

# TEACHING PORTFOLIO

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# Chapter 1

## Teaching Philosophy and Methodology

I consider teaching and communicating math an integral part of my life. It always fills me with great joy to witness a classroom full of students make the transition from being doubtful and confused to confident and knowledgeable on a topic, or to help a colleague gain an appreciation for a new and abstract concept. The 2019-2020 academic year marks my sixth year as the instructor of record for a range of pure and applied/interdisciplinary undergraduate Mathematics courses at Bowdoin College and at the University of Chicago, both at introductory and advanced levels, all with great feedback. I have also mentored a diverse group of high school and undergraduate students through *independent study* sessions and REUs, trained students for *Olympiads* and *Putnam*, and have participated in various outreach activities specifically geared towards first generation college students and minority groups.

### §1. ACTIVE AND INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM

From the first day of lecture, I constantly monitor the classroom dynamic to ensure that no one feels isolated and that I pay equal attention and provide honest helpful guidance to both the capable and the less experienced students. By familiarizing myself with their backgrounds and interests through an introduction form, I carefully form small groups that complement each others' strengths and weaknesses. I start planning early to craft rigorous in-class *worksheets* that encourage students to make necessary efforts to discuss, analyze, and discover the relevant results themselves; often this involves working in groups, parallelly on their assigned blackboard. This allows me to engage with every student, understand their needs and modify the instructions on the spot accordingly. Students have found this an integral part of their learning process and always responded very enthusiastically in their feedback: “[he] was engaging, excited, and patient. He sought class participation from everyone and helped people reach an answer and understanding as necessary.”

## §2. DEVELOPING APPLICABLE SKILLS

To make sure that my students are able to demonstrate skills for applying the textbook knowledge to solve complex real life problems in a diverse team environment, I have carefully designed several relevant and practical group projects that act as an extension to their assignments. For example, my students learned the geometry of rotary engines and rocket propulsion in multivariable calculus. In linear algebra, they applied the theory behind Google's page rank algorithm to network flows and learned basics of cryptography. In ordinary differential equation, students analyzed the hysteresis of Spruce Budworm population and found the best kick-flow regimen of caffeine consumption. Some students have used words like '*quest*' and '*adventure*' to describe these projects in their feedback. They liked that it "...slightly strays away from class - keeps things interesting" and found the experience satisfying and enjoyable.

## §3. COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

It is important to me that each student is treated as an individual, that multiple perspectives, experiences, and identities are valued and promoted. To adapt the style and content of my teaching that reflect their diversity, I have taken steps like promoting *visual learning* for non-native English speakers, spending extra times with struggling or special-needs students, and in general, create more heterogeneous contents using real life examples from all facets of our society. Students have found my colorful mathematical drawings and physical cues one of my biggest strengths during lectures.

I am fortunate to possess the unique experience of teaching a group of academically talented incoming first-year students at UChicago through the *Chicago Academic Achievement Program* (CAAP), many of whom were first-generation college students or from low-income communities. More recently, I have participated in the *Bowdoin Science Experience*, an orientation program designed towards students from groups underrepresented in the sciences and currently help organize a weekly *Study Group* for students of color in Math, CS and Physics. More details on these and my other outreach efforts can be found in my *Diversity Statement*.

## §4. TEACHING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

I firmly believe that the process of teaching is not confined to the classroom and it is important to keep curious minds busy by engaging them in intellectual reflections and allowing them to find connections to their own interests. I have done independent study courses with Economics students interested in game theory and about optimization techniques for asset revenues, with Computer Science students interested in machine learning, and have mentored several summer *REU* participants. In each case, I also helped them learn mathematical writing and coached them on their presentation skills. A

detailed list of these are available in my CV.

I have experience in training high school students for the *Indian National Mathematical Olympiad* and am currently co-organizing a *Problem Solving Seminar* where we work on Math ‘puzzles’ in an effort to teach important mathematical strategies in a fun setting and train more enthusiastic students for the *Putnam Competition*. Several times over the last years, I have given invited talks in student seminars, participated in panel discussion with undergrads regarding grad school and higher studies, and given colloquium style talks in front of my peers. Through these, I have tried to expose the student community to interesting nonstandard mathematical ideas in an effort to destigmatize math education. Students have regularly praised my availability, enthusiasm, and willingness to help them both in and outside the classroom: “[he] goes out of his way to explain things, and even beyond his role as an instructor, he cares about his students.”

## §5. FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT POLICIES

I believe, as a professor, my main focus is not to deliver content, but rather focus on the process and help the students realize their own potential. As such, I have always prioritized rewarding academic growth of a student throughout the course over raw examination scores. Although there are weekly quizzes and two midterms, students get opportunities to make up partial grades, by taking follow-up tests or redoing particular questions to show that they correctly identified their mistakes. In higher-level courses, I sometimes give take-home exams and occasionally require a final Presentation to encourage students to learn effective communication of Math ideas. I have found that the average student performance has gone up when I allow them to demonstrate their abilities in a less constrained environment. Students have often praised my fair grading policy despite moderately hard exams.

## §6. INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGY

With the abundance of freely available personalized online content in the 21st century, one of my goals as a teacher is to prepare students to become self-regulated learners. By *curating a list of course-specific online contents* as part of the lecture and assignments, and by making them accountable to their use of resources in form of a cover sheet, I believe to have improved their ability to discern useful information from fraudulent or irrelevant ones.

*Incorporating several Mathematica and Octave labs* into my curriculum have helped students visualize abstract ideas more easily, observe simulated experiments, understand how to implement the theoretical algorithms in a practical time-efficient way and explore the limitations of computing technologies at the same time.

Finally, by maintaining an online forum via Blackboard, I have helped them keep track of their own performance and engage in productive debates more confidently. I have

found that the seamless integration of digital and computational tools have significantly lowered the barrier of intimidation and allowed students more control over their learning paces, leading to more time for direct interaction during lecture.

## §7. CREATING A SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENT

As a way to improve my students' experience and ensure proactive participation, I always strive to create an environment where they feel comfortable to take risks and learn from mistakes. This includes affirming constructive criticisms and recasting negative ones, which empowers them to see criticism as opportunities for advancement, not instances of personal failing. One of my students wrote: "*[he] is just fantastic at instilling a love for math...His good sense of humor always made lectures more fun.*"

In a complimentary direction, I conduct *anonymous student surveys* every three-to-five weeks and try to continually improve myself based on their suggestion. Through weekly teaching seminars at Bowdoin College, the *MAA mentoring network*, and *Bowdoin Teaching Triangle* program, and other pedagogical workshops, I have gained new insights about best teaching practices by following advice from more experienced colleagues.

## §8. FUTURE GOALS

I have been and always will be very passionate about teaching. Building upon my current experience, I have many specific ideas that I wish to incorporate into my role as a future instructor. Some of them include: developing AR/VR or role-playing-games into the classroom, similar to RTTP, to innovate and transform STEM instruction with new forms of representations and teaching using discovery learning methods and experiment with bolder pedagogical ideas. Finally, by bringing in a wide variety of perspectives, I hope to impact and get support from my peers in designing approaches towards broader, more widely applicable, and more memorable learning.

# **Chapter 2**

## **Teaching Experience and Responsibilities**

### **§1. BOWDOIN COLLEGE**

Over the 2018-2020 academic years, I have been fortunate to possess a liberal arts teaching experience at Bowdoin College. As a Visiting Assistant Professor, I was responsible for designing my own course curriculum, planning lectures and worksheets, designing and grading exams, holding office hours, and assigning individual homeworks and group projects. I also coordinated and mentored several graders, teaching assistant and study group leaders. Brief description of each of the courses I have taught are listed below.

#### **1.1. Math 2208, Ordinary Differential Equations**

- **Meeting Schedule** - Fall 2019, Spring 2020 - 3 hours per week
- **Class Size** - 20

This course, intended for Junior and Senior Math majors, is designed as a gateway course for students interested in Applied Math. I taught this course using a hybrid discovery method. This was the first applied course I had taught at Bowdoin college. I spent a significant amount of time carefully designing lecture worksheets that consisted of leading questions which helped students figure out the content for themselves. Although a part of the lecture was spent by me presenting on board, a lot of it was spent doing group work on blackboards and experimenting with software. Besides classical methods for solving differential equations, the main emphasis was on modern, qualitative techniques for studying the behavior of solutions to differential equations. We also worked on applications of ODEs in catastrophe theory, flow-kick regimen, resonance, market economy and auto-catalytic biochemical oscillations through multiple lab sessions and projects. Some of the projects and worksheets can be found in the appendix.

## 1.2. Math 2000, Linear Algebra

- **Meeting Schedule** - Spring 2019 - 3 hours per week
- **Class Size** - 11

This course is intended for Sophomores and Juniors and is designed as a gateway course for Mathematics and interdisciplinary majors. The students taking this course were not expected to have experience with writing proofs. As such, in an effort to make the course less dry, we spent a significant amount of time looking at various applications drawn from flight networks, cryptography, error correcting codes, population dynamics, Markov chains and Google page-rank algorithm, computer graphics, and optimization techniques using least-squares approximations. The students were assessed with multi-part in-class and take-home final exams. The goal was to make sure they are proficient in conceptual and numerical techniques as well as are able to apply their knowledge to practical applications. Some of the projects and exams can be found in the appendix.

## 1.3. Math 1800, Multivariable Calculus

- **Meeting Schedule** - Fall 2018, Spring & Fall 2019, Spring 2020 - 4.5 hours per week
- **Class Size** - 12 on average

This course is one of my most favorite course to teach. It's aimed towards mathematically inclined students, mostly Freshmen and Sophomores, who have learned differential and integral calculus, and would like to broaden their horizon. I have taught it several times over the last few years and usually the class size is smaller compared to other sections because of less favorable meeting times (three times a week). However the smaller class size allows me incorporate a lot of group discussion style techniques fairly regularly. I can easily keep track of every students' performance and struggles, and could create individualized work for them to catch up with the rest of the class. I have created and refined lecture notes, worksheets, labs, and group projects for this class over the year all of which create an ecosystem where the students learn higher dimensional abstract concepts with relative ease as they get to approach it from numerous viewpoints. Students learned applications of regression techniques in data science, an introduction to the Gradient descent method of optimization techniques used in machine learning, practical modelling of climate change evidences, the Normal probability distribution, and mathematics behind rotary engines and rocket propulsion. Students heavily relied on demonstrations using *Mathematica* and *Desmos*, both to visualize three dimensional pictures of surfaces, vector fields etc. as well as to learn numerical approximation techniques.

## 1.4. Independent Study

In 2019-2020 academic year, I have and will be mentoring several undergraduate student projects and independent studies. Topics include asset revenue modelling using

differential equations and dynamical systems; fractal geometry, topological dynamics and combinatorial group theory.

### 1.5. Math 1600, Differential Calculus

- **Meeting Schedule** - Fall 2018 - 4.5 hours per week
- **Class Size** - 32

This course was aimed towards Freshmen and Sophomores from various backgrounds as one of the introductory Mathematics courses offered at Bowdoin College. For a lot of the students, this was the first college Math course and I wanted to make sure they learn the proper way to think about Math from the very beginning. Building on the traditional course structure, one of my main focus in teaching this course was to make sure students are able to interpret and describe symbolic equations using words and conversely be able to transform practical examples and word problems into mathematical models. Over the semester, I created a number of lab sessions which also helped solidify the abstract ideas by doing numerical estimations through Mathematica, and by describing how to implement various algorithms e.g. the Newton-Raphson method.

## §2. UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Besides my liberal arts teaching experience, I was also fortunate to have the opportunity of being an instructor during and after my PhD at the University of Chicago.

### 2.1. Proof-Based Methods

- **Meeting Schedule** - Summer 2018 - 6 per week for six weeks
- **Class Size** - 16

After finishing my PhD in summer 2018, I had the unique experience of teaching an *Introduction to Proof* style class to a group of academically talented incoming first-year students at UChicago through the *Chicago Academic Achievement Program* Summer academy, conducted by the *Center for College Student Success*. This class was designed to expose the students to the academic rigor expected of them as they enroll into introductory Math courses at the college, as well as provide a support framework to help them navigate through the new social and cultural norms.

As a class designed essentially to develop Math reasoning, we covered ideas and problem solving strategies from a broad area of topics such as Number Theory, Combinatorics, Graph Theory, Sequences, and limit Calculus. Besides the final exam, the students also were required to give a presentation in front of their peers which I believe helped them with their Mathematical writing and interaction skills. I tried to keep the atmosphere of the class as casual as possible so that they do not get overloaded with too much expectation. The syllabus for this class is available in the appendix.

## 2.2. Math 195, Mathematical Methods for Social Science

- **Meeting Schedule** - Fall 2017, Fall 2018 - 3 hours per week
- **Class Size** - 18 on average

The course consists of topics that are important for students who are planning to become majors in Economics, Political Science, Mathematical Linguistics etc. As such we covered vectors and multivariable calculus up to optimization, but instead of talking about Green's theorem, we covered linear programming next and finally sequences and series with the goal of learning Taylor approximations.

## 2.3. Independent Study

During Fall 2018, I mentored two interested talented students in my Math 195 course via an independent study of Game Theory and a project on *Least Unique Bid Auction*, where we discussed the usage of Lagrange Multipliers for finding complicated Probability estimates.

## 2.4. Math 196, Linear Algebra

- **Meeting Schedule** - Summer 2017 - 6 hours per week for 5 weeks
- **Class Size** - 18 on average

This course was offered through the *Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies* for computational linear algebra, intended primarily for students in the social sciences who have completed single and multivariable calculus sequence. However, the students weren't expected to have much experience with writing proofs and as such, we spent a lot of time working on examples from many disciplines, in particular ones that relate to their primary fields of interest.

## 2.5. Math 150's, Standard Calculus Sequence

- **Meeting Schedule** - 3 hours per week
- **Class Size** - 15-30

As a graduate student college instructor, I taught independent section of Calculus courses in 2014-2017. The yearlong rigorous one-variable and multi-variable *standard Calculus* sequence (taught thrice) is designed for science, economics and Math majors. As the instructor of record, I was responsible for designing my own course curriculum, planning lectures, designing and grading exams, holding office hours, and assigning homework. I also mentored teaching assistants, and coordinated junior tutors.

## 2.6. Math 133, Elementary Functions and Calculus

- Meeting Schedule - 3 hours per week
- Class Size - 6

I taught a quarter long course on Vector calculus titled ‘Elementary Functions and Calculus’ to non-science (mostly History, English, and Theater) majors. Teaching students with very little technical background was an unparalleled learning experience.

## §3. OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE

### 3.1. Math competitions and Problem Solving sessions

I coorganize a weekly Problem Solving Session at Bowdoin College where we work on Math ‘puzzles’. The goal is on one hand to teach important mathematical strategies in a fun setting and on the other, train more enthusiastic students for the *Putnam Competition*.

### 3.2. Undergraduate Mentoring - DRP and REU

At the University of Chicago, I mentored eight undergraduate students (during 2014-2017) through the *Directed Reading Program* (DRP) and the summer *Research Experience for Undergraduates* (REU) on a wide array of topics from geometry, linear algebra, topology, dynamics of group action etc. We usually met twice a week for about 10 weeks, where the students would discuss a paper they have read and any original work they have done, followed by me outlining the next possible direction of approach and available useful literature. In both cases, I also helped them learn mathematical writing and coached them for an end-of-quarter presentation or written paper. The list of students and their papers are available in my CV.

### 3.3. As a Teaching Assistant and Grader

In 2013-2014 academic year, I worked with professor Eugenia Cheng as a teaching assistant for a year-long *Honors Calculus* sequence, and later worked as a grader for graduate courses on Algebraic Topology, Differential Topology, Differential Geometry, and Riemannian Geometry. Details on these are listed in my CV.

# **Chapter 3**

## **Teaching Effectiveness - Student Evaluations Numerical Summary**

### **§1. BOWDOIN COLLEGE**

A numerical average of all student responses for all the courses I taught at Bowdoin College last two semesters (Spring 2019 and Fall 2018) is attached below. All of the evaluations in full are available on request.

