

Math 3280  
Differential Equations with Linear Algebra

Test 2  
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Directions: Do all problems. Make no mistakes. **SHOW ALL WORK.**  
Closed book. Calculators may be used for algebraic computations, but not for  
solving differential equations or doing row reduction.

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Total \_\_\_\_\_/100+6

1. Consider the differential equation  $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$ .

(a) (8 pts) Find the general solution by guessing solutions of the form  $y = e^{rx}$ . Show your work from this guess.

$$y = e^{rx} \Rightarrow y' = r e^{rx} \Rightarrow y'' = r^2 e^{rx}$$

$\therefore e^{-3x}, e^{2x}$  are 2 solutions

Plug in:  $r^2 e^{rx} + r e^{rx} - 6 e^{rx} = 0$

$\Rightarrow C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^{2x}$  is the general solution

factor  $e^{rx} (r^2 + r - 6) = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^2 + r - 6 = 0$  ( $e^{rx}$  never = 0)

$\Rightarrow (r+3)(r-2) = 0 \Rightarrow r = -3, 2$

(b) (6 pts) Find one solution to the related nonhomogeneous differential equation:  $y'' + y' - 6y = 3x$  by guessing a solution of the form  $y = Ax + B$ .

$y = Ax + B \Rightarrow y' = A \Rightarrow y'' = 0$

$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} - 6B = 0$

Plug in:  $0 + A - 6(Ax + B) = 3x$

$\Rightarrow 6B = -\frac{1}{2}$

ie,  $A - 6B - 6Ax = 0 + 3x$

$\Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{12}$

$\therefore -6A = 3, A - 6B = 0 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{3}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore y = -\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{12}$  is one solution

(c) (2pts) Use (a) and (b) to determine the general solution to  $y'' + y' - 6y = 3x$ ? If you did not answer (a) or (b), indicate how you would use those answers to determine the answer to this problem.

$y(x) = C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^{2x} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{12}\right)$

2. Consider the differential equation  $y'' + 4y = 3e^{2x}$ . One solution to this differential equation is  $y_p(x) = 3e^{2x}$ . The complementary solution, to  $y'' + 4y = 0$ , is  $y_c(x) = c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x)$ .

(a) (2 pts) What is the general solution to  $y'' + 4y = 3e^{2x}$ ?

$y(x) = c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x) + 3e^{2x}$

(b) (6 pts) What is the solution to  $y'' + 4y = 3e^{2x}$  that also satisfies the initial conditions  $y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 0$ ?

(b)  $\Rightarrow y'(x) = -2c_1 \sin(2x) + 2c_2 \cos(2x) + 6e^{2x}$

So  $y(0) = c_1 + c_2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 1 = 2$

$y'(0) = 0c_1 + 2c_2 + 6 \cdot 1 = 0$

ie,  $1c_1 + 0c_2 = -1$

$0c_1 + 2c_2 = -6$

$\Rightarrow c_2 = -3$

$c_1 = -1$

$\therefore y(x) = -\cos(2x) - 3\sin(2x) + 3e^{2x}$

3. (6 pts) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ . Define a matrix  $B$  so that  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} - 2a_{21} & a_{12} - 2a_{22} & a_{13} - 2a_{23} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$B$   $A$

4. (3 pts) If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, and  $\det(A) = 5$ , what is  $\det(2A)$ ? Explain briefly.

$$\det(2A) = 2^3 \cdot \det(A)$$

5. (8 pts) Solve the following linear system USING GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION (row reduction to echelon or reduced echelon form). Leave your answers as exact fractions - not calculator approximations.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{7} & \frac{1}{7} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{Last row} \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{1}{7} \\ \text{1st row} \Rightarrow 2x_1 - \frac{1}{7} = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{8}{14} \end{cases} \quad \text{So } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{7} \\ \frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

6. (a) (8 pts) Find all solutions to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write your answer in vector form. Interpret:  $x_3$  is free:  $x_3 = t$ .

Rows reduce:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Last eqn  $\Rightarrow -2x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_4 = 0$   
 2nd row  $\Rightarrow 1 \cdot x_2 + 2x_3 + 0x_4 = 0$   
 ie  $x_2 = -2x_3 = -2t$   
 1st row  $\Rightarrow x_1 + 2x_2 + 0x_3 + 1 \cdot x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -4t + 0 = -4t$

(b) (2 pts) What is the dimension of the set of solutions to part (a)?

