

**Collaborators:**

1. The general linear  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order constant-coefficient homogeneous DE for a function  $u(t)$  has the form

$$a_n u^{(n)} + a_{n-1} u^{(n-1)} + a_2 u'' + a_1 u' + a_0 u = 0 \quad (1)$$

Write this as a system of first-order ODEs, in matrix form.

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2. Find the general solution of  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$ . Express your answer in the form  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \Psi(t)\mathbf{c}$  where  $\Psi(t)$  is a fundamental matrix.

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3. Find the general solution for the linear system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}. \quad (2)$$

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4. Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Determine the real and imaginary parts of the function

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v}.$$

For consistency in grading, assume  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$  ( $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ) and  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{p} + i\mathbf{q}$  ( $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ).

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5. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . If the eigenvalues are complex, express your eigenvectors in the form  $\mathbf{p} + i\mathbf{q}$ , where  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

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6. Find the general real-valued solution for the system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}. \quad (3)$$

Express your answer in the form  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \Psi(t)\mathbf{c}$  where  $\Psi(t)$  is a fundamental matrix.

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7. Solve the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad (4)$$

with initial condition  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and determine  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}(t)$  for your solution.

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8. Consider the inhomogeneous linear system

$$\mathbf{x}' = A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g}(t) \quad (5)$$

where  $A \in M_{nn}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_p$  is a particular solution of the inhomogeneous linear system and  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  is a basis for the space of solutions of the associated homogeneous system  $\mathbf{x}' = A \mathbf{x}$ . Prove that if  $\mathbf{y}$  is any solution of the inhomogeneous equation (5) then there must exist constants  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = c_1 \mathbf{x}_1(t) + \dots + c_n \mathbf{x}_n(t) + \mathbf{x}_p(t).$$

Therefore, if you know *one* solution to the inhomogeneous problem you know them *all*, up to something in the homogeneous solution space.

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