## How much did this course contribute to your education?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	21	4.33
Linear Algebra	11	4.36
Multivariate Calculus	10	4.30

## How effectively did the instructor make use of class sessions to advance your learning?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	21	4.20
Linear Algebra	11	4.00
Multivariate Calculus	10	4.40

## How helpful to your learning was the feedback you received in the course?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	21	4.38
Linear Algebra	11	4.45
Multivariate Calculus	10	4.30

## Did you communicate with the instructor outside of class?

Name	% Yes	% No
Overall	85.71%	14.29%
Linear Algebra	90.91%	9.09%
Multivariate Calculus	80.00%	20.00%

## How helpful to your learning were these communications with the instructor outside of class?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	18	4.84
Linear Algebra	10	4.80
Multivariate Calculus	8	4.88

## How accessible was the instructor outside of class?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	21	4.71
Linear Algebra	11	4.82
Multivariate Calculus	10	4.60

## What is your overall rating of the instructor as a teacher?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	20	4.05
Linear Algebra	10	4.20
Multivariate Calculus	10	3.90

## How much did this course contribute to your education?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	38	3.77
Differential Calculus	30	3.53
Multivariate Calculus	8	4.00

## How effectively did the instructor make use of class sessions to advance your learning?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	38	3.67
Differential Calculus	30	3.33
Multivariate Calculus	8	4.00

## How helpful to your learning was the feedback you received in the course?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	37	3.64
Differential Calculus	29	3.41
Multivariate Calculus	8	3.88

## Did you communicate with the instructor outside of class?

Name	% Yes	% No
Overall	81.58 %	18.42 %
Differential Calculus	83.33 %	16.67 %
Multivariate Calculus	75.00 %	25.00 %

## How helpful to your learning were these communications with the instructor outside of class?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	31	4.29
Differential Calculus	25	4.08
Multivariate Calculus	6	4.50

## How accessible was the instructor outside of class?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	38	4.41
Differential Calculus	30	4.20
Multivariate Calculus	8	4.63

## What is your overall rating of the instructor as a teacher?

Name	Resp	Mean
Overall	38	3.60
Differential Calculus	30	3.33
Multivariate Calculus	8	3.88

## §2. UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

A numerical average of all student responses for all the courses I taught at UChicago is attached below. All of the evaluations in full are available on request.

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## **Course Evaluations**

<b>Key of Values</b>													
#1: Instructor was organized													5 - strongly agree
#2: Lectures were clear and understandable													4 - agree
#3: Lectures were interesting													3 - neutral
#4: instructor exhibited a positive attitude towards the students													2 - disagree
#5: Instructor was accessible outside of class													1 - strongly disagree
#6: I would recommend this instructor to others													

Quarter	Course Number	Section	Instructor (Last)	Instructor (First)	#Eval	#Stud	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Overall
Winter 2018	19520	59	Chowdhury	Subhadip	9	10	4.38	4.25	4.00	4.75	4.43	4.38	4.36
Autumn 2017	19520	41	Chowdhury	Subhadip	20	27	3.90	4.10	3.63	4.50	4.56	4.05	4.12
Winter 2017	15300	45	Chowdhury	Subhadip	18	20	3.61	3.56	3.44	3.67	4.28	3.28	3.64
Autumn 2016	15200	45	Chowdhury	Subhadip	28	28	3.79	3.75	3.57	4.00	4.56	3.57	3.87
Spring 2016	13300	22	Chowdhury	Subhadip	6	6	4.17	4.33	3.67	4.50	4.67	4.17	4.25
Winter 2016	15300	48	Chowdhury	Subhaddip	7	8	4.43	4.43	4.43	5.00	5.00	4.71	4.67
Autumn 2015	15200	45	Chowdhury	Subhadip	14	16	3.50	3.64	4.21	4.36	4.50	4.00	4.04
Spring 2015	15300	41	Chowdhury	Subhadip	7	7	4.43	4.29	4.29	5.00	4.86	4.57	4.57
Winter 2015	15200	41	Chowdhury	Subhadip	23	27	3.70	3.61	3.35	4.00	4.50	3.43	3.76
Autumn 2014	15100	41	Chowdhury	Subhadip	22	23	3.32	3.32	3.32	4.18	4.67	3.55	3.72

# Chapter 4

## Teaching Improvement Activities

### §1. TEACHING TRIANGLE

Over the academic years 2018-2020, I have been part of the *Teaching Triangle* program at Bowdoin College which involves professors from different departments visiting each others' classes in an effort to gain new insights into teaching and students' learning. Although the process was not evaluative, it facilitated a reflective conversation with my colleagues regarding evidence of student learning and new techniques of student engagement.

### §2. PEDAGOGY CONFERENCE

I have attended several pedagogy conferences and workshops organized by *Chicago Center for Teaching* and *Center for Learning and Teaching* at Bowdoin and Bates College. They taught me about the ever changing role of Math professors in the face of modern technological advances and how the teaching process has evolved to be relevant with the modern day and age. I also learned about new assessment techniques and ways to encourage proactive student involvement.

### §3. TEACHING SEMINAR

The Math department at Bowdoin college organizes weekly teaching seminars where we share our methods, coordinate reciprocal classroom visits, and get advice on handling unexpected issues in classroom from more experienced faculty members. Last year I also participated and once led a discussion about the *MAA Instructional Practices Guide*. These meetings have been invaluable for my professional development.

# **Chapter 5**

## **Future Teaching Goals**

Building upon my current experience, I have many specific ideas that I plan to incorporate into my role as a future instructor.

- I intend to develop and introduce augmented reality or role-playing-games into the classroom, similar to RTTP, to innovate and transform STEM instruction with new forms of representation. In a parallel direction I advocate new forms of assignments (e.g. videos or experimental) consistent with modern advancement in technology and welcome any opportunity of employing digital and computational tools to enrich my teaching.
- I would like to teach using discovery learning method and experiment with bolder pedagogical ideas.
- My plans also include summer programs for incoming freshmen for a successful transition to college life, outreach programs such as Math Circles for K-12 students, and professional networking between different communities etc.
- I plan to apply for the Project NExT fellowship and hope to gain guidance from professors in the MAA Mentoring Network to help me navigate through potential difficulties that may arise, develop professionally and learn how to maintain a work-life balance while actively engaging in research and scholarship.

Finally, by bringing in a wide variety of perspectives, I hope to impact and get support from my peers in designing approaches towards broader, more widely applicable, and more memorable learning.

# **Appendices**

# **Appendix A**

## **Sample Course Syllabi**

# ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

## MATHEMATICS 2208

Fall 2019

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<b>Lab Sessions:</b>	M 1:15–2:40	<b>Lab:</b>	Searles 216

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### Course Webpage

All regular announcements, instructor office hours, daily homeworks, group projects, handouts, and individual grades will be posted on Blackboard

<http://blackboard.bowdoin.edu>

Check this site on a regular basis to track your progress. General course policies, syllabus, tentative schedule and outline of the course will be also available as pdf files on Blackboard.

### Textbook and Software

- *Differential Equations*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, by Blanchard, Devaney and Hall (ISBN-10: 1133109039, ISBN-13: 9781133109037)

A scanned copy of first couple of sections from chapter 1 is available on Blackboard in case your book hasn't arrived in mail yet.

- *GNU Octave*, for your own computer.

GNU Octave is a free Scientific Programming Language that is compatible with most Matlab scripts. We will be extensively using GNU Octave (or Matlab) during lecture period for either demonstrations or for you to do your own programming. Homework problems throughout the semester will require you to use Octave. You can download a free copy for your own use from the link below.

<https://www.gnu.org/software/octave/>

- *DFIELD*, and *PPLANE*, some Java applets.

You do NOT need to buy the textbook to access these tools. They are free to download from Blackboard. You may need Java Runtime environment to run these on your computer (download [here](#)).

- *A scientific calculator*

The use of calculators is NOT permitted for all in-class exams. But you may certainly use them when completing homework assignments, and occasionally this may be required.

### Prerequisites

In order to be considered for admission into Math 2208 you must have been completed Bowdoin's Math 2000. If you do not satisfy this criteria you will need the permission of the Chair of the Mathematics Department in order to register for Math 2208. No prior programming background is assumed.

## Office Hours

- MW 3-4:30PM, T 2-4PM, R 5:45-7PM. These time slots are common for all the courses I am teaching this semester.
- If you can't make it to any of the weekly office hours, you can email me to schedule appointments with me. These will depend on my availability.
- I am usually in the office every weekday about 10-6PM. *If my door is open*, you are welcome to knock on my door and come in with quick questions.
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## Course Goals

- *Math 2208 Specific Goals:* Learn how to use differential equations (DEs) to model real world phenomena. There are three main categories of tools we focus on to analyze such DE models.
  1. Know how to solve a variety of DEs (analytical techniques) "by hand".
  2. Know how to analyze DEs without explicitly solving them (qualitative techniques). This means saying something about the solutions without solving.
  3. Know how to approximate solutions using algorithms implemented on a computer (numerical techniques).

While we will learn several analytical techniques, understanding their limitations should be one of main takeaways of the course. This is why, when compared to more traditional courses on the subject, more emphasis is placed on qualitative and numerical techniques and the use of computer software.

- *Putting it all together:* Given a real world phenomena, can you derive a model, pick the right tool to analyze it (not all tools work on every model), and then interpret that result in the context of the real world phenomena?
- *Life Long Skills:* Your abilities of general problem solving skills, self learning, self evaluation and how to formulate ideas and solutions will be refined throughout the course. This means problems appearing on homework or exam will not "be just like problems" you have seen before. You might be asked to explore new topics in homework before I cover them in class and you will be asked to grade parts of your own homework. Finally, how you present your solutions will also be evaluated.

## The Components of the Course

- You will need to [read the textbook](#). Several homework and suggested review problems will come directly from the book, and possibly quiz or exam problems. Some in class examples will be similar or identical to the book, but many will be different. The overall topic choice and course philosophy will be from the book. The designated sections of the text should be read prior to the class sessions for which they are assigned.

- **Weekly assignments** will contain questions based on the textbook readings and class work. These assignments with their due dates will be regularly posted on Blackboard.

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As is typical for ODE courses in the Mathematics Department, homework will generally be corrected by student graders who work under my supervision; this is done to ensure that you regularly receive graded assignments in a timely manner. *Please inform me immediately if you find any mistake in graded homeworks.*

- There will be three longer **projects** built around more challenging questions from the exercises, to showcase interesting applications of the study materials. These will require you to do programming in Octave or use the Java applets.

You are allowed to work in groups of size **at most 2 (two)** to work on the projects. In your report you should include pictures and graphs of data and of solutions of your models *as appropriate*. Remember that one carefully chosen picture can be worth a thousand words, but a thousand pictures aren't worth anything. Final submissions must include a [Project Report Cover Sheet](#) (downloadable from Blackboard) on which the signatures of all participants must appear along with *brief but substantive* discussions of any issues confronted at your meetings. If any group member did not participate in an important aspect of the assignment, this must be stated in the Report. *One submission for your entire group will suffice.*

- We will regularly go into a **computer lab** during the lecture period for either demonstrations or for you to do your own programming. We will almost exclusively use Octave/Matlab. Homework problems throughout the semester will require you to use Octave/Matlab.
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Quizzes .....	5%
Midterm 1 .....	15%
Midterm 2 .....	20%
Final exam .....	30%

## Important Dates

Midterm # 1 .....	Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Midterm # 2 .....	Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Final Exam .....	TBA

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- No student is required to take an examination or fulfill other scheduled course requirements on recognized **religious holidays**. Students are expected to declare their intention to observe these holidays at the beginning of the semester.
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lack of motivation. These **mental health concerns** or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduced ability to participate in daily activities. Bowdoin College is committed to advancing the mental health and well-being of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available. You can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus at:

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[www.bowdoin.edu/title-ix](http://www.bowdoin.edu/title-ix)

- I support and adhere to the principles of [The Bowdoin College Academic Honor Code](#). Your work should never be directly copied from another student and I will expect that *you are not reading solution manuals* for this textbook. In particular, I will assume all members of the class are trustworthy in their dealings with me as well as their fellow classmates. However, should a violation of this trust be discovered, it will be reported to the Judiciary Board. The goal is not vengeance against those who violate the Code but fairness for those who adhere to it. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of a particular situation, please communicate with me.

### Tentative Course outline and Schedule

The following is a preliminary outline of the topics that we hope to cover. This is an idealized plan, and it *may be adjusted as the semester progresses*. But it should give some indication of the major topics to be covered in this class.

Week No.	Monday	Wednesday
1		4-Sep Syllabus Overview + 1.1 (Modelling via Differential Equations)
2	9-Sep 1.2-1.3 (Separation of Variable, Slope Field) + <b>Using DFIELD</b>	11-Sep 1.3-1.4 (Slope Field, Euler's Method) + <b>Quiz 1</b>
3	16-Sep <b>Lab 1 (Intro to Octave - Basic Plotting, ODE45)</b>	18-Sep 1.5 (Existence and Uniqueness Theorem)
4	23-Sep 1.6 (Equilibria and Phase Line)	25-Sep 1.7 (Bifurcation)
5	30-Sep <b>Project 1 (The Spruce Budworm - Hysteresis and Cusp Catastrophe)</b>	2-Oct 1.9 (Integrating Factor) + <b>Quiz 2</b>
6	7-Oct Bifurcation contd., Change of Variable techniques	9-Oct <b>Summary Worksheet + Review</b>
	<b>Midterm 1 (1.1-1.7)</b>	
7	14-Oct <b>Fall Vacation</b>	16-Oct 2.1 (Predator-Prey Model) + 3.1 (Linear System)
8	21-Oct 3.1 (Linear Systems contd.) + 3.2 (Straight line solutions)	23-Oct 3.3 (Phase Portraits) + <b>Quiz 3</b>
9	28-Oct <b>Project 2 (An Application from Economics: Modeling Profit)</b>	30-Oct 3.4 (Complex Eigenvalues)
10	4-Nov <b>Lab 2 (Trace-Determinant Plane, Defective and Degenerate cases, Bifurcation)</b>	6-Nov <b>Summary Worksheet + Review</b>
	<b>Midterm 2</b>	

Week No.	Monday	Wednesday
11	11-Nov <b>Lab 3 (Second Order Linear ODEs, Harmonic Oscillators)</b>	13-Nov Forced Harmonic Oscillation, Method of Undetermined Coefficients, Resonance
12	18-Nov 5.1-5.2 (Equilibrium Point Analysis, Jacobian)	20-Nov Almost Linear Systems, Consequences of Poincaré–Bendixson theorem + <b>Quiz 4</b>
	25-Nov	27-Nov <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
14	2-Dec <i>Project 3 (Glycolytic Oscillations - Hopf Bifurcation)</i>	4-Dec Summary Worksheet
15	9-Dec <b>Lab 4 (Lorenz Equations)</b>	11-Dec <b>Review</b>

# MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS

## MATHEMATICS 1800-C

Fall 2019

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<b>Lab Sessions:</b>	R 1:15–2:40	<b>Lab:</b>	Searles 117
<b>Study Group Leader:</b>	Mustafa Aydogdu	<b>Study Group Session:</b>	T 8–9PM

### Course Webpage

All regular announcements, instructor office hours, daily individual homeworks, group projects, handouts, lab assignments and individual grades will be posted on Blackboard

<http://blackboard.bowdoin.edu>

Check this site on a regular basis to track your progress. General course policies, syllabus, tentative schedule and outline of the course will be also available as pdf files on Blackboard.

### Textbooks and Supplies

- *Calculus: Multivariable*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, by Hughes-Hallet, Gleason, McCallum et al.  
A scanned copy of chapter 13 is available on Blackboard in case your book hasn't arrived in mail yet.
- *Mathematica*, for your own computer.  
Bowdoin has a license allowing students to download the program onto their personal computers. To learn how to download Mathematica from the Bowdoin network, follow the steps at

<https://bowdoin.teAMDynamix.com/TDClient/KB/ArticleDet?ID=25361>

- *A scientific calculator*

Though Mathematica will be our most commonly used technology tool, you should also have a scientific calculator. The use of calculators is NOT permitted for most in-class exams. But you may certainly use them when completing homework assignments, and occasionally this may be required.