1  $\Rightarrow \vec{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) (6 pts) Find  $A^{-1}$  using the Gauss-Jordan (row reduction) technique.

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + 2R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 - \frac{2}{3}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) (2 pts) Check your answer by multiplying  $AA^{-1}$ .

$$A \cdot A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -1 & 1 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

8. (3 pts) Write the vector equation  $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in the form  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

That is, identify  $A$ ,  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{b}$ . Do not solve.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

9. (6 pts) Evaluate the following determinant. Show your work.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{Expand along 2nd row:}$$

$$= (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \dots - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \dots$$

$$= (-1)((0+2-4) - (-4+6+0)) + 0 + (-3)(0 \cdot 1 \cdot -1 - 2|2 \cdot -1| + 6 \dots) + 0$$

$$= \cancel{0} + \cancel{4} - 6 = \underline{+2} - 4 + 6$$

$$= 4 \quad \quad \quad \frac{-30}{-30} = \underline{-26}$$

10. (6+1 pts) Give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  and a vector  $\vec{b}$  for which  $A\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ , but the entries of  $A$  are not all zero, and the entries of  $\vec{b}$  are not all zero. Bonus point if no entry of  $A$  is zero and no entry of  $\vec{b}$  is zero.

$$A\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

11. Let  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . Recall that  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of all integers, or whole numbers:  $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ .

- (a) (4pts) Is  $W$  closed under vector addition? Explain briefly.

$$\text{Yes. } \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n+m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow n+m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- (b) (4 pts) Is  $W$  closed under scalar multiplication? Explain briefly.

$$\text{No. } \frac{1}{2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin W, \text{ but } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W.$$

- (c) (2pts) Is  $W$  a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Justify briefly.

No.  $W$  is not closed under ~~scalar~~ scalar multiplication.

12. (6 pts) (True or False)  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the span of  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Justify using the definition of span.

$$\text{Solve } c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{ie, } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row reduction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{swap}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 + 2R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{swap}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{last row} \Rightarrow \\ 0c_1 + 0c_2 = -2 \\ \therefore \text{No solution} \end{array}$$

13. (10 pts) Let  $\mathcal{P}_1 = \{a + bx : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . It turns out that  $\mathcal{P}_1$  is a subspace of the set of all functions (with domain all real numbers and range in the real numbers). Show that the set  $\{1, x + 1\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{P}_1$ . Work directly from the definitions of linear independence and span.

1) Lin. indep.: Solve  $c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot (x+1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{by differentiation } 0c_1 + c_2 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ eq.} \Rightarrow c_2 = 0, \text{ 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ eq becomes } 1 \cdot c_1 + 0 \cdot (x+1) = 0$$

$$\text{ie, } c_1 = 0.$$

$$\therefore c_1 = 0 \text{ and } c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \{1, x+1\} \text{ is a lin indep. set.}$$

2) Span: Solve  $c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot (x+1) = a + bx$  (where  $a + bx$  is an arbitrary function in  $\mathcal{P}_1$ )

$$\Rightarrow (c_1 + c_2) + c_2 x = a + bx$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = a, \quad c_2 = b$$

$$\therefore c_1 + b = a \Rightarrow c_1 = a - b$$

$$\text{ie, } \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-b \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  Any  $a + bx$  is in the

Span of  $\{1, x+1\}$ .

ie,  $\text{Span}\{1, x+1\} = \mathcal{P}_1$ .

1) and 2)  $\Rightarrow \{1, x+1\}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{P}_1$ .

14. Extra credit (6 pts) Consider the vector equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , where  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix. Let  $W$  be the subset of all solutions to this vector equation. Assume that  $\vec{y}$  is a function in  $W$ . Show that  $c\vec{y}$  is also in  $W$ , where  $c$  is any real number.

$$\vec{y} \in W \Rightarrow A\vec{y} = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore A(c\vec{y}) = c(A\vec{y}) = c \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore c\vec{y} \in W.$$