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**Problem 1:** (36 points) **True/False** (answer True if it is always true otherwise answer False. No justification is needed.)

- (a) For invertible matrices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , if  $AB = CA$  then  $|B| = |C|$ .
- (b) The space of all solutions to the differential equation  $y'' - \cos t^2 y' + y - 5t = 0$  forms a vector space (usual addition and scalar multiplication are assumed).
- (c)  $A$  is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix, when the system of linear equations  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  is solvable, then we must have infinitely many solutions. Here  $\bar{x}$  is a  $4 \times 1$  column vector and  $\bar{b}$  is a  $3 \times 1$  column vector.
- (d) The critical (or equilibrium) point  $x_0 = 1$  of the differential equation  $x'(t) = x(1 - x)$  is unstable.
- (e) The dimension of the vector space  $U_{4 \times 4} = \{4 \times 4 \text{ upper triangular matrices with real entries}\}$  is 10.
- (f) If  $f(y, t)$  is continuous everywhere, Picard's theorem guarantees that the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, t)$  has a unique solution for any initial condition  $y(t_0) = y_0$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) True,

$$|AB| = |CA| \rightarrow |A||B| = |C||A| \rightarrow |B| = |C|$$

- (b) False, This equation is nonhomogeneous and so the solution space does not form a vector space, e.g., the zero function is not in the space.
- (c) True,  $\text{rank}(A) \leq 3 < 4 = \text{number of variables}$ .
- (d) False,  $f(x) = x - x^2$  and  $f'(1) = -1 < 0$ , it is stable.
- (e) True, there are 10 entries above the diagonal that can be chosen independently. A basis is the set of 10 matrices having only one entry on or above the diagonal equal to 1, and the rest of the entries 0.
- (f) False, this is guaranteed by Picard's theorem only if  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  is continuous everywhere.

**Problem 2:** (30 points) **Short Answer** for the following problems. Box your answer. No work for this question will be graded.

- (a) For the IVP  $y' = 2t/(1 + 2y)$ ,  $y(0) = 0$  approximate the solution at  $t = 1$  using Euler's method with a step size  $h = 0.5$ .
- (b) The vector space  $M_{32}$  consists of all  $3 \times 2$  matrices. Consider the subset  $W$  which contains matrices with zeros in the second row i.e.  $a_{21} = a_{22} = 0$ . Is  $W$  a vector subspace of  $M_{32}$ ? If so, prove it. If not, give one counterexample.
- (c) The reduced row-echelon form of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute the coefficients to express the last column of  $A$  through the basis vectors of the column space of  $A$ .

**Solution:**

(a) Euler's method is given by:  $t_{n+1} = t_n + h$ ,  $y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n)$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then notice

$$\begin{array}{ll} t_0 = 0, & y_0 = y(0) = 0, \\ t_1 = t_0 + h & y_1 = y_0 + hf(t_0, y_0) \\ = 0 + 0.5 & = 0 + 0.5[2 * 0 / (1 + 2 * 0)] \\ = 0.5, & = 0, \\ t_2 = t_1 + h & y_2 = y_1 + hf(t_1, y_1) \\ = 0.5 + 0.5 & = 0 + 0.5[2 * 0.5 / (1 + 2 * 0)] \\ = 1, & = 0.5, \\ t_3 = t_2 + h & y_3 = y_2 + hf(t_2, y_2) \\ = 1 + 0.5 & = 0.5 + 0.5[2 * 1 / (1 + 2 * 0.5)] \\ = 1.5. & = 1. \end{array}$$

(b) Any nonempty subset of a vector space is a subspace if it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication. The subset  $\mathbb{W}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{M}_{32}$ . Consider the linear combination  $\alpha A + \beta B$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $A, B \in \mathbb{W}$  i.e.  $a_{21} = a_{22} = b_{21} = b_{22} = 0$ . Then notice

$$\alpha A + \beta B = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha a_{11} + \beta b_{11} & \alpha a_{12} + \beta b_{12} \\ 0 & 0 \\ \alpha a_{31} + \beta b_{31} & \alpha a_{32} + \beta b_{32} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since the resulting matrix has zeros along the second row we see that  $\alpha A + \beta B \in \mathbb{W}$  and conclude  $\mathbb{W}$  is a subspace.