### Prerequisites

In order to be considered for admission into Math 1800 you must either have

1. completed Bowdoin's Math 1700 or Math 1750, or
2. been given a mathematics placement of Math 1800 when you entered Bowdoin.

If you do not satisfy at least one of these two conditions you will need the permission of the Chair of the Mathematics Department in order to register for Math 1800. No prior experience with Mathematica is required but a familiarity with mathematical computing softwares is encouraged.

## The MCSR Distribution Requirement

Math 1800 can be used to satisfy Bowdoin's Mathematical, Computational, or Statistical Reasoning (MCSR) distribution requirement. Courses in this category enable students to use mathematics and quantitative models and techniques to understand the world around them either by learning the general tools of mathematics and statistics or by applying them in a subject area.

In Math 1800 you will learn how to apply the tools of calculus to perform fundamental computations and solve fundamental problems in two- and three-dimensions. We live in a three-dimensional world, enough of a reason to require expanding calculus techniques to functions of more than one variable. But dimensionality refers to more than physical dimensions. From this point-of-view (especially in an era of "big data") we often confront problems with literally thousands of dimensions. Math 1800 provides the first steps into how calculus is applied in these multi-dimensional situations.

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## Course Description

The emphasis of the course will be on developing an understanding of the calculus of functions of two and three variables, as well as the geometry of associated curves and surfaces in two and three dimensions. Multi-variable calculus is a fundamental pillar for many other things:

- It *extends single variable calculus to higher dimensions*. You will see that the structures are much richer than in single variable and that the fundamental theorem of calculus generalizes to higher dimensions.
- It *provides vocabulary* for understanding fundamental processes and phenomena. Examples are planetary motion, economics, waves, heat, finance, epidemiology, quantum mechanics or optimization.
- It *teaches important background* needed in social sciences, life sciences and economics. But it is rigorous enough that it is also suited for students in core sciences like physics, mathematics or computer science.
- It *builds tools for describing geometrical objects* like curves, surfaces, solids and intuition which is needed in other fields like linear algebra or data analysis. Geometry is currently an extremely popular topic: tomography methods in medicine, computer games, Google earth, social network analysis all use geometry.

- It *relates to culture and history*. The quest for answering questions like "where do we come from", "what will future bring us", "how can we optimize our time in between" all use calculus. The history of calculus contains fascinating stories, starting from Archimedes, 2300 years ago up to the modern times, where new branches of multivariable calculus are developed to understand the structure of nature.
- It *develops problem solving methods*. Examples are optimization problems with and without constraints (which is the bread and butter for economics), geometric problems, computations with scalar and vector fields, area and volume computations.
- It *makes you acquainted with a powerful computer algebra system* which allows you to see the mathematics from a different perspective. Such systems are more and more needed for visualization, experimentation and to build laboratories for your own research.
- It *prepares you for further study in other fields*. Not only in mathematics and its applications, but also in seemingly unrelated fields like game theory, probability theory, discrete mathematics, sociology, or number theory, where similar structures and problems appear, even in a discrete setting. Without geometric intuition and paradigms learned in calculus, it is rather hard to work in those fields.
- It *improves thinking skills*, problem solving skills, visualization skills as well as computing skills. You will see the power of logical thinking and deduction and why mathematics is timeless.

## The Components of the Course

- You will need to *read the textbook*. In particular, the designated sections of the text should be read *prior/concurrently to the class sessions for which they are assigned*. This will get updated in the lecture notes and homework. You do not need to submit the solutions for the practice problems in the lecture notes, but you should try to work them out yourself to solidify your understanding. We will explain the material and work out harder examples from the section in class.
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  - Monday's homework is due Friday same week,
  - Wednesday and Friday's homeworks are due Wednesday next week.

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As is typical for multivariable calculus courses in the Mathematics Department, homework will generally be corrected by student graders who work under my supervision; this is done to ensure that you regularly receive graded assignments in a timely manner. *Please inform me immediately if you find any mistake in graded homeworks.*

- Around six longer *collaborative projects* will be built around more challenging questions. Electronic copies of the assignment details will be available on Blackboard. These will be due typically within seven to ten days. The teams for the projects will be decided in second week and will change several times over the semester.

The collaborative projects will be completed in your Assignment Group (*of size 3-4*). All members of the group must not only participate in the analysis of the project but should discuss the specific phrasing

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- I support and adhere to the principles of **The Bowdoin College Academic Honor Code**. In particular, I will assume all members of the class are trustworthy in their dealings with me as well as their fellow classmates. However, should a violation of this trust be discovered, it will be reported to the Judiciary Board. The goal is not vengeance against those who violate the Code but fairness for those who adhere to it. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of a particular situation, please communicate with me.

### **Tentative Course outline and Schedule**

The following is a preliminary outline of the topics that we hope to cover. This is an idealized plan, and it *may be adjusted as the semester progresses*. But it should give some indication of the major topics to be covered in this class.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep
	Syllabus Overview + 3D Coordinate Geometry + 13.1 (Vectors in 3D)	<b>Lab 0 (Intro to Mathematica) + Vectors</b>	13.3 (Dot Product, Angle, Projection)
9-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep
13.4 (Cross Product, Area, Volume)	Lines and Planes	<b>Lab 1 (Lines and Planes) + Distances</b>	<b>Quiz 1 + Handout 1</b>
16-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep
12.1-12.2(Functions of several variables)	12.3, 12.5 (Contour Plots) + <b>Conic Sections and Quadric Surfaces</b>	<b>Lab 2 (3D Graphing)</b>	<b>Quiz 2 + Handout 2</b>
23-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep
12.4 (Linear Functions)	17.1 (Parametrized Curves - Straight line, Circle, Helixes)	<b>Handout 3 (Cycloid and Hypocycloid) + Epicycloid and the Rotary Engine</b>	17.2 (Arc length and Curvature)
30-Sep	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct
<b>Lab 3 (Parametric Plotting)</b>	<b>Handout 4 (Lab contd. + Angles)</b>	<b>Quiz 3 + 14.1-14.2 (Partial Derivatives)</b>	14.3 (Tangent Plane and Local Linearity)
7-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct
<b>Handout 5 (Review)</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Midterm 1</b>	14.6 (Chain Rule)
14-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct
<b>Fall Vacation</b>	14.4 (Gradients and Directional Derivatives)	<b>Lab 4 (Gradients and Contour Plots)</b>	14.5 (Three dimensional Gradient and Tangent Plane)
21-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct
<b>Quiz 4 + Handout 6</b>	15.1 (Stationary Points) + <b>Mathematica Project</b>	<b>Lab 5 (Ordinary Linear Regression)</b>	14.6 (Clairaut's Theorem and Hessian)

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	1-Nov
15.3 (Lagrange Multipliers) + <b>Rocket Science</b>	15.2 (Unconstrained Optimization)	<b>Lab 6 (Max/Min Problems) + Quiz 5</b>	16.1-16.2 (Definite Integral of Functions of Two Variables)
4-Nov	6-Nov	7-Nov	8-Nov
16.2-16.3 (Type I/II regions, Triple Integrals)	16.4 (Double Integral in Polar Coordinates) + <b>Normal Probability Distribution</b>	<b>Lab 7 (Volume Integration)</b>	Polar Volume Integration (Cylindrical Coordinates)
11-Nov	13-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov
<b>Handout 8 (Curves in Polar Coordinates)</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Midterm 2</b>	Spherical Coordinates
18-Nov	20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov
17.3 (Vector Fields)	17.4 (Flow of a Vector Field)	<b>Handout 9</b>	18.1-18.2 (Line Intergrals on Paramterized Curves)
25-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>			
2-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec
18.3 (Gradient Fields - Path-Independent)	18.4 (Path-dependent fields, Circulation, Curl)	<b>Lab 8 (Vector Fields)</b>	18.4 (Path-Dependent Fields and Green's Theorem)
9-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec
Applications and Generalizations of Green's Theorem	<b>Handout 10</b>	<b>Reading Period</b>	<b>Reading Period</b>

# PROOF-BASED METHODS IN CALCULUS

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## Course Webpages

1. For announcement and grades, check Canvas (<http://canvas.uchicago.edu/>)
2. For assignment and course policies, check  
<https://subhadipchowdhury.github.io/teaching/Summer2018.CAAP>

## Office Hours

TR 7-9PM or by appointment, or email me your questions.

## Textbooks:

We will be using materials mainly from the following two textbooks. I will also provide a summary of topics covered in each class, with appropriate references, at the beginning of assignments.

- *Number, Shape, & Symmetry*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, by Herrmann and Sally, Jr.
- *Calculus - One Variable*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, by Salas, Hille, Etgen

## Course Objectives

This course intends to acclimate incoming students to the sophistication of UChicago math courses, and to give them a head start on the harder topics in first-year calculus.

## Homework Policy

- Homework is to be turned in on the given date at the **BEGINNING** of the class. Usually an assignment will be set in every class. Homework sets will be due **TWICE** a week.
- **Thursday and Friday's assignments are due on Tuesday next week. Monday and Tuesday's assignments are due on Friday (same week).**
- The point of the homework is for you to work out what you do and don't understand. You should help each other to understand things and come and ask me if all of you get stuck together. When your graded homework has been handed back to you, you should go through it and see if you understand what has been written on it by the TA. If you don't, you should come to office hours and ask.
- I encourage you to work together on homework, but you should make sure you understand what you have written down. If you write up what was done in a group without understanding it, that counts as cheating.

## Participation

Student participation is an integral part of this class and is highly valued. Everyone is expected to make thoughtful contributions in the form of questions, statements, and reasoned arguments. You might be also occasionally invited to present something on the board. Please express yourself within the bounds of courtesy and respect. Please share your thoughts and be willing to listen attentively to perspectives that may differ from your own.

## Class Project

In the second half of this course, you will be working a class project. This project is open-ended, and you can choose any topic that interests you. I will post a list of project ideas sometime around the middle of July. Possible projects include parsing the solution strategy of an interesting puzzle, applying mathematical ideas to model a real life example, or understanding the multistep proof of a complicated result etc. You are also encouraged to come up with ideas on your own. I think it is a very good idea to work in groups of two, but you may choose not to do so. The project has two components - an in-class Presentation and a written Final Paper. More guidelines and details on these will be posted soon.

## Grading Policy

Apart from homework, and the class project, there will be three in-class quizzes and a final exam. The individual weights are as follows:

Participation .....	5%
Homework assignments .....	15%
Quizzes .....	15%
Class Project .....	25%
Final exam .....	40%

**Important Dates**

Quiz # 1 .....	Friday, July 6, 2018
Quiz # 2 .....	Friday, July 13, 2018
Quiz # 3 .....	Thursday, July 19, 2018
Project Sign-up .....	Friday, July 20, 2018
Project Outline .....	Sunday, July 22, 2018
Progress Meetings .....	Thursday & Friday, July 26-27, 2018
In class Presentations .....	Thursday & Friday, August 2-3, 2018
Project Report Due .....	Sunday, August 5, 2018
Final Exam .....	Tuesday, August 7, 2015

**Class Policy**

- Regular attendance is essential and expected.
- Be courteous when using mobile devices. Make sure your cell phone is turned fully off, or silent. If you must make or receive a call, please go outside the classroom.
- Use of computers is permitted for note-taking (with prior permission). Please turn off your Wi-fi and sound.
- The final exam is based on all material covered in class. If you have to miss a lecture, then I strongly recommend you study the material you missed before you return to class. I recommend doing the following steps:
  - Look at the course schedule written below.
  - Find someone who was in class and make a copy of their notes,
  - Read the relevant sections from the textbooks, class note, Wikipedia, etc.

Once you have done these steps, and you need more clarification on lectures you missed, email me to schedule an appointment to review the materials.

- The class on Friday July 20 will be spent discussing possible projects for presentation at the end of the course.
- For any communication regarding this course, please email me from your uchicago email address. This is mainly for identity verification purposes.

**Miscellaneous Items of Interest**

- This course is open to all students who meet the academic requirements for participation. Any student who has documented a need for accommodation should contact Student Disability Services and the faculty member or instructor privately to discuss the specific situation as soon as possible. Student Disability Services can be reached at (773) 702-6000 or [disabilities@uchicago.edu](mailto:disabilities@uchicago.edu). SDS staff will coordinate accommodations for students.
- At times, you may experience some academic challenges, and you may find it helpful to utilize some of the services provided by the Student Services of The College. Various professional staff and advanced students are committed to helping you address your academic challenges in a variety of ways. Visit their [webpage](#) to learn about tutoring and mentoring options (low-cost, individual, free group, and drop-in), guidance on study skills and time management, and one-on-one assistance to ensure that you are using the best possible strategies for success in your course work.

## Tentative Course Outline

We will discuss the ‘Main Topics’ in class using the ‘Illustrative Examples’. The ‘Workout’ problems will be covered if time permits and will be assigned as homework or reading topics otherwise.

Time	Description
June 28,29 [RF]	<p>WARM-UP PROBLEMS</p> <p><b>Illustrative Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Pigeonhole Principle - Birthday Problem</li> <li>• The Invariance Principle - Königsberg Bridge Problem</li> </ul> <p><b>Weekend Workout:</b> Friends and Strangers: <math>R(3, 3) = 6</math></p>
July 2,3 [MT]	<p>SET THEORY AND LOGIC</p> <p><b>Main Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number Sets - <math>\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}</math>, and <math>\mathbb{R}</math>.</li> <li>• Logical Comparisons using Examples - Implication, Inverse, Converse, Contrapositive, and Negation. Necessary vs. Sufficient.</li> <li>• Proof techniques and strategies</li> </ul> <p><b>Illustrative Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof by Contradiction: The Extremal Principle - set of midpoints (biggest), <math>n\sqrt{2}</math> is not an integer (smallest).</li> <li>• The Induction Principle - <math>1 + 2 + \dots + n, \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \dots}}}</math></li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday Workout:</b> True/False logic quiz, Knights and knaves puzzle, NYT confirmation bias problem, The 0 = 1 fallacy</p>
July 5,6 [RF]	<p>DIVISIBILITY AND PRIMES</p> <p><b>Main Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition and fundamental properties of the Divisibility Relation</li> <li>• Greatest Common Divisor</li> <li>• Prime and Composite numbers</li> </ul> <p><b>Illustrative Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The infinitude of primes</li> <li>• Set of triple primes</li> <li>• The greatest integer function <math>\lfloor . \rfloor</math> - multiplicity of a prime divisor</li> </ul> <p><b>Weekend Workout:</b> Sophie Germain Identity, Divisibility tests</p>
July 9,10 [MT]	SEQUENCES

**Main Topics:**

- Definition - Explicit vs. Recursive
- Arithmetic and Geometric Progression
- Solving Linear Recurrence
- Idea of Convergence - Monotone Convergence Theorem?
- Calculating Limits

**Illustrative Examples:**

- Binet's Formula

**Wednesday Workout:** Periodic Sequences, Finding limit of Convergent Sequences

July 12,13 [RF]

BASIC ENUMERATIVE COMBINATORICS

**Main Topics:**

- Counting!
- Binomial Theorem
- Riemann Sum?

