

Subject: Close-book midterm of CS3334-01 (Engineering Mathematics), Nov. 26, 2004

Seven hints and rules for a fair examination:

- 一、Close books, close everything, and turn off all personal electronics including the cell phone's sound and vibration; calculators can be left on.
- 二、Please raise your hand with patience when you want to talk to the teacher or a TA.
- 三、Please try to understand and answer the questions properly.
- 四、Please express your "thought process" succinctly to avoid jump-to-conclusion answer; please make each of your final answers stands out clearly and explicitly to avoid grading errors.
- 五、Between 10:10AM and 12:00noon, you are welcome and allowed to talk to the teaching assistants. No chatting or any other form of communications between classmates will be allowed.
- 六、A "model" is not the same as an "initial value problem".
- 七、Ten credits for each question.

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1. A linear system is modeled as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

For the ten questions below, if you write down the correct answers without any mathematic explanation/process, you can only get very few partial credits.

- (a) Compute the two eigenvalues for the above;
- (b) For the two eigenvalues, compute the associated eigenvectors, respectively;
- (c) Compute the general solution;
- (d) If the initial condition is $(x(t), y(t))|_{t=0} = (5, 0)$, solve the IVP by generating a solution.

2. A linear system is modeled as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

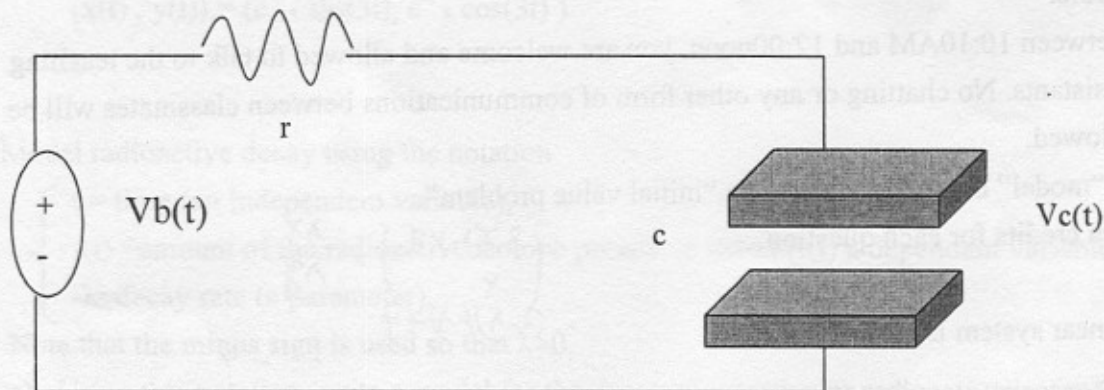
Handwritten calculations for question 2:

- Characteristic equation: $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 12 = 0$
- Factoring: $(\lambda - 6)(\lambda + 2) = 0$
- Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 6, \lambda_2 = -2$
- Eigenvector for $\lambda_1 = 6$: $(-2 - 6)x + 4y = 0 \Rightarrow -8x + 4y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 2x$. Eigenvector: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
- Eigenvector for $\lambda_2 = -2$: $(-2 + 2)x + 4y = 0 \Rightarrow 4y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$. Eigenvector: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- General solution: $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = C_1 e^{6t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- Initial condition: $(x(0), y(0)) = (5, 0)$
- Solving for C_1, C_2 : $C_1 + C_2 = 5$ and $2C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0, C_2 = 5$
- Particular solution: $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Compute the two eigenvalues that are conjugated complex numbers;
- (b) Selecting one of the two eigenvalues, compute its eigenvector;
- (c) Compute the general solution that has real-numbered parameters;
- (d) If the initial condition is $(x(t), y(t))|_{t=0} = (0.5, 0.5)$, solve the initial-value problem (IVP) by generating a solution that has only real numbers.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2+3i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Using $Q_c(t) = c * V_c(t)$, $dQ(t)/dt = I(t)$, $V_r(t) = r * I_r(t)$, and the following simple circuit:



(a) Due to Kirchhoff's Voltage Law ($V_b = V_r + V_c$), explain and prove that the above circuit can be modeled by the following ordinary differential equation (ODE):

$$dV_c(t)/dt = (V_b(t) - V_c(t)) / (r * c).$$

(b) If $V_b(t)$ is a constant direct current battery at 1.0 volt and $V_c(t=0) = 0$, please write down the initial-value problem (IVP) that consists of an ODE and the initial condition.