(c)

We can choose basis vectors as

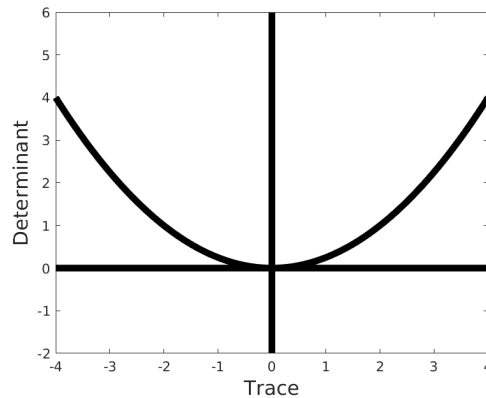
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix},$$

since RREF has non-zero pivots in these columns. Thus, we look for coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

and find that  $a = -2$  and  $b = 3$ .

**Problem 3:** (30 points) Below is the trace/determinant plane for  $\bar{x}' = A\bar{x}$  where  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix of real numbers. For your convenience, the figure also contains curves that define the boundaries of behavior for different solutions.



Let  $A$  be the matrix

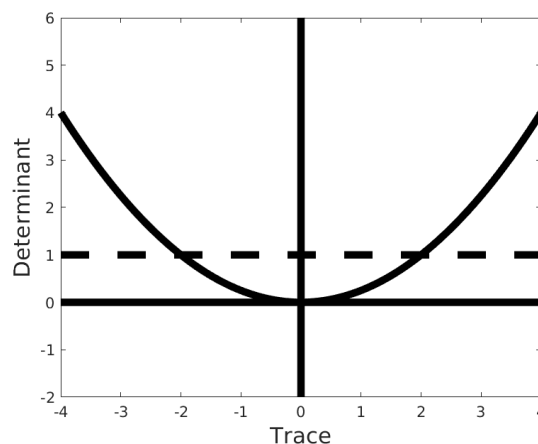
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a - 1 & 1 \\ a - 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

where the (1,1) and (2,1) elements of  $A$  depend on the value of a parameter  $a$ . If  $a$  can be any real number, describe the different classifications that the steady state at  $\bar{x}_* = (0, 0)$  can have.

**Solution:**

Attracting sink, repelling source, degenerate (attracting and repelling), spirals (attracting and repelling), and center

To solve this problem, we'll need to compute both the Trace and determinant of the matrix  $A$ . The  $\text{Tr}(A) = a$ , while  $|A| = (a - 1) - (a - 2) = 1$ . Therefore, we need to graph the parametric plot  $(a, 1)$  as  $a$  is varied



As is illustrated in the graph, the parametric curve is the dotted, horizontal line, intersecting the vertical axis at 1. Thus the node at  $(0,0)$  can be classified (moving from left to right along the dotted line) as attracting sink, attracting degenerate, attracting spiral, center, repelling spiral, repelling degenerate, and repelling source.

**Problem 4:** (35 points) Consider the linear system  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Calculate the determinant of  $A$ .
- Is there a unique solution of  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ ?
- Put the augmented matrix in RREF.
- What is the solution, if it exists.
- Geometrically, in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , does the solution to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  correspond to a point, a line, or a plane?

**Solution:**

(a) Expanding along the second row gives

$$|A| = -(-2) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-4 + 3) + (4 - 2) = 0.$$

- Since  $|A| = 0$  there is no unique solution.
- Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 & 6 \end{array} \right] &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

(d) The corresponding equations are:  $x - z = 0$ ,  $y - 2z = -2$ , where  $z$  is a free parameter. The infinite number of solutions are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ -2 + 2\alpha \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(e) The equations  $x - z = 0$  and  $y - 2z = -2$  correspond to non-parallel planes that intersect in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Hence the solution corresponds to the line of intersection of these two planes that passes through the point  $(0, -2, 0)$  and is parallel to the vector  $\langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$ .

**Problem 5:** (40 points)

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find the eigenvectors of  $A$ .

**Solution:**

(a) The characteristic equation is

$$|A - \lambda I| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right| = (1 - \lambda)[(2 - \lambda)^2 + 1] = 0.$$

The roots are  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = 2 \pm i$ . Therefore the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_{2,3} = 2 \pm i$ .

