s) = \frac{s y_0 + y_1 - 4y_0}{s^2 - 4s + 5}$

(c) (3pts) Solve by converting to a system and writing in the form  $\vec{x}'(t) = A\vec{x}$ . Stop once you find the eigenvalues for  $A$ . You need not find any eigenvectors or the solution.

Let  $x_1 = y$  then  $x_1' = x_2$   
 $x_2 = y'$

$x_2' = y'' = 4y' - 5y = 4x_2 - 5x_1$

ie,  $x_1' = 0x_1 + 1x_2$   
 $x_2' = -5x_1 + 4x_2 \Rightarrow \vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 - \lambda & 1 \\ -5 & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$   
 $= (-\lambda)(4 - \lambda) + 5$   
 $= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5$   
 $= 0$  if  $\lambda = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2}$

2. (3pts) Show that if  $S = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

then  $S$  is a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

i) Let  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in S \Rightarrow \vec{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$\vec{y} = k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

ii) Let  $\vec{x} \in S, c \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\vec{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c\vec{x} = (cc_1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + (cc_2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in S$

$\Rightarrow \vec{x} + \vec{y} = \left( c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \left( k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = (c_1 + k_1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + (c_2 + k_2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in S$   
(Since this is a linear comb of the 2 vecs)

i) and ii)  
 $\Rightarrow S$  is a subspace