**Illustrative Examples:**

- Pascal's Triangle and Binomial coefficients

**Weekend Workout:** Erdős-Szekeres theorem

July 16-19 [MTR]

PRECALCULUS REVIEW

**Main Topics:**

- Fractions and Decimals
- Absolute value and Inequalities
- Factorization of quadratic (and higher degree) polynomials
- Trigonometry

**Illustrative Examples:**

- Decimal Expansion
- Triangle Inequality
- Sketching Region of Solution
- Triangle Problems

**Wednesday Workout:** Different Bases, Coordinate Geometry

July 20 [F]

DISCUSSING CLASS PROJECT IDEAS

July 23,24 [MT]

FUNCTIONS AND GRAPHS

**Main Topics:**

- Functions as Mappings
- Bijective Functions and Inverses
- Graphs of Functions

**Illustrative Examples:**

- Linear, Quadratic, Rational, Trigonometric, Exponential, and Logarithmic Functions.
- Dirichlet function and Thomae's function

**Wednesday Workout:** Properties of Transcendental functions

July 26,27 [RF] INTRODUCTION TO LIMITS

**Main Topics:**

- $\epsilon - \delta$  definition
- Arithmetic of Limits
- One-sided Limit

**Illustrative Examples:**

- Finding Limit from Graphs
- Linear and Quadratic functions

July 30,31 [MT] MORE ON LIMITS AND CONTINUITY

**Main Topics:**

- Definition of Continuity
- Types of Discontinuity

August 2,3 [RF] PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

August 6 [M] REVIEW

August 7 [T] FINAL EXAM

## **Appendix B**

### **Sample Worksheets and Handouts**

# MATH 2208: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

## LECTURE 9 WORKSHEET

Fall 2019

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**TITLE:** System of First Order ODEs

**SUMMARY:** We will learn how about models that involve a system of first order differential equations. The most famous of these is the Predator-Prey model of Lotka and Volterra. Then we will use direction fields and phase portraits to do qualitative and quantitative analysis.

### §A. General Form

The general form for a two-dimensional system of first order ODEs is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x, y, t) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= g(x, y, t)\end{aligned}$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are linear in both  $x$  and  $y$ , the system is called *linear*, otherwise the system is called *nonlinear*.

Note that a second-order ODE can be converted to a two-dimensional system of first-order ODEs via some change in variables. For example, if

$$y'' = f(t, y(t)), y'(t))$$

is a second-order ODE, we can make the substitution  $u_2(t) = y'(t)$  and  $u_1(t) = y(t)$  to convert the ODE into a system of 2 first-order ODEs

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du_1}{dt} &= u_2(t) \\ \frac{du_2}{dt} &= f(t, u_1(t), u_2(t))\end{aligned}$$

### ■ Question 1.

Show that the third-order linear ODE

$$y''' + 3y'' + 2y' - 5y = \sin(t)$$

can be written as a linear system of three first-order ODEs.

### §B. Lotka-Volterra Model

Probably the most famous system of ordinary differential equations of all time is the Lotka-Volterra predator-prey model. We will study a very special case of interaction between exactly two species, one of which -- the predators -- eats the other -- the prey. Such pairs exist throughout nature: lions and gazelles, birds and insects, pandas and eucalyptus trees, foxes and rabbits. To keep our model simple, we will make some assumptions:

- the predator species is totally dependent on a single prey species as its only food supply,
- the prey species has an unlimited food supply, and
- there is no threat to the prey other than the specific predator.

Let  $x(t)$  denote the population of prey (rabbits) and let  $y(t)$  denote the population of their predators (foxes). Let  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  be nonnegative parameters. One system of differential equations that might govern the changes in the population of these two species is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= ax - bxy \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= cx - dy\end{aligned}$$

### ■ Question 2.

1. What do the constants  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  represent physically?
2. What is the significance of the  $xy$  terms in the model? Is the significance same for rabbits and foxes?
3. What happens to  $x(t)$  if  $b = c = d = 0$ ? How does this correspond to our assumptions?
4. What happens to  $y(t)$  if  $a = b = c = 0$ ? How does this correspond to our assumptions?
5. What does the model predict will happen if at any time one of the populations of the rabbits or the foxes becomes zero?

### ■ Question 3.

Are there any fixed points for the system of equations? In other words, what are the equilibrium solutions for the system?

## §C. Phase Portrait

One of the ways to graph the solution of the system is to form the pair  $(x(t), y(t))$  and think of it as a point in the  $xy$ -plane. In other words, the coordinates of the point are the values of the two populations at time  $t$ . As  $t$  varies, the pair  $(x(t), y(t))$  sweeps out a parametric curve in the  $xy$ -plane. This curve is called the *solution curve*.

The  $xy$ -plane is called the *phase plane*, and it is analogous to the phase line for an autonomous first-order differential equation.

Observe that the solution curves that correspond to equilibrium solutions are really just points, and we refer to them as *equilibrium points*.

### Definition 3.1: Nullclines

For a system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x, y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

the  $x$ -nullcline is the set of points

$$\left\{(x, y) \mid \frac{dx}{dt} = 0\right\}$$

i.e. the level curve in the phase plane where  $f(x, y) = 0$ . The  $y$ -nullcline is the level curve  $g(x, y) = 0$ .

At an equilibrium point, both  $f(x, y)$  and  $g(x, y)$  must be zero, hence

#### Theorem 3.1

The intersection of the nullclines are the equilibrium points.

A *Phase Portrait* of a system consists of the following information on the phase plane.

- the nullclines,
- the equilibrium points
- several solution curves corresponding to different initial conditions.

### §D. Direction Field as a (normalized) Vector Field

Instead of thinking of  $(x(t), y(t))$  as simply a combination of the two scalar-valued functions  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ , we can consider the pair  $(x(t), y(t))$  as a vector-valued function in the  $xy$ -plane. For each  $t$ , let  $\vec{\mathbf{R}}(t)$  denote the column vector

$$\vec{\mathbf{R}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

which corresponds to the position vector of the point  $(x(t), y(t))$ .

Then using this notation,

$$\frac{d\vec{\mathbf{R}}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} dx/dt \\ dy/dt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{bmatrix} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}(\vec{\mathbf{R}})$$

where  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right)$  is the vector field

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the solution curves on a phase plane are essentially the *flow lines* of this vector field. If we draw the field after normalizing each vector to some small magnitude and only care about the direction, it gives us a diagram called the *direction field*.

Along the  $x$ -nullcline, the  $x$ -component of the vector field is zero, and consequently the arrows in the direction field are vertical. They point either straight up or straight down. Similarly, on the  $y$ -nullcline, the  $y$ -component of the vector field is zero, so the vector field is horizontal. Arrows points either left or right.

Observe that the  $x$ -nullcline naturally divides the plane into regions where  $f(x, y) > 0$  and  $f(x, y) < 0$ . Since  $x' = f(x, y)$ ,  $f(x, y) > 0$  means  $x$  is increasing which in turn means the arrows point rightward in the plane. Similarly, the  $y$ -nullcline shows us where  $y$  is increasing or decreasing. The following table will help you fill out the direction field once the nullclines are found.

	$f(x, y) < 0$	$f(x, y) = 0$	$f(x, y) > 0$
$g(x, y) < 0$	$\swarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\searrow$
$g(x, y) = 0$	$\leftarrow$	$\cdot$	$\rightarrow$
$g(x, y) > 0$	$\nwarrow$	$\uparrow$	$\nearrow$

## §E. Examples

Consider the following Lotka-Volterra model:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 2x - 1.2xy \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 0.9xy - y\end{aligned}$$

We will use `pplane` to draw the direction field on the phase plane. In the following picture of direction field,  $x$ -axis is prey and  $y$ -axis is predator.

### ■ Question 4.

Draw the  $x$ - and  $y$ -nullclines of above system and show the direction of the direction field along the nullclines (up, down, left, right). Find the equilibrium point(s), if any.

### ■ Question 5.

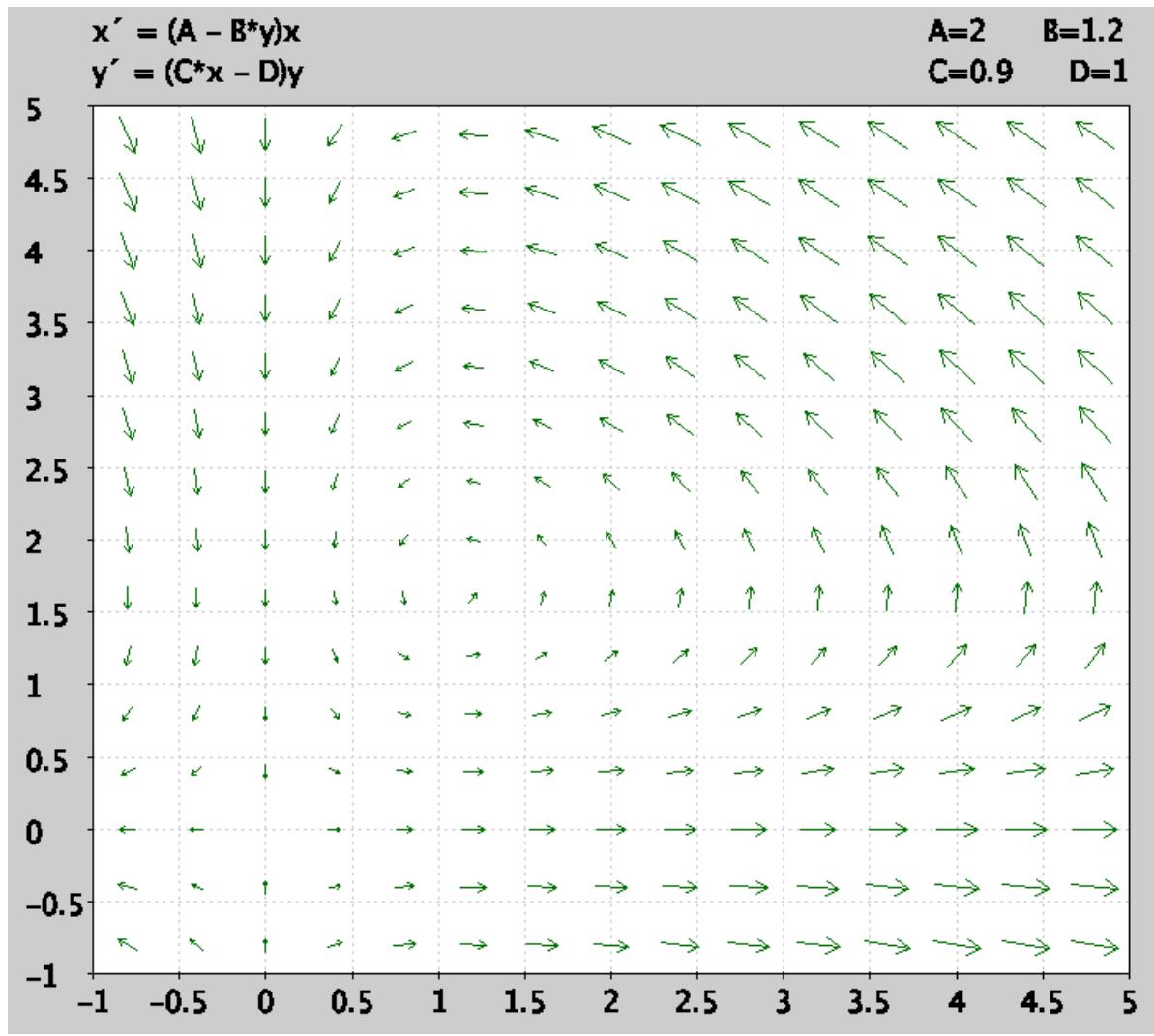
Draw the solution curve that starts at the initial condition  $(x(0), y(0)) = (1, 0.5)$ . Draw some more solution curves on your paper.

### ■ Question 6.

What happens when the initial condition approaches  $(10/9, 5/3)$ ?

### ■ Question 7.

Pick one of the solution curves  $(x(t), y(t))$ . How do the graphs of  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  against  $t$  look like? Do you believe they would be periodic based on the behavior of the solution curves in the phase plane?



### ■ Question 8.

Can you explain why the two graphs should have the same period? Why does it make sense that the increase in predator population lag behind (in time) the increase in prey population?

### ■ Question 9.

Find the equation of the nullclines of the following system, draw them in XY-plane, and find the equilibrium points.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= x(2-x) - xy \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= xy - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Try drawing a rough diagram of the direction field on the phase plane  $0 \leq x, y \leq 2$ , using the table from section D. Here are some instructions: find an easily identifiable point in the plane which is not on one of the nullclines. Then evaluate  $(f, g)$  at this point and use this to draw a direction at that specific point. Then the rest of the arrows are easy to fill in using alternate choices.

Can you draw some sample solution curves?

# MATH 2000-B HANDOUT 7: GEOMETRY OF LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

**Subhadip Chowdhury**

As shown in Theorem 10 in Section 1.9, when a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  given, it can be identified with a matrix, and there is an easy way to get a formula for the function as follows. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a linear transformation and let  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$  denote the columns of the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

Figure out what each  $T(\mathbf{e}_i)$  should be and write each  $T(\mathbf{e}_i)$  as a column vector. If you then define the matrix  $A = [T(\mathbf{e}_1) \ T(\mathbf{e}_2) \ \dots \ T(\mathbf{e}_n)]$ , then it will be true that  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$ , and  $A\mathbf{x}$  gives a formula for the function. In other words, given a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  if you know its values at just the  $n$  independent vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$  then its value at every point  $\mathbf{x}$  is determined!

**Example 1.** The  $2 \times 2$  linear transformation that maps  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1$  to  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{e}}_2$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2$  to  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1 - \vec{\mathbf{e}}_2$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Example 2.** The  $3 \times 3$  matrix transformation that maps  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_3$  to  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 5 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Exercise 1.** (a) The function that reflects  $\mathbb{R}^2$  across the line  $y = -x$  is a linear transformation. What are the images of  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_1$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{e}}_2$  under this map? What is the matrix of this linear transformation?

(b) Write a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that reflects  $\mathbb{R}^2$  across the line  $y = x$ .

A matrix transformation always maps a line onto a line or a point, and maps parallel lines onto parallel lines or onto points. (See exercises 25-28 in Section 1.8.) In the following exercises, you will verify these things for a particular matrix.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Explain why the function  $T(\mathbf{x}) = M\mathbf{x}$  maps the  $x$ -axis onto the line  $y = x$ , and why it maps the line  $y = 2$  onto the line  $y = x + 2$ .

[HINT: Use the parametric equation form of a straight line.]

(b) Sketch and label the lines and their images on a graph.

Because a matrix transformation maps parallel lines to parallel lines, it will map any parallelogram to another parallelogram. (The parallelogram could be degenerate—one line segment or a single point.) When a linear transformation and parallelogram are given, the easy way to draw the image of the parallelogram is to plot the images of its four vertices and connect those points to make a parallelogram.

Define the *standard unit square* to be the square in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  whose vertices are  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$ , and  $(0, 1)$ . When you want to visualize what a  $2 \times 2$  matrix transformation does geometrically, it is particularly useful to sketch the image of this standard square. Seeing how this square gets moved or distorted shows what the transformation does to the  $x$ -axis and  $y$ -axis and thus gives a good idea what the transformation does geometrically to the whole plane. Recall that any linear transformation maps the origin to itself (why?), so you only need to figure out where the transformation maps the other three vertices.

**Example 3.** The image of the standard unit square under the matrix from exercise 2 looks like figure 1.

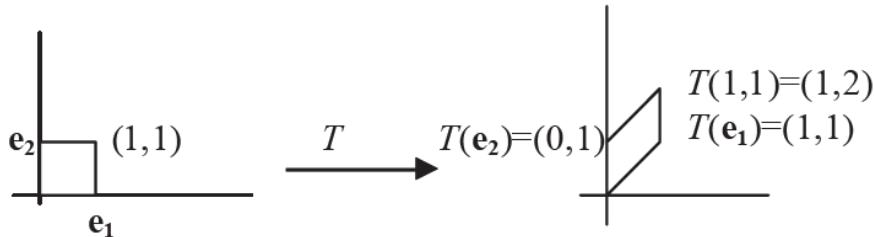


Figure 1

So you can see that the  $y$ -axis stays fixed and the  $x$ -axis is mapped onto the line  $y = x$ , causing a vertical *shear* of the plane. See more examples like this in Table 3 in Section 1.9.

**Example 4.** Find a matrix  $M$  which maps the standard unit square to the parallelogram with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(3, 1)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ ,  $(-1, 1)$ . To do this, sketch the parallelogram and recognize that  $M\vec{e}_1$  and  $M\vec{e}_2$  must be  $(3, 1)$  and  $(-1, 1)$ , or vice versa. (Why?) So either of the matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  will work.

