

**Mathematics 38**  
**Exam II**

**Differential Equations**  
**October 31, 2011**

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1. (10 points) Find  $\mathcal{L}[\cos^2 t]$ .

2. (15 points) Solve  $(D^2 + 1)x = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 5 \\ e^{7t} & t \geq 5 \end{cases}$ ,  $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$ .

3. (10 points) Consider the differential equation

$$(N) \quad D(D + 1)(D - 1)x = t.$$

The corresponding homogeneous equation  $D(D + 1)(D - 1)x = 0$  has the general solution  $H(t) = c_1 + c_2e^{-t} + c_3e^t$ .

- Find the general solution of (N) by whatever method you prefer.
- Write (N) as a  $3 \times 3$  nonhomogeneous system.

4. (10 points) Make a *simplified* guess for a particular solution of

$$(D - 1)^2(D^2 + 1)^3(D + 2)x = t^2e^{3t} + e^t + e^{-t} \sin 3t + t^4.$$

5. (15 points) Find the general solution of

$$(t^2D^2 + 4tD + 2)x = t^5 \quad (\text{for } t > 0).$$

**Hint:** To solve the associated homogeneous equation try solutions of the form  $t^\alpha$  or  $e^{\lambda t}$ .

6. (10 points) Determine whether the spring modeled by  $(mD^2 + bD + k)x = 0$  with  $m = 1$  gram,  $k = 100$  dynes/cm and  $b = 20$  gram/s oscillates around its equilibrium.

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7. (5 points) Determine whether the system

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= -ty - z + t^2 \\y' &= -\frac{x}{t} - \frac{z}{t} + 1 \\z' &= x - ty \\w' &= tx - y\sqrt{3} + z \sin t + w\end{aligned}$$

is linear. If it is linear

**a.** determine whether it is homogeneous, **b.** determine its order, and **c.** write it in matrix form.

8. (5 points) In parts **a.** and **b.** you are given a matrix  $A$ , a vector-valued function  $\vec{E}(t)$  and formulas describing a collection of solutions of the nonhomogeneous system  $D\vec{x} = A\vec{x} + \vec{E}(t)$ . In each case decide whether the collection is complete.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a.} \quad A &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{E}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ -e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} : & \begin{cases} x_1 = 2c_1e^{-2t} + c_2e^{-t} \\ x_2 = -c_1e^{-2t} - c_2e^{-t} + e^{-t} \end{cases} \\ \mathbf{b.} \quad A &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{E}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} : & \begin{cases} x_1 = 6c_1e^{4t} - 2c_2e^{-4t} \\ x_2 = 2c_1e^{4t} - 6c_2e^{-4t} \\ x_3 = c_1e^{4t} + c_2e^{-4t} - 2 \end{cases}.\end{aligned}$$

9. (10 points) Check this set of vectors for linear independence:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

10. (5 points) Consider the functions  $t^3$  and  $|t^3|$  defined on  $-\infty < t < \infty$ . Are they linearly independent? Explain!

11. (5 points, *no credit unless every answer is correct*) For each of the following vectors decide whether

it is an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and if so, provide the corresponding eigenvalue. For each part, your answer should be either "NO" or a number; please put all your answers on the inside front blue cover of your examination booklet.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{b.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{c.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{d.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{e.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{f.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{g.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{h.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{i.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{j.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{k.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{l.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{m.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{n.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{o.} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$