(c) Explain and prove that the analytic solution of IVP in (b) is $V_c(t) = 1.0 - e^{-t/(r*c)}$.

4. For the function:

$$d^2y/dt^2 + (k/m)y = 0$$

describing the motion of a simple harmonic oscillator.

- (a) Consider the function $y(t) = \cos \beta t$. Under **what conditions on β** is $y(t)$ a solution?
- (b) If $v = dy/dt$, what initial condition ($t = 0$) in the yv -plane corresponds to this solution?
- (c) In terms of k and m , **what is the period** of this solution?

5. Perform Euler's method with the given step size $\Delta t=0.4$ on the following IVP over the time interval from 0 to 2:

$$dy/dt = y^2 - (2 * y) + 1, y(0)=2.$$

6. We consider the system:

$$\begin{cases} dx(t)/dt = -2x(t) - y(t) \\ dy(t)/dt = 2x(t) - 5y(t). \end{cases}$$

For the given function $Y(t) = (x(t), y(t))$, check to see if $Y(t)$ is a solution to the system.

(a) $(x(t), y(t)) = (e^{-3t} - 2 * e^{-4t}, e^{-3t} - 4 * e^{-4t})$

(b) $(x(t), y(t)) = (2 * e^{-3t} + e^{-4t}, 2 * e^{-3t} + 2 * e^{-4t}).$

7. We consider the system:

$$\begin{cases} dx(t)/dt = 2x(t) + y(t) \\ dy(t)/dt = -y(t). \end{cases}$$

(a) Derive the general solution.

(b) If the initial condition is $(x(0), y(0)) = (-1, 3)$, determine the solution for the IVP.

8. A cup of hot chocolate is initially 150°F and is left in a room with an ambient temperature of 50°F . Suppose that at time $t=0$ it is cooling at a rate of 20°F per minute.

(a) Assume that Newton's law of cooling applies: The rate of cooling is proportional to the difference between the current temperature and the ambient temperature. Write an initial-value problem that models the temperature of the hot chocolate.

(b) How long does it take the hot chocolate to cool to a temperature of 110°F ?

9. We consider the system:

$$\begin{cases} dx(t)/dt = -x(t) + 3 * y(t) \\ dy(t)/dt = -3 * x(t) - y(t). \end{cases}$$

For the given function $Y(t) = (x(t), y(t))$, check to see if $Y(t)$ is a solution to the system.

$$(x(t), y(t)) = (e^{-t} * \sin(3t), e^{-t} * \cos(3t))$$

10. Model radioactive decay using the notation

$$\begin{cases} t = \text{time (an independent variable),} \\ r(t) = \text{amount of the radioactive isotope present at time } t \text{ (} r(t) \text{ a dependent variable),} \\ -\lambda = \text{decay rate (a parameter).} \end{cases}$$

Note that the minus sign is used so that $\lambda > 0$.

- Using this notation, write a model for the decay of a particular radioactive isotope.
- If the amount of the isotope present at $t=0$ is r_0 , state the corresponding initial-value problem for the model in part (a).
- The half-life of a radioactive isotope is the amount of time it takes for a quantity of radioactive material to decay to one-half of its original amount, and the half-life of Carbon 14 (C-14) is 400 years. Determine the decay-rate parameter λ for C-14 (note: please explain the unit of your answer λ).