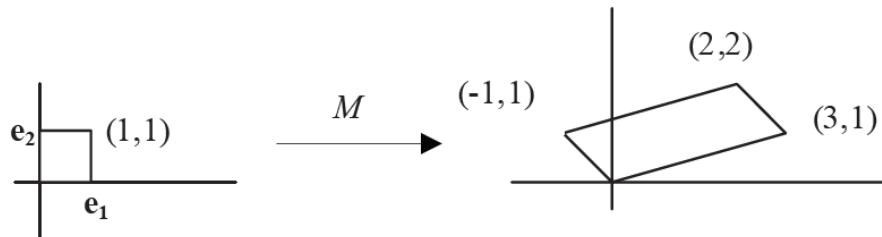


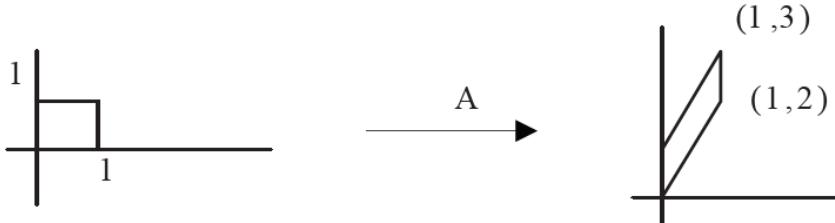
Figure 2

Calculate the image of  $(1, 1)$  under these matrices and verify that it's  $(2, 2)$ .

**Exercise 3.** Each of the following seven matrices is one of the special, simple types described in Sections 1.8 and 1.9. Each determines a linear transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . For each, sketch the image of the standard unit square, label the vertices of the image, and describe how the matrix is transforming the plane. To get you started, answers are given for the first matrix.

$$(A) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Description:** A vertical shear. It leaves the  $y$ -axis fixed and increases the slope of all other lines through the origin.



$$(B) B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(C) C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(D) D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$(F) F = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(45^\circ) & -\sin(45^\circ) \\ \sin(45^\circ) & \cos(45^\circ) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(G) G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Exercise 4.** (a) Draw the image of the standard unit square under the transformations  $EFA$  and  $FCA$ . Here  $A, C, E, F$  are from the last exercise.

**Exercise 5.** Sketch the parallelogram with vertices  $(0,0), (4,2), (0,-4), (4,-2)$  and write two different  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $X$  and  $Y$  which would transform the standard unit square into this parallelogram.

**Exercise 6.** Sketch the parallelogram with vertices  $(1,1), (1,2), (3,1), (3,2)$ . Explain why no  $2 \times 2$  matrix transformation could map the standard unit square onto this figure.

**Exercise 7.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a linear transformation. Prove that  $T$  is completely determined by its values on any  $n$  linearly independent vectors.

HINT: Here is an outline of the proof to get you started. Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and suppose  $T(\vec{v}_1), T(\vec{v}_2), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)$  are known. Let  $\vec{x}$  be any element of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Explain why  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = \mathbb{R}^n$ , so  $\vec{x}$  equals some linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ . Then show  $T(\vec{x})$  can be calculated using  $T(\vec{v}_1), T(\vec{v}_2), \dots, T(\vec{v}_n)$ .

# MATH 1800 HANDOUT 7: APPLICATIONS AND EXTENSIONS OF GREEN'S THEOREM

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## Careful Statement of Green's Theorem

Green's Theorem is a statement about only the 2D plane, not 3D space. Here's the setup: Let  $C$  be a piecewise smooth simple closed curve that is the boundary of a simply-connected region  $D$  in the plane. Let  $\vec{F} = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j}$  be a smooth vector field defined on all of  $D$  and  $C$ .

**Notes on terminology:** To say a curve is *simple* means that it doesn't intersect itself, and to say a curve is *closed* means that it is a closed loop, that it starts and ends at the same point. A region is called *simply-connected* if it is just one piece (connected) and doesn't have any holes in it. A vector field is said to be *smooth* if it has continuous first partials.

Since  $C$  is the boundary of  $D$ , we write  $C = \partial D$  and stop referring to  $C$  explicitly. When we consider the boundary curve of a simply-connected region, we always orient the curve so that the region is on the left as we follow the curve. (Note: this is harder to specify when one considers 3D surfaces with boundaries.)

*Green's Theorem* says

$$\oint_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D \text{curl}(F) dA = \iint_D (Q_x - P_y) dA.$$

You may also see this written the Leibniz notation for partial derivatives.

$$\oint_{\partial D} P dx + Q dy = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA.$$

## Using Green's Theorem to Evaluate Difficult Line Integrals

- If you're asked to find the line integral of an ugly vector field over a closed curve, you should look to see if  $Q_x$  and  $P_y$  are drastically more simple. If so, use Green's Theorem!

### Exercise 1

Evaluate

$$\int_C (2y + \sqrt{9+x^3}) dx + (5x + e^{\tan^{-1} y}) dy,$$

where  $C$  is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  in the plane oriented counterclockwise.

- If you're asked to find the line integral over a closed curve that is clearly the boundary of a nice region, it's often a good idea to use Green's Theorem to switch to the double integral over the interior.

## Exercise 2

Integrate  $\vec{F} = xy\vec{i} + e^x\vec{j}$  over the boundary of the rectangle determined by  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 3$ , oriented clockwise around the boundary.

## Exercise 3

Find the line integral of  $\vec{F} = 3xy\vec{i} + 2x^2\vec{j}$  over the curve  $C$  defined as follows: follow the curve  $y = x^2 - 2x$  from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(3, 3)$ , then follow the line  $y = x$  from  $(3, 3)$  back to  $(0, 0)$ .

## Exercise 4

Evaluate

$$\oint_C (3y - e^{\sin x}) dx + (7x + \sqrt{y^4 + 1}) dy$$

where  $C$  is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ , oriented clockwise.

■ Consider the following problem.

Find the line integral of

$$\vec{G}(x, y) = (x + y)\vec{i} + (2x + y \ln(\csc \sqrt{1 - y^5}))\vec{j}$$

over  $C_1$ , the upper half of the unit circle from  $(1, 0)$  to  $(-1, 0)$ .

The problem is that the vector field is ugly, so parametrizing  $C_1$  is just going to lead to an impossible integral. So we would like to use Green's Theorem, but this isn't a closed curve!

Here's how to fix that issue. Let  $C_2$  be the straight line segment from  $(-1, 0)$  to  $(1, 0)$ . Now  $C_1 + C_2$  is a closed loop.

- Let  $R$  be the region enclosed by  $C_1 + C_2$ . Use Green's Theorem to compute  $\oint_{C_1+C_2} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{r}$ .
- Parametrize  $C_2$  and directly calculate  $\int_{C_2} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{r}$ . (Note that  $y = 0$  everywhere on  $C_2$ , which is helpful.)
- Write  $\oint_{C_1+C_2} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{C_1} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_{C_2} \vec{G} \cdot d\vec{r}$  and use your answers to part (a) and (b) to finish off the problem and find the line integral of  $\vec{G}$  along  $C_1$ .

## Exercise 5

Evaluate the integral.

## Calculating Area with Green's Theorem

Consider the following vector fields:

$$\vec{F}_1 = x \vec{j}, \quad \vec{F}_2 = -y \vec{i}, \quad \vec{F}_3 = -\frac{1}{2}y \vec{i} + \frac{1}{2}x \vec{j}.$$

What is  $Q_x - P_y$  for each of these fields? Applying Green's Theorem to a region  $D$ , we get that

$$\oint_{\partial D} \vec{F}_1 \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_{\partial D} \vec{F}_2 \cdot d\vec{r} = \oint_{\partial D} \vec{F}_3 \cdot d\vec{r} = \iint_D 1 dA = \text{Area of } D. (!)$$

### Exercise 6

An ellipse with semi-major axis  $a$  and semi-minor axis  $b$  is parametrized by  $x = a \cos t$ ,  $y = b \sin t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . Use  $\vec{F}_3$  to find the area inside this ellipse.

### Exercise 7

Let  $C$  be the curve parametrized by  $\vec{r}(t) = (t^2 - 3)\vec{i} + (t^3 - 4t + 1)\vec{j}$ ,  $-2 \leq t \leq 2$ . This is a closed loop. Use Green's Theorem and  $\vec{F}_1$  to find the area inside this loop.

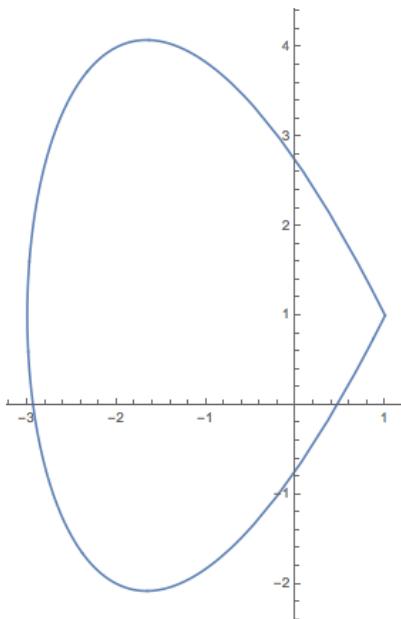


Figure 1: Exercise 7

## Extended Versions of Green's Theorem

Although we have proved Green's Theorem only for the case where  $D$  is simple, we can now extend it to the case where  $D$  is a *finite union of simple regions*. For example, if  $D$  is the region shown in Figure 2, then we can write  $D = D_1 \cup D_2$ , where  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are both simple. The boundary of  $D_1$  is  $C_1 + C_3$  and the boundary of  $D_2$  is  $C_2 + (-C_3)$ . so, applying Green's Theorem to  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  separately, we get

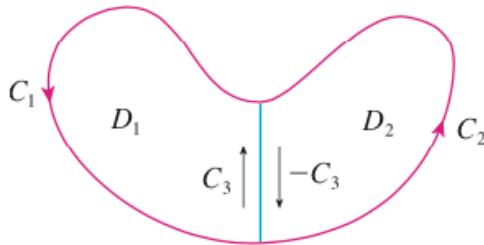


Figure 2

$$\oint_{C_1+C_3} Pdx + Qdy = \iint_{D_1} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

$$\oint_{C_2+(-C_3)} Pdx + Qdy = \iint_{D_2} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

Adding the two integrals above, we get,

$$\oint_{C_1+C_2} Pdx + Qdy = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

Note that we can similarly extend the theorem to regions that are finite *intersections* of simple regions.

### Exercise 8

Evaluate

$$\oint_C y^2 dx + 3xy dy$$

where  $C$  is the boundary of the semiannular region  $D$  in the upper half plane between  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ .

Green's Theorem can be also extended to apply to regions with holes, that is, regions that are not simply-connected. Observe that the boundary  $C$  of the region  $D$  in Figure 3 consists of two simple closed curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . We assume that these boundary curves are oriented so that the region  $D$  is always on the left as the curve  $C$  is traversed. *Thus the positive direction is counterclockwise for the outer curve  $C_1$  but clockwise for the inner curve  $C_2$ .* If we divide  $D$  into two regions  $D'$  and  $D''$  by means of the lines shown in Figure 3 and then apply Green's Theorem to each of  $D'$  and  $D''$ , we get

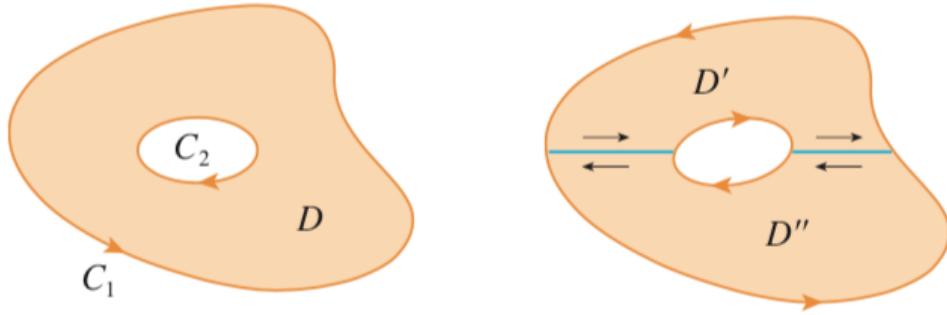


Figure 3

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA &= \iint_{D'} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA + \iint_{D''} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA \\ &= \oint_{\partial D'} (P dx + Q dy) + \oint_{\partial D''} (P dx + Q dy)\end{aligned}$$

Since the line integrals along the common boundary lines are in opposite directions, they cancel each other out and we get

$$\iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA = \oint_{C_1} (P dx + Q dy) + \oint_{C_2} (P dx + Q dy) = \oint_{C_1 + C_2} P dx + Q dy$$

### Exercise 9

If  $\vec{F}(x, y) = \frac{-y\vec{i} + x\vec{j}}{x^2 + y^2}$ , show that  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 2\pi$  for every positively oriented closed path  $C$  that encloses the origin.

### Exercise 10

Evaluate  $\oint_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  where

$$\vec{F}(x, y) = \frac{2xy\vec{i} + (y^2 - x^2)\vec{j}}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

and  $C$  is a positively oriented closed path that encloses the origin.

## **Appendix C**

### **Sample Projects and Labs**

# MATH 2208: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

## PROJECT 3: AN APPLICATION FROM CHEMISTRY - THE BRUSSELATOR AND HOPF BIFURCATION

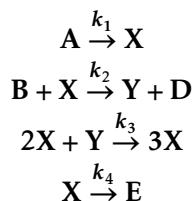
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Due: Dec 11

The *Brusselator model* is a famous model of chemical reactions with oscillations. The dynamics and chemistry of oscillating reactions has been the subject of study for the last almost 60 years, starting with the work of Boris Belousov. While studying the Kreb's cycle, he witnessed a mixture of citric acid, bromate and cerium catalyst in a sulphuric acid solution undergoing periodic colour changes. These changes indicated the cycle formation and depletion of differently oxidized Ce(III) and Ce(IV) ions. This was the first reaction, where biochemical oscillations was observed in 1950. In 1961, Zhabotinsky reproduced Belousov's work and showed further oscillating reactions. The reaction mechanism is an example of an autocatalytic, oscillating chemical reaction. Autocatalytic reactions are chemical reactions in which at least one of the reactants is also a product and vice versa. The rate equations for autocatalytic reactions are fundamentally nonlinear.

Consider a Brusselator whose equations are given as follows<sup>1</sup>:



where **A** and **B** are reactants (substrates), **D** and **E** are products and **X** and **Y** are the autocatalytic reactants of the set of reactions. Also  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  and  $k_4$  are the rate of reactions for each component reaction.

The governing equations of the Brusselator are obtained using law of mass action (the rate of a chemical reaction is directly proportional to the product of the concentration of reactant) and the set of equations for the change in concentrations of **X** and **Y** are found to be (after some scaling):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= a - (1+b)x + yx^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= bx - yx^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  represent the concentrations of the autocatalytic reactants and  $a, b > 0$ . Because of obvious reasons, we are only going to be interested in the case where  $x$  and  $y$  are positive.

We will be using Desmos and PPlane for this project.

### Equilibrium Point Analysis

Read the above text and watch the linked video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWh8reiXq58>

before you begin! The video uses different compounds than the original experiment by Belousov but the theory is still the same.

<sup>1</sup><https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brusselator>

### ■ Question 1.

Find the equation of the nullclines and the equilibrium point in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .

### ■ Question 2.

Find the Jacobian of the system at the equilibrium point. Show that its trace is

$$T = b - 1 - a^2$$

and determinant is

$$D = a^2$$

## Bifurcation

### ■ Question 3.

Suppose we keep  $a$  fixed and vary  $b$ . Write down the type of stability that should occur at the equilibrium in the following three cases:

- a)  $a = 1$  and  $b = 1$ .
- b)  $a = 1$  and  $b = 3$ .
- c)  $a = 1$  and  $b = 5$ .

### ■ Question 4.

We conclude that there are at least two bifurcation values of  $b$  when  $a$  is fixed at 1.