- (b) For  $\lambda_1 = 1$ , we solve  $(A - I)\vec{u}_1 = \vec{0}$ . We write that in augmented matrix form and do row operations as follows

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

If we say  $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ , the system is  $2c = 0$ ,  $b - c = 0$ , and  $b + c = 0$ . These equations give us  $b = c = 0$ , leaving  $a$  a free variable. Choosing  $a = 1$ , one eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 1$  is  $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda_2 = 2 + i$ , we solve the system  $(A - (2 + i)I)\vec{u}_2 = \vec{0}$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 - i & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -i & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{R_3 - iR_2 \\ iR_2 \rightarrow R_2}]{R_3 - iR_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 - i & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

Now we say  $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$  and use backsubstitution. The second equation gives  $b - ic = 0$ , so  $b = ic$ . The first equation gives  $-(1 + i)a + b + c = 0$ , so  $(1 + i)a = c + ic = (1 + i)c$ , so  $a = c$ . So  $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ ic \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ . Choosing  $c = 1$ , one eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 2 + i$  is

$\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since the matrix is real, the remaining eigenvector is the complex conjugate of the one we just found,

$$\vec{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 6:** (40 points) A mass of 1 kg is attached to a spring with constant  $k = 25$  N/m.

- (a) Assuming there is no damping, i.e.,  $b = 0$  and assuming the system is forced with a forcing term of the form  $f(t) = 20 \cos(\omega_f t)$  (measured in Newtons). Find a value of  $\omega_f$  that guarantees that the amplitude of the resulting oscillations grows without limit.
- (b) Assuming the system is forced with a forcing term  $f(t) = 102 \cos(t)$  (measured in Newtons). We also assume that the corresponding damping constants is  $b = 6$ .
- Write down the second order differential equation for this mass-spring motion.
  - Verify that  $x_p(t) = 4 \cos(t) + \sin(t)$  is a particular solution to the above second order differential equation.
  - Find the general solution.
  - Find the frequency of the steady-state for this motion.

**Solution:**

- (a)  $\omega_f = \omega_0 = 5$ .
- (b)  $m = 1$ ,  $b = 6$ ,  $k = 25$ ,  $f = 102 \cos(t)$ ,  $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$ :
- $x''(t) + 6x'(t) + 25x(t) = 102 \cos(t)$ ;  $x'(0) = x(0) = 0$ .
  - Direct computing:  $x'_p(t) = -4 \sin(t) + \cos(t)$ ,  $x''_p(t) = -4 \cos(t) - \sin(t)$ , and plug in.
  - $r^2 + 6r + 25 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -3 \pm 4i$ :  $x = \exp^{-3t}(A \cos(4t) + B \sin(4t)) + 4 \cos(t) + \sin(t)$ .
  - $\omega = 1$ .

**Problem 7:** (39 points)

Use Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 4y = \cos(3t),$$

where  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .

- (a) Derive an algebraic equation for the Laplace transform of  $y$ ,  $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}(y)(s)$ .  
 (b) Solve the algebraic equation from a).  
 (c) Evaluate the inverse Laplace transform and obtain the solution of the initial value problem.

**Solution:**

- (a) We have

$$(s^2 \mathcal{L}(y) - s) + 4\mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 9}$$

- (b) We obtain

$$\mathcal{L}(y)(s) = \frac{s}{(s^2 + 9)(s^2 + 4)} + \frac{s}{s^2 + 4}$$

- (c) Computing

$$\frac{s}{(s^2 + 9)(s^2 + 4)} = \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} - \frac{s}{s^2 + 9} \right)$$

so that

$$\mathcal{L}(y)(s) = \frac{6}{5} \frac{s}{s^2 + 4} - \frac{1}{5} \frac{s}{s^2 + 9},$$

we obtain

$$y(t) = \frac{6}{5} \cos(2t) - \frac{1}{5} \cos(3t).$$

It is easy to check that the resulting solution satisfies both, the equation and the initial conditions.

**Table 8.1.1 Short table of Laplace transforms**

$f(t)$	$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$	
(i) 1	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s > 0$
(ii) $t^n$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	$s > 0, n$ a positive integer
(iii) $e^{at}$	$\frac{1}{s-a}$	$s > a$
(iv) $t^n e^{at}$	$\frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$	$s > a, n$ a positive integer
(v) $\sin bt$	$\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}$	$s > 0$
(vi) $\cos bt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}$	$s > 0$
(vii) $e^{at} \sin bt$	$\frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$	$s > a$
(viii) $e^{at} \cos bt$	$\frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$	$s > a$
(ix) $\sinh bt$	$\frac{b}{s^2 - b^2}$	$s >  b $
(x) $\cosh bt$	$\frac{s}{s^2 - b^2}$	$s >  b $