
MATH 210 Practice Questions

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Plain scientific calculators are allowed but not *graphing or programmable* calculators
- No cellphones, laptops or notes
- 120 minutes

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1. (a) Start with the interval $[-2, 2]$ and implement the bisection method to find an interval of length 0.25 containing a solution of the equation

$$y = x^7 + x^3 - x + 2$$

- (b) Approximate a solution of the equation above by executing 1 iteration of Newton's method with initial point equal to the midpoint of the interval found in part (a).

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2. Consider the definite integral

$$I = \int_0^2 \sqrt{1+x^4} dx$$

The derivatives of $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x^4}$ are

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x^3}{\sqrt{x^4+1}} \quad f''(x) = \frac{2x^2(x^4+3)}{\sqrt[3]{x^4+1}}$$

- (a) Approximate the integral I using $N = 3$ subintervals of equal length with the trapezoid rule and find a bound on the error.

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- (b) Determine the length of partition N required to approximate the integral I with error less than 0.01 for each method:
- Left (or right) Riemann sum
 - Midpoint Riemann sum
 - Trapezoid rule

3. Suppose the general solution of the system of equation $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$ is

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{4t} + C_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

Write Python code to find the coefficients C_1 , C_2 and C_3 as a 2D NumPy array $C = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \end{bmatrix}$ given

the initial condition $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. (Do not solve the system of equations, write the Python code that would compute the coefficients when executed.)

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4. Write Python code to find the coefficients of the unique quadratic polynomial interpolating $(-1, 2), (0, 2), (1, 3)$. (Do not solve the system of equations, write the Python code that would compute the coefficients when executed.)

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5. Find the line $y = a_0 + a_1x$ which best fits the points

$(1.08, 13.63)$, $(3.49, 6.08)$, $(4.55, 2.93)$, $(2.24, 9.15)$

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6. Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was \$742 billion USD (US dollars) in 2000, \$1169 billion USD in 2005, \$1613 billion USD in 2010 and \$1560 billion USD in 2015. Use linear regression to predict Canada's GDP in 2020.

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7. (5 points) Consider the system of differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x}_1 &= -2\omega_0^2 x_1 + \omega_0^2 x_2 \\ \ddot{x}_2 &= \omega_0^2 x_1 - 2\omega_0^2 x_2\end{aligned}$$

The system describes a mass-spring system with two masses. The variables x_1 and x_2 are the positions of each mass with respect to their equilibrium position. Write Python code to plot the solutions $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ over time $0 \leq t \leq 2$ given $\omega_0 = 1$ and initial conditions $x_1(0) = 1$, $x_2(0) = -1$, $\dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}_2 = 0$.

```
def odefun(u,t):  
    dudt = np.zeros(4)  
    # Code required here
```

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```
u = spi.odeint(odefun,u0,t)  
# Code required here
```

```
plt.show()
```


8. Write a function called `elementary` which takes input parameters `i`, `j`, `k` and `n` and returns the elementary matrix E of size n which performs the operation: add k times row j to row i (using 0 indexing). For example, if $i = 1$, $j = 3$, $k = -2$ and $n = 5$ then

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

Also, if $i = 2$, $j = 2$, $k = 7$ and $n = 4$ then

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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9. Write a function called `is_symmetric` which takes an input parameter `A` and returns `True` if `A` is a square symmetric matrix and `False` otherwise. For example,

```
is_symmetric(np.array([[1,2,3],[4,5,6]]))
```

returns `False` and

```
is_symmetric(np.array([[1,2],[2,1]]))
```

returns `True`.

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10. Write a function called `almost_complete` which takes an input parameter `n` and returns the adjacency matrix of the *almost* complete graph on n vertices. The **almost** complete graph is constructed as follows: label the vertices $0, \dots, n-1$ and then vertex i is connected to every other node except vertex $i+1$. This means vertex $n-1$ is not connected to vertex 0.

For example, `almost_complete(4)` returns

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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11. Consider the initial value problem

$$y' = y + \sin(yt) + 1 \quad , \quad y(0) = 0$$

- (a) Implement Euler's method to compute approximations for $y(0.2)$ and $y(0.4)$.
- (b) Write Python code to compute approximations $y(t)$ for $t = 0.1, 0.2, \dots, 2$.

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