- (a) Check that  $D$  is always positive, so the equilibrium is source or sink based on values of  $T$ .
- (b) Draw the curves  $T = 0$  and  $T^2 = 4D$  in the  $(a, b)$ -parameter plane.
- (c) Find the bifurcation values of  $b$  when  $a = 1$ .

### ■ Question 5.

Find all possible behaviour of the system as a function of parameters  $a$  and  $b$ . In particular, draw the regions in  $(a, b)$ -plane (remember that  $a, b > 0$ ) that correspond to stable/unstable node or spirals.

## Nullclines and Direction Field

### ■ Question 6.

Use Desmos to draw the nullclines. Set sliders for  $a$  and  $b$ .

- (a) Move the slider to check that the nullclines intersect only once for all values of  $a$  and  $b$ . How does changing  $a$  and  $b$  change the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of the point of intersection? Is this consistent with the formula of equilibrium point you obtained above?
- (b) Set  $a = 1, b = 2.5$  and copy the resulting graphs of the nullclines on to paper. Draw the direction field along the nullclines.

### ■ Question 7.

Find whether  $x'$  and  $y'$  are positive or negative in other regions (4 of them) and use this information to draw the direction field arrows in those regions (on your paper).

## Phase Portrait

### ■ Question 8.

Something very interesting happens in the phase portrait as the equilibrium becomes unstable. Let's use pplane to draw the phase portrait in each of the three cases from question (3). You may need to change the window width in each case for a comfortable viewing size.

Include a printout of the phase portrait with some sample solution curves in each case. You can collect all three on one page using e.g. MS Word to save paper.

## Existence of a Limit Cycle

Could we have predicted that we would be getting a limit cycle when the equilibrium becomes unstable? Recall the four possibilities for a trajectory of a solution curve for a nonlinear system as a consequence of *Poincaré–Bendixson* theorem. Assuming the requirements hold, the only possibilities are either the solution curves that start near  $(0, 0)$  become unbounded or they spiral towards a limit cycle. How do we know they are not going to infinity? In the following steps we will work this out.

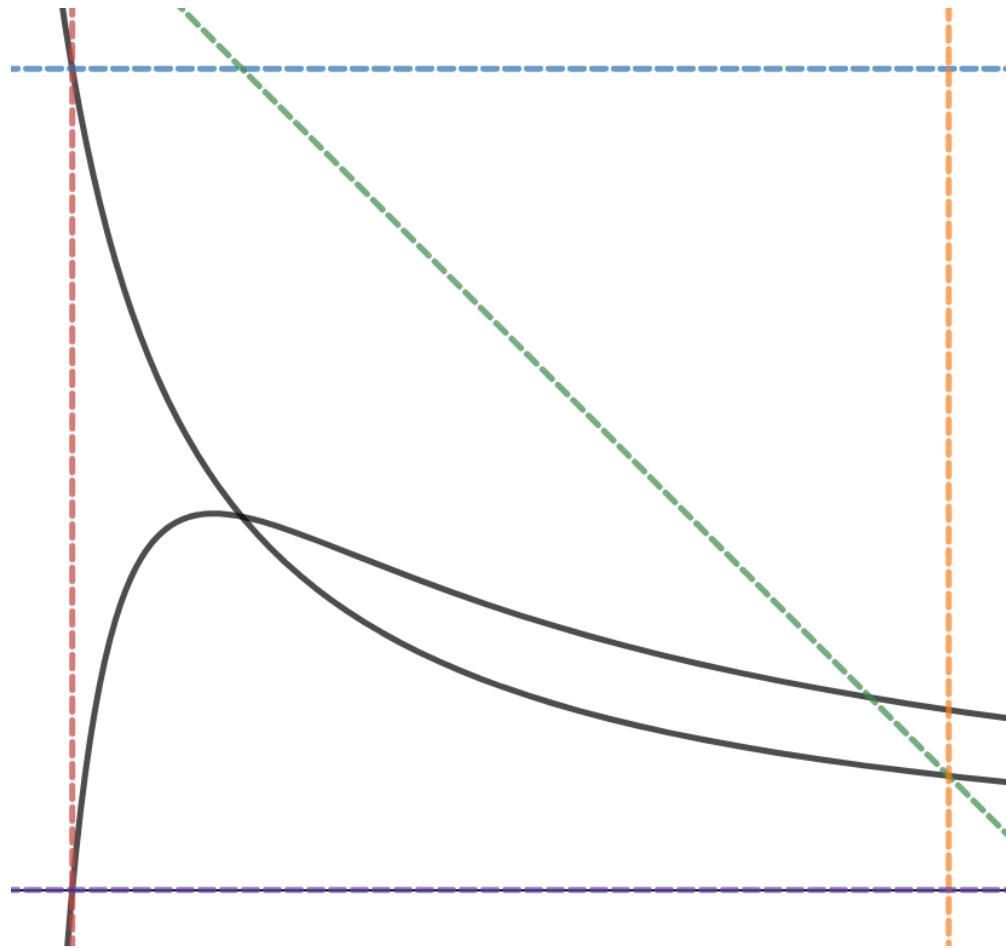


Figure 1: Trapping Region

Consider the five dotted lines that we have drawn along with the nullclines in figure 1. We will describe and find equations for them in the next problem.

### ■ Question 9.

- The red dotted line is vertical and it passes through the point of intersection of the  $x$ -nullcline and the  $x$ -axis. Find its equation in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- The blue dotted line is horizontal and it passes through the point of intersection of the red line and the  $y$ -nullcline. Find its equation in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- The green dotted line has slope  $-1$  and passes through the point  $(a, \frac{b(b+1)}{a})$ . Find its equation in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- The orange dotted line is vertical and passes through the intersection of the green line and the  $y$ -nullcline. Find its equation in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- The purple dotted line is just the  $X$ -axis. Mark the region bounded by the five dotted straight lines.

### ■ Question 10.

We are going to find the direction field along the boundary of this region. Arrows along the horizontal and vertical segments are easy to find. So we only need to check the diagonal segment.

- Show that  $-y' > x'$  if  $x > a$ . [HINT: Calculate  $x' + y'$ .]
- Explain how this inequality implies that the vector field points inward on the diagonal line curve 3. [HINT: What is  $dy/dx$  for  $x > a$ ?]

### ■ Question 11.

Draw the arrows along the five boundary (dotted) line segments. What can you say about the long-term behavior of a solution curve that crosses into the region? Can it ever leave the region?

The region we have constructed above is called a *Trapping Region*. It ‘traps’ the trajectories inside as all the arrows are pointing inward! On the other hand, when the equilibrium point is a spiral source, all trajectories that start near the point are going outwards. Since they can’t escape the trapping region, they are doomed to converge towards a limit cycle! Note that the requirement of being a repelling equilibrium point is crucial, since otherwise all trajectories could have converged to a point.

## Hopf Bifurcation

The kind of bifurcation you observed above is called a *Hopf Bifurcation*. The uniqueness of such bifurcations lies in two aspects: unlike other common types of bifurcations (e.g. pitchfork, saddle-node or transcritical) Hopf bifurcation cannot occur in one dimension. The minimum dimensionality has to be two. The other aspect is that Hopf bifurcation deals with birth or death of a periodic solution or limit cycle as and when it emanates from or shrinks onto a fixed point, the equilibrium. Recently, Hopf bifurcations of some famous chaotic systems have been investigated and it is becoming one of the most active topics in the field of chaotic systems.

# MATH 2000 PROJECT 5: MARKOV CHAINS, THE PERRON-FROBENIUS THEOREM AND GOOGLE'S PAGERANK ALGORITHM\*

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- **Purpose:** To analyze Markov chains and investigate steady state vectors.
- **Prerequisite:** Eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
- **Resources:** Use Mathematica as needed. You might also want to take a look at <http://setosa.io/ev/markov-chains/> and <http://setosa.io/markov/index.html>

## Web Surfing

**Definition 1.** A **Stochastic matrix** (aka Markov Matrix) is a square matrix, all of whose entries are between 0 and 1 (inclusive), and such that the entries in each column add up to 1.

We can think of the matrix entries as probabilities of different events happening. For example, consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.5 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Note that the entries in each column add up to 1.) We can use this matrix to make a *very very* simple model of the internet, as follows.

Pretend there are only 3 domains on the internet: reddit.com, google.com, and instagram.com (Hereafter referred to as Domains 1, 2, and 3, respectively.) In every five-minute period, say, the people surfing this web have some probability of switching to another domain. For example, let's say that, in a given five-minute period, out of all the people clicking around on Domain 1, 70% will remain on Domain 1, 20% will end up clicking on a link to Domain 2, and 10% will end up on Domain 3. Notice that these are precisely the numbers in the first column of  $A$ . I.e., the first column encodes what happens to the people surfing Domain 1. Similarly, the second and third columns tells the probabilities of what happens to the people on Domain 2 and Domain 3, respectively.

Another way to say the same thing: if we identify matrix entries in the standard way, where  $a_{ij}$  represents the entry in row  $i$  and column  $j$ , then  $a_{ij}$  here is the probability that someone surfing Domain  $j$  will end up on Domain  $i$  five minutes from now.

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\*Most of this project is made using or copied from Lay's Linear Algebra book and Interactive Linear Algebra by Dan Margalit, Joseph Rabinoff.

**Definition 2.** The matrix  $A$  is called the *Transition Matrix* of this system and the columns of  $A$  are called the *Transition Probability Vectors*.

By our definition, the transition matrix is a stochastic matrix. We will see more examples of stochastic matrices later.

### Exercise 1

Draw a graph illustrating this situation: make a vertex(node) for each of Domain 1, 2, and 3, and draw arrows between the nodes, each labelled with the probability of moving from one bubble to the next. You might want to check out the links above for some pretty neat animations.

Suppose initially, at time  $t = 0$ , 50% of the surfers are on Domain 1, 30% are on Domain 2, and 20% are on Domain 3. Encode this by the vector

$$\vec{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\vec{x}_1 = A\vec{x}_0$  tells us what proportion of the surfers are on each domain after one time increment. And  $\vec{x}_2 = A\vec{x}_1$  tells us where the surfers are after two time increments. And so on.

### Exercise 2

Compute  $\vec{x}_1$  and  $\vec{x}_2$ .

Note that for each of  $\vec{x}_0$ ,  $\vec{x}_1$ , and  $\vec{x}_2$ , the entries add up to 1. This makes sense for  $\vec{x}_0$ , since its entries are probabilities covering all the cases. But it's not so obvious for  $\vec{x}_1$  and  $\vec{x}_2$ .

### Exercise 3

Show in general that, given a Markov matrix  $M$  and a vector  $\vec{v}$  whose entries add up to 1, the entries of  $M\vec{v}$  also add up to 1.

**Definition 3.** The sequence of vectors  $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3, \dots, \vec{x}_n, \dots$  is called a **Markov chain**.

It lets us track the evolution of this system, seeing where the populations end up over time. However, in order to find something like  $\vec{x}_{100}$ , we would need to compute  $A^{100}$ . In other words, we need eigenstuff and diagonalization!

The first claim is that  $A$  (or any Markov matrix) always has an eigenvalue of 1. It's not trivial to find a  $\vec{v}$  such that  $A\vec{v} = \vec{v}$  in general, but...

### Exercise 4

Find an easy nonzero  $\vec{v}$  such that  $A^T\vec{v} = \vec{v}$ . This shows that 1 is an eigenvalue of  $A^T$ .

HINT: use the fact that, since we've transposed, the entries in each *row* of  $A^T$  add up to 1.

Recall that  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same eigenvalues. Thus  $\mathbf{1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  as well.

### Exercise 5

- (a) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ , and use the fact that we already know  $(\lambda - \mathbf{1})$  will appear in the factorization to find the other eigenvalue(s) of  $A$ .
- (b) Find the eigenspace for each eigenvalue of  $A$ , and write down a nice eigenbasis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (c) Write down the diagonalization  $A = BDB^{-1}$ .
- (d) Compute  $A^{100}$  and  $\vec{x}_{100}$ .
- (e) Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}_n$ .
- (f) In the long-term, what percentage of surfers end up on reddit.com, what percentage end up on google.com, and what percentage end up on instagram.com?
- (g) Did it matter here what our particular initial distribution  $\vec{x}_0$  was? If 100% started at reddit.com, would we still end up with the same percentages on each domain over the long term?

## Steady State and the Perron-Frobenius Theorem

The eigenvalues of stochastic matrices have very special properties.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $A$  be a stochastic matrix. Then:*

- (a)  $\mathbf{1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
- (b) If  $\lambda$  is a (real or complex) eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .

As we observed in the last section in exercise 4, we can prove that  $\mathbf{1}$  is always an eigenvalue of a stochastic matrix. Let's prove the second part. We will restrict to the case of real eigenvalues for the sake of this project.

### Exercise 6

1. Let  $\lambda$  be any real eigenvalue of  $A$ . Explain why we can always find a vector  $\vec{x}$  such that  $A^T \vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}$ .
2. Let  $\vec{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]^T$ . Choose  $x_j$  with the largest absolute value, so that  $|x_i| \leq |x_j|$  for all  $i$ . Explain the steps in the following chain of inequality

$$|\lambda| \cdot |x_j| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} x_i \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (a_{ij} \cdot |x_i|) \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \right) \cdot |x_j| = 1 \cdot |x_j|$$

Hence we can conclude that  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .

**Definition 4.** We say that a matrix  $A$  is *positive* if all of its entries are positive numbers.

For a *positive* stochastic matrix  $A$ , one can show that if  $\lambda \neq 1$  is a (real or complex) eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $|\lambda| < 1$ . The **1**-eigenspace  $E_1$  of a stochastic matrix is very important.

**Definition 5.** If  $A$  is a stochastic matrix, then a *steady-state vector* (or equilibrium vector) for  $A$  is a probability vector  $\vec{q}$  such that

$$A\vec{q} = \vec{q}$$

In other words, it is an eigenvector  $\vec{q}$  of  $A$  with eigenvalue **1**, such that the entries are positive and sum to **1**.

The Perron-Frobenius theorem describes the long-term behavior of such a process represented by a stochastic matrix. Its proof is complicated and is beyond the scope of this project.

**Theorem 2** (Perron-Frobenius Theorem). *Let  $A$  be a *positive* stochastic matrix. Then  $A$  admits a unique steady state vector  $\vec{q}$ , which spans the **1**-eigenspace  $E_1$ . Further, if  $\vec{x}_0$  is any initial state and  $\vec{x}_{k+1} = A\vec{x}_k$  then the Markov chain  $\{\vec{x}_k\}$  converges<sup>1</sup> to  $\vec{q}$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .*

Why is this nontrivial? For two reasons:

- Apriori, we did not know whether all the entries of the eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue **1** are positive. We also did not know about the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue **1**. P-F theorem tells us that in fact,  $\dim(E_1) = 1$  and we can find a vector  $\vec{q} \in E_1$  such that all entries of  $\vec{q}$  are positive and sum to **1**!
- If a Markov process has a positive transition matrix, the process will converge to *the* steady state  $\vec{q}$  regardless of the initial state.

<sup>1</sup>We say that a sequence of vectors  $\{\vec{x}_k\}$  converges to a vector  $\vec{q}$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  if the entries in  $\vec{x}_k$  can be made as close as desired to the corresponding entries in  $\vec{q}$  by taking  $k$  sufficiently large.

### Exercise 7

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} .3 & .4 & .5 \\ .3 & .4 & .3 \\ .4 & .2 & .2 \end{pmatrix}$  be a stochastic matrix.

- (a) Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- (b) Using the eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $1$ , find the steady-state vector  $\vec{q}$  of  $A$ .

Let's try to give a visual interpretation of the linear transformation defined by the matrix above. This matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable; we have  $A = CDC^{-1}$  for

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -1 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 & -3 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & .1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix  $D$  leaves the  $x$ -coordinate unchanged, scales the  $y$ - coordinate by  $-1/5$ , and scales the  $z$ -coordinate by  $1/10$ . Repeated multiplication by  $D$  makes the  $y$ - and  $z$ -coordinates very small, so it *sucks all vectors into the  $x$ -axis*.

The matrix  $A$  does the same thing as  $D$ , but with respect to the coordinate system defined by the columns  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$  of  $C$ . This means that  $A$  *sucks all vectors into the  $1$ -eigenspace*, without changing the sum of the entries of the vectors.

## Google's PageRank Algorithm

In 1996, Larry Page and Sergey Brin invented a way to rank pages by importance. They founded Google based on their algorithm. Here is how it works (Roughly). Each web page has an associated importance, or *rank*. This is a positive number. If a page  $P$  links to  $n$  other pages  $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n$ , then each page  $Q_i$  inherits  $\frac{1}{n}$  of  $P$ 's importance.

**Definition 6.** Consider an Internet with  $n$  pages. The *Rank matrix* is the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  whose  $i, j$ -entry is the importance that page  $j$  passes to page  $i$ .

Observe that the rank matrix is a stochastic matrix, assuming every page contains a link: if page  $i$  has  $m$  links,  $m \leq n$ , then the  $i$ th column contains the number  $\frac{1}{m}$ , a total of  $m$  times, and the number zero in the other entries.

The goal is to find the steady-state rank vector of this Rank matrix. We would like to use the Perron-Frobenius theorem to find the rank vector. Unfortunately, the Rank Matrix is not always a *positive* stochastic matrix.

Here is Page and Brin's solution. First we fix the rank matrix by replacing each zero column with a column of  $\frac{1}{n}$ s, where  $n$  is the number of pages.

So for example,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{becomes} \quad A' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The modified Rank Matrix  $A'$  is always stochastic.

Now we choose a number  $p$  in  $(0, 1)$ , called the damping factor. (A typical value is  $p = 0.15$ .)

**Definition 7** (The Google Matrix). Let  $A$  be the Rank Matrix for an Internet with  $n$  pages, and let  $A'$  be the modified Rank Matrix. The *Google Matrix* is the matrix

$$G = (1 - p) \cdot A' + p \cdot B \quad \text{where} \quad B = \frac{1}{n} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Exercise 8

Show that  $G$  is a positive stochastic matrix.

If we declare that the ranks of all of the pages must sum to one, then we find:

**Definition 8** (The 25 Billion Dollar Eigenvector). The PageRank vector is the steady state of the Google Matrix.

This exists and has positive entries by the Perron-Frobenius theorem. The hard part is calculating it: in real life, the Google Matrix has zillions of rows.

## Lab 7 : Volume Integration

0. If  $U$  is any solid in 3D space, what does the triple integral  $\iiint_U 1 dV$  represent?

*Response:*

1. In this problem, we will use double integrals to calculate volume bounded by surfaces. We will look at some three dimensional pictures of solids, and we will look at the projection of these solids into the three coordinate planes in order to set up the triple integral in Cartesian coordinates.

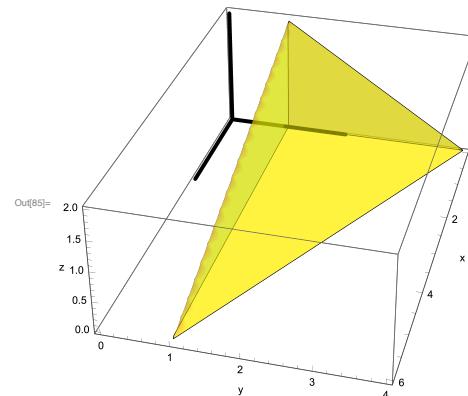
Consider a space region  $T$  bounded below by the surface  $z = f_{\text{bottom}}(x, y)$  and above by the surface  $z = f_{\text{top}}(x, y)$ , and whose 'shadow' (i.e. projection) in the XY-plane is a region  $R$ . Then the volume of  $T$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R (f_{\text{top}}(x, y) - f_{\text{bottom}}(x, y)) dx dy &= \\ \iint_R \int_{f_{\text{bottom}}(x,y)}^{f_{\text{top}}(x,y)} 1 dz dx dy \end{aligned}$$

In general it can be written as  $\iint_R (f_{\text{top}} - f_{\text{bottom}}) dA = \iint_R \int_{f_{\text{bottom}}}^{f_{\text{top}}} dV$ .

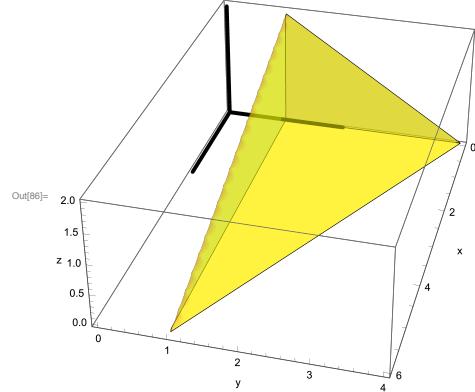
1a. Consider the solid  $B$  bounded by  $x = 0, y = 1, z = 0, x + 2y + 3z = 8$ . Let's look at a picture of it. (Execute the following.)

```
In[85]= solid1 = Show[positiveaxes[2], RegionPlot3D[
  x ≥ 0 && y ≥ 1 && z ≥ 0 && x + 2 y + 3 z ≤ 8, {x, 0, 6}, {y, 0, 6}, {z, 0, 6},
  PlotPoints → 60, PlotStyle → Directive[Yellow, Opacity[0.5]], Mesh → None],
  Axes → True, AxesLabel → mylabels, ViewPoint → defaultvp]
```



We should drag-rotate this solid around so we can see it from various viewpoints. Pay attention to the three axes as you rotate the solid, so that you don't forget which axis is which. First, let us look at this solid from the viewpoint along the **z-direction**, projecting onto the **xy-plane**. Rotate the solid until you get a viewpoint in the **z-direction**, from the **top**.

```
In[86]= Show[solid1] (*Execute this to get another image to play with*)
```



Does this look like a feasible viewpoint to use? Why or why not? (Think about the top surface and bottom surface, and the type of base domain the projection yields.) [Here, “feasible” just means that we have an elementary region.]

*Response:*

If the answer is yes, fill in the following:

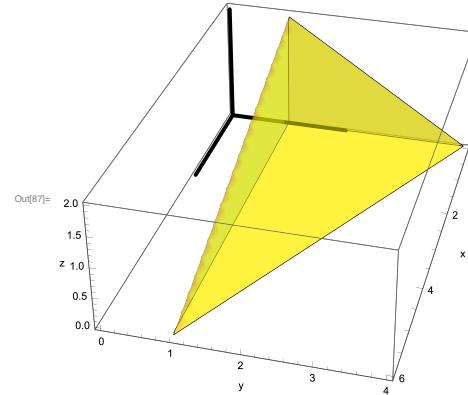
Equation of the Top surface in the form  $z = f_{top}(x, y)$ :

Equation of the Bottom surface in the form  $z = f_{bottom}(x, y)$ :

Description of the base domain  $R$ :

Next, let us look at this solid from the viewpoint along the **y-direction**, projecting onto the **xz-plane**. Rotate the solid until you get a viewpoint in the **y-direction**, from the side.

In[87]:= Show[solid1] (\*Execute this to get another image to play with\*)



Does this look like a feasible viewpoint to use? Why or why not? (Caution: note that in the y-viewpoint, the x-axis above runs in the opposite direction!!)

*Response:*

If the answer is yes, fill in the following:

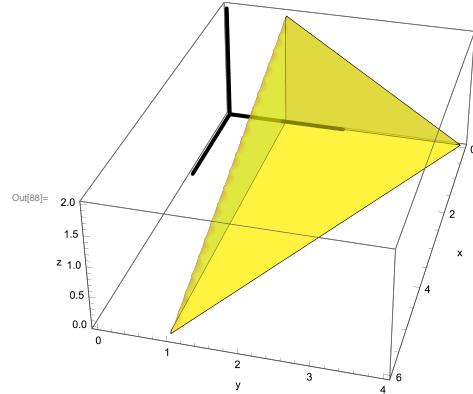
Equation of the Top surface in the form  $y = f_{top}(x, z)$ :

Equation of the Bottom surface in the form  $y = f_{bottom}(x, z)$ :

Description of the base domain  $R$ :

Finally, let us look at this solid from the viewpoint along the **x-direction**, projecting onto the **yz-plane**. Rotate the solid until you get a viewpoint in the **x-direction**, from the front.

In[88]:= Show[solid1] (\*Execute this to get another image to play with\*)



Does this look like a feasible viewpoint to use? Why or why not?

*Response:*

If the answer is yes, fill in the following:

Equation of the Top surface in the form  $x = f_{top}(y, z)$ :

Equation of the Bottom surface in the form  $x = f_{bottom}(y, z)$ :

Description of the base domain  $R$ :

Now, fill in and execute each **feasible** parametrization. That is, a feasible viewpoint is one where you can set up using just one integral.

```
In[89]:= way1 = \int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \mathbf{1} \times d\text{d}\text{d} \times d\text{d} \times d\text{d}
```

Out[89]= 0

```
In[90]:= way2 = \int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \mathbf{1} \times d\text{d}\text{d} \times d\text{d} \times d\text{d}
```

Out[90]= 0

```
In[91]:= way3 = \int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \mathbf{1} \times d\text{d}\text{d} \times d\text{d} \times d\text{d}
```

Out[91]= 0

To verify that these gave the same answer, execute the following.

```
In[92]:= N[way1]
N[way2]
N[way3]
```

Out[92]= 0.

Out[93]= 0.

Out[94]= 0.

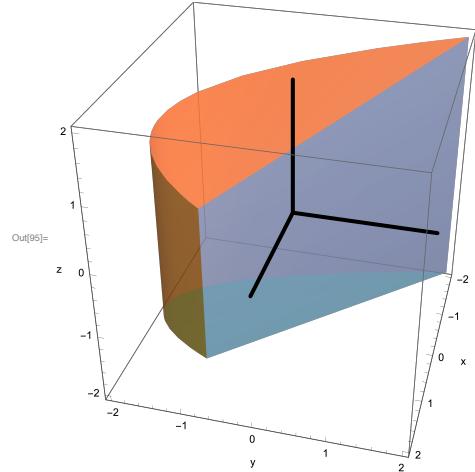
Did you get the same answer?

*Response:*

1b. Consider the solid B bounded by

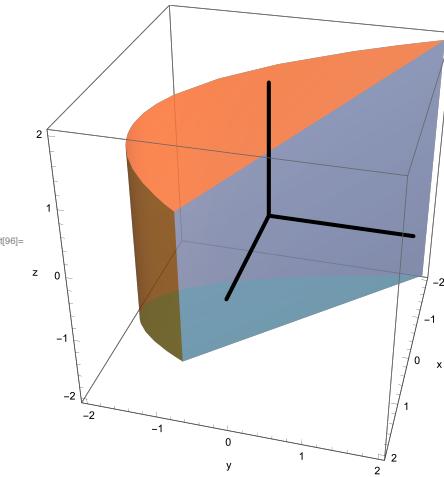
$y = x^2 - 2$ ,  $x + y = 0$ ,  $z = -2$ ,  $x + 2z = 2$ . Let's look at a picture of it. (Execute the following.)

```
In[95]:= solid2 =
Show[positiveaxes[2], ParametricPlot3D[\{\{u, u^2 - 2, -2 v + \frac{1}{2} (1 - v) (2 - u)\},
\{u, -u, -2 v + \frac{1}{2} (1 - v) (2 - u)\}, \{u, (u^2 - 2) v + (1 - v) (-u), -2\},
\{u, (u^2 - 2) v + (1 - v) (-u), \frac{2 - u}{2}\}\}, \{u, -2, 1\}, \{v, 0, 1\},
PlotPoints \rightarrow 10, PlotRange \rightarrow \{ \{-2, 2\}, \{-2, 2\}, \{-2, 2\} \},
PlotStyle \rightarrow Opacity[0.6], Mesh \rightarrow None\],
Axes \rightarrow True, AxesLabel \rightarrow mylabels, ViewPoint \rightarrow defaultv]
```



We should drag-rotate this solid around so we can see it from various viewpoints. Pay attention to the three axes as you rotate the solid, so that you don't forget which axis is which. First, let us look at this solid from the viewpoint along the **z-direction**, projecting onto the **xy-plane**. Rotate the solid until you get a viewpoint in the **z-direction**, from the **top**.

In[96]:= `Show[solid2]` (\*Execute this to get another image to play with\*)



A region is called "feasible" if it elementary, of type I or type II. Does this look like a feasible viewpoint to use? Why or why not? (Think about the top surface and bottom surface, and the type of base domain the projection yields.)

**Response:**

If the answer is yes, fill in the following:

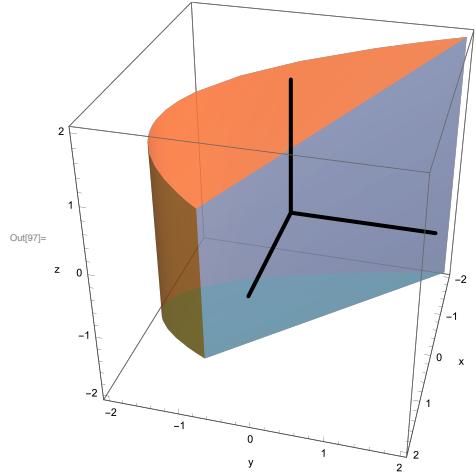
Equation of the Top surface,  $f_{top}(x, y)$ :

Equation of the Bottom surface,  $f_{bottom}(x, y) =$

Description of the base domain  $R$ :

Next, let us look at this solid from the viewpoint along the **y-direction**, projecting onto the **xz-plane**. Rotate the solid until you get a viewpoint in the **y-direction**, from the **side**.

In[97]:= `Show[solid2]` (\*Execute this to get another image to play with\*)



Does this look like a feasible viewpoint to use? Why or why not? (Caution: note that in the y-viewpoint, the x-axis above runs in the opposite direction!!)

*Response:*

If the answer is yes, fill in the following:

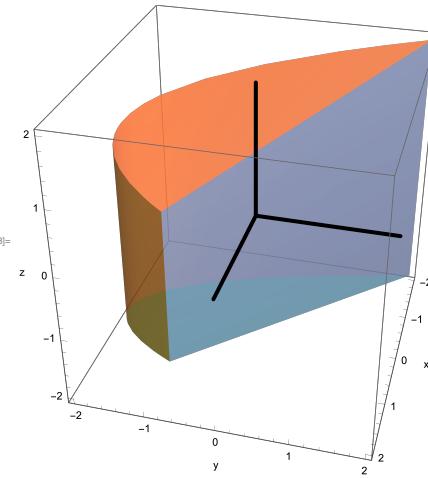
Equation of the Top surface,  $f_{top}(x, z) =$

Equation of the Bottom surface,  $f_{bottom}(x, z) =$

Description of the base domain  $R$ :

Finally, let us look at this solid from the viewpoint along the **x-direction**, projecting onto the **yz-plane**. Rotate the solid until you get a viewpoint in the **x-direction**, from the front.

In[98]:= Show[solid2] (\*Execute this to get another image to play with\*)



Does this look like a feasible viewpoint to use? Why or why not?

*Response:*

If the answer is yes, fill in the following:

Equation of the Top surface,  $f_{top}(y, z) =$

Equation of the Bottom surface,  $f_{bottom}(y, z) =$

Description of the base domain  $R$ :

Now, fill in and execute each feasible parametrization (you might not do all three, but hint: at least two are feasible). That is, a feasible viewpoint is one where you can set up using just one integral.

In[99]:= bway1 =  $\int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \mathbf{1} \times d\square \times d\square \times d\square$   
Out[99]= 0

In[100]:= bway2 =  $\int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \int_{\square}^{\square} \mathbf{1} \times d\square \times d\square \times d\square$   
Out[100]= 0

```
In[101]:= bway3 = Integrate[Integrate[Integrate[1, {x, 0, 4}], {y, 0, 2}], {z, 0, 40}]

Out[101]= 0
```

To verify that these gave the same answer, execute the following.

```
In[102]:= N[bway1]
N[bway2]
N[bway3]

Out[102]= 0.

Out[103]= 0.

Out[104]= 0.
```

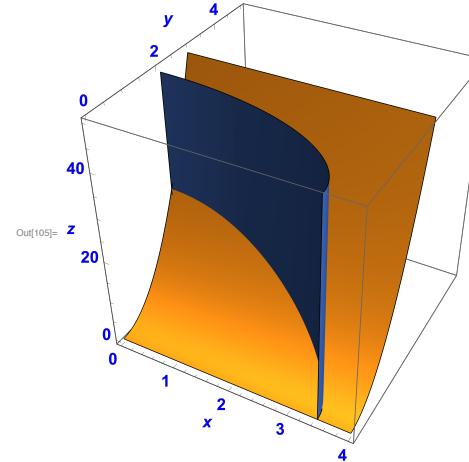
Did you get the same answer?

*Response:*

## 2. In this exercise we are going to repeat the above process to set up the volume integral in three different ways.

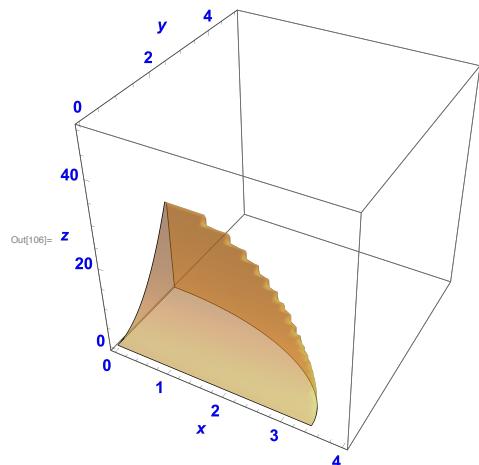
Consider a region  $E$  in the *first octant* bounded by the parabolic cylinder  $z = 6y^2$  and the elliptical cylinder  $x^2 + 3y^2 = 12$ . First let's plot the two surfaces.

```
In[105]:= ContourPlot3D[{z == 6 y^2, x^2 + 3 y^2 == 12}, {x, -0, 4},
{y, 0, 5}, {z, 0, 50}, AxesLabel -> Automatic, PlotPoints -> 100,
Mesh -> None, LabelStyle -> Directive[Blue, Bold, Larger]]
```



The region  $E$  has four sides. Execute the following command to plot the region  $E$ . Note in particular how the region was defined using inequalities. You can increase the *PlotPoints* parameter to make your curves smoother. However, note that it will take exponentially longer time to execute.

```
In[106]:= RegionPlot3D[z <= 6 y^2 && x^2 + 3 y^2 <= 12 && x >= 0 && y >= 0,
{x, -0, 4}, {y, 0, 5}, {z, 0, 50}, AxesLabel -> Automatic,
PlotPoints -> 60, PlotStyle -> Opacity[0.5], Mesh -> None,
LabelStyle -> Directive[Blue, Bold, Larger]]
```



Out[112]= 0.

Did you get the same answer for all three?

*Response:*

Fill in the limits of integration in each of the following to write an iterated integral that gives the volume of  $E$ .

$$\text{In[107]:= int1} = \int_0^4 \int_0^x \int_0^{z(x)} 1 \, dz \, dx \, dy$$

Out[107]= 0

$$\text{In[108]:= int2} = \int_0^4 \int_0^y \int_0^{x(y)} 1 \, dx \, dz \, dy$$

Out[108]= 0

$$\text{In[109]:= int3} = \int_0^4 \int_0^x \int_0^{y(x)} 1 \, dy \, dz \, dx$$

Out[109]= 0

We can check whether all three of above integrals give the same numerical answer.

```
In[110]:= N[int1]
N[int2]
N[int3]
```

Out[110]= 0.

Out[111]= 0.

# **Appendix D**

## **Sample Exams**

# Midterm 2

## ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS -- MATH 2208

SUBHADIP CHOWDHURY

*Due: Nov 11, 2019, 1:15 PM*

**Instructions:**

- This is a take-home exam. As such, your written arguments will be held to a higher standard than on a sit-down in-class exam. Please submit clear and carefully composed solutions, and explain the concepts you are using and the connections among them. As always, points may be deducted for any unjustified steps, and generous partial credit will be given if you explain your thought process to me.
- You may consult and use our course materials while taking this exam, including the textbook, class notes, your problem sets, and any of the worksheets on Blackboard. You are not allowed to use the web links (for eigenvalues or TD plane etc.) on worksheets.

You may NOT use a calculator or any graphing tool.

You may NOT use `dfield` or `pplane` or `Octave`.

You may NOT consult the internet or discuss problem specifics with other people.

You may email me to ask questions.

If you are not sure if some resource is allowed, please ask!

- When submitting your exam, print and staple this first page on top, and sign the “Honor Signature” to indicate that you followed Bowdoin’s Honor Code with respect to this exam.

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Section Number	A	B	C	D	E	Total
Available Points	35	25	25	50	00	135
Your Score						

## §A. A Nonautonomous Linear System

Consider a linear system of ODE as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= x + 2y + e^{-2t} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 4x - y\end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite it in the following form:

$$\frac{d\vec{R}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{R}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = A\vec{R}(t) + \vec{f}(t) \quad (\star)$$

where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{f}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

### ■ Question 1 (6 points).

If  $\vec{R}_1(t)$  and  $\vec{R}_2(t)$  are any two solutions to system  $(\star)$ , show that  $\vec{R}_1(t) - \vec{R}_2(t)$  is a solution to the system

$$\frac{d\vec{R}}{dt} = A\vec{R}(t) \quad (\dagger)$$

This is called the “associated homogeneous system”.

### ■ Question 2 (15 points).

Find the general solution  $\vec{R}_h(t)$  to the associated homogeneous system  $(\dagger)$  using eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .

### ■ Question 3 (4 points).

Suppose  $\vec{R}_p(t)$  is one particular solution to the system  $(\star)$ . Then explain why all solutions to the system  $(\star)$  must be of the form  $\vec{R}_p(t) + \vec{R}_h(t)$ .

### ■ Question 4 (6 points).

Show that  $\vec{R}_p(t) = \frac{e^{-2t}}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$  is a particular solution to  $(\star)$ .

### ■ Question 5 (4 points).

Write down the general form of the solutions to  $(\star)$ .

## §B. Second Order Linear ODE

Consider the second-order linear ODE

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + p \frac{dy}{dt} + qy = 0$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  are constant real numbers.

### ■ Question 1 (4 points).

Write this equation as a two-dimensional first-order linear system of ODEs.

### ■ Question 2 (8 points).

Suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix corresponding to above linear system. Show that the corresponding eigenvector is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ .

### ■ Question 3 (3 points).

What conditions on  $p$  and  $q$  guarantee that the eigenvalues are complex numbers?

### ■ Question 4 (6 points).

What conditions on  $p$  and  $q$  guarantee that the origin is a spiral sink?

What conditions guarantee that the origin is a center?

What conditions guarantee that the origin is a spiral source?

### ■ Question 5 (4 points).

Assume we draw the phase plane corresponding to the linear system such that the variable  $y$  corresponds to the horizontal axis. If the eigenvalues are complex, show that solution curves in the phase plane spiral around the origin in a clockwise direction.

## §C. Bifurcation in Trace-Determinant Plane

Consider the one-parameter family of linear system with real number  $a$  as the parameter:

$$\frac{d\vec{\mathbf{R}}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} a & \sqrt{5-a^2} \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\mathbf{R}}$$

### ■ Question 1 (6 points).

Sketch the D vs. T curve corresponding to the family in the trace-determinant plane.

### ■ Question 2 (4 points).

Write down the values of  $a$  where the qualitative behavior of the system changes. These are the bifurcation values of  $a$ .

### ■ Question 3 (15 points).

In a couple of sentences, discuss different types of behaviors exhibited by the system as  $a$  increases from  $-\sqrt{5}$  to  $\sqrt{5}$ . Include the boundary cases as well. If your solution curve spirals, find out whether it's clockwise or counterclockwise. Include pictures of sample phase portraits in each case.

You are being asked to identify the types of equilibria only, no analytical calculation is needed. You are NOT allowed to use a computer or any graphing tools other than pen and paper.

## §D. A Modified Lotka-Volterra Model

A modified version of Lotka-Volterra equations can be used to model the population of two competing species. Because of the finiteness of resources, the reproduction rate per individual is adversely affected by high levels of its own species and the other species with which it is in competition. Denoting the two populations by  $x$  and  $y$ , the competing species system can be modeled by the ODE system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= ax(1-x) - bxy \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= cy(1-y) - dxy\end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  are positive numbers. For this problem we will assume

$$a = 1, b = 2, c = 1, \text{ and } d = 3$$

### ■ Question 1 (8 points).

Find the equations of the nullclines. Find the coordinates of the equilibrium point(s).

### ■ Question 2 (8 points).

Draw the nullclines on a phase plane  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$ . (Since  $x$  and  $y$  are population of species, they must be nonnegative).

Clearly denote the direction of the arrows along the nullclines.

### ■ Question 3 (8 points).

Find the direction of the arrows in other regions of above phase plane.

### ■ Question 4 (4 points).

Check that when  $y = 2x$ , we get

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right) \Bigg/ \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) = 2$$

This means all the arrows in the direction field that start on the straight line  $y = 2x$ , lie on the straight line. So we make an educated guess that one of the solution curves to this system is a straight line of the form  $\vec{r}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} f(t) \\ 2f(t) \end{bmatrix}$ .

### ■ Question 5 (8 points).

If  $x = f(t), y = 2f(t)$  satisfies the given system, find  $f(t)$  as a function of  $t$ .

■ **Question 6 (4 points).**

What does the solution curve with initial condition  $x(0) = 1, y(0) = 2$  look like? Draw it on the phase plane. You do not need to write down the analytic formula for the solution.

Draw another solution curve that starts at  $x(0) = 0.1, y(0) = 0.2$ . Clearly label the two curves separately (with different color, or solid/dashed etc.) in your phase plane.

■ **Question 7 (6 points).**

Looking at the direction field, What can you say about the long term behavior of solution curves whose initial condition satisfies  $\frac{y(0)}{x(0)} > 2$ ? What about  $\frac{y(0)}{x(0)} < 2$ ? You may need to use the fact that no two solution curves cross each other.

■ **Question 8 (4 points).**

The line  $y = 2x$  is called a *Separatrix*. It separates the quadrant into two regions each of which corresponds to a different long term behavior of the two populations.

Write a couple of sentences describing the long term fate of both species for different initial populations.

Is there anyway the two species can both exist peacefully in the long-term?

**§E. Bonus (5 points)**

Solve the initial-value problem

$$\frac{d\vec{R}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \pi^2 & 37.4 \\ \sqrt{555} & 8.01234 \end{bmatrix} \vec{R}, \quad \vec{R}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Final Exam Part 1

LINEAR ALGEBRA -- MATH 2000

SUBHADIP CHOWDHURY

*Due: May 17, 2019, 8:30 AM*

## Instructions:

- This is a take-home exam. As such, your written arguments will be held to a higher standard than on a sit-down in-class exam. Please submit clear and carefully composed solutions, and explain the concepts you are using and the connections among them. As always, points may be deducted for any unjustified steps, and generous partial credit will be given if you explain your thought process to me.
- You may consult and use our course materials while taking this exam, including the textbook, class notes, your problem sets, and any of the handouts or Mathematica code on Blackboard. If you use Mathematica, please print and attach your commands and output to your exam. If you are not sure if some resource is allowed, please ask! You may NOT consult the internet or discuss problem specifics with other people. You may email me to ask questions.
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Total Points Available: 125

Section Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Available Points	18	20	12	20	20	8	27	125
Your Score								

## §1. The Pell Sequence

The Fibonacci sequence is arguably the most famous integer sequence in Mathematics, making surprise appearances in everything from seashell patterns to the Parthenon. It is defined recursively as follows: each term of the sequence is equal to the sum of the previous two. A generalization of Fibonacci Sequence called  $c$ -Fibonacci sequence is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= 1 \\ p_1 &= 1 \\ p_n &= cp_{n-1} + p_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is any natural number. The  $2$ -Fibonacci sequence is also known as the *Pell Sequence*. In this section, we will try to figure out the long term behaviour of the Pell sequence by calculating an explicit formula for  $p_n$ . In the following questions, we will assume  $c = 2$ .

**Question 1 (3 points).** For  $n \geq 1$ , define the vector  $\vec{u}_n$  as

$$\vec{u}_n = \begin{bmatrix} p_{n-1} \\ p_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  such that

$$\vec{u}_{n+1} = A\vec{u}_n \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

We can conclude that

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{n-1} \\ p_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{u}_n = A^{n-1}\vec{u}_1 = A^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{bmatrix} = A^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So if we can calculate  $A^{n-1}$ , we can easily give a formula for  $p_n$ .

**Question 2 (3+4+3+3+2) points.** (a) Find the eigenvalue(s) of  $A$ .

(b) Find an eigenbasis.

(c) Write down the diagonalization  $A = SDS^{-1}$  i.e. find  $S, D$ , and  $S^{-1}$ .

(d) Find  $A^{n-1}$ .

(e) Find  $\vec{u}_n$  and a formula for  $p_n$ .

**Question 3 (Bonus 2 points).** Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n} = 1 + \sqrt{5}$$

The number  $1 + \sqrt{5}$  is called the *Silver Ratio*.

## §2. Nul space, Col space and Rank

**Question 4 ((3+3+4+3) points).** For some real matrix  $A$ , the following vectors form a basis for its column space and null space:

$$\text{Col}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Nul}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- (a) What is the size  $m \times n$  of  $A$ ? What is  $\text{rank}(A)$ ?
- (b) What are the dimensions of  $\text{Col}(A^T)$ ,  $\text{Nul}(A^T)$ , and  $\text{Row}(A)$ ?
- (c) Give a matrix  $A$  with this  $\text{Col}(A)$  and  $\text{Nul}(A)$ . There are many possible answers.
- (d) Give a vector  $\vec{b}$  for which  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has at least one solution, and give all the solutions  $\vec{x}$  for your  $A$  from the previous part.

HINT: you should not have to do Row-reduction.

**Question 5 ((4+3) points).** Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix and let  $B$  be a  $n \times p$  matrix.

- (a) Explain why  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A)$ .

HINT: What is the relation between the column space of  $AB$  and that of  $A$ ?

- (b) Explain why  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(B)$ .

HINT: What can you say about  $\text{rank}((AB)^T)$ ?

## §3. Characteristic Polynomial

**Question 6 (7 points).** Let  $A$  be an  $5 \times 5$  diagonalizable matrix and let

$$p_A(t) = c_0 + c_1t + c_2t^2 + c_3t^3 + c_4t^4 + t^5$$

be the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ . Show that

$$\det(A) = c_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}(A) = -c_4.$$

**Question 7 (5 points).** If  $A$  is an invertible and diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix, show that  $A^{-1}$  can be written as a linear combination of the matrices  $A, A^2, A^3, \dots, A^{n-1}$ .

HINT: Use the Cayley-Hamilton theorem from assignment 22, chapter 5 supplementary exercise 7.

## §4. Matrix of a Linear Transformations with respect to a Basis

**Question 8 ((1+5+6) points).** Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{V}$  consisting of  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  such that  $A^T = -A$ . These type of matrices are called skew-symmetric.

- (a) Show that the diagonal entries of any skew-symmetric matrix are zero.
- (b) Find the dimension of  $\mathbb{V}$  and a basis  $\mathfrak{B}$  for  $\mathbb{V}$ .
- (c) Let  $T : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$  be a linear transformation defined by

$$T(M) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} M - M \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $M \in \mathbb{V}$ . Find the  $\mathfrak{B}$ -matrix of  $T$  for your choice of  $\mathfrak{B}$  from part (b).

**Question 9 ((6+2) points).** Consider the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_2$  defined as

$$T(f(x)) = f(1) + (x-1)f'(1)$$

- (a) Consider the basis  $\mathfrak{B}$  of  $\mathbb{P}_2$  given by  $\mathfrak{B} = \{1, (x-1), (x-1)^2\}$ . Find the  $\mathfrak{B}$ -matrix of  $T$ .
- (b) Is  $T$  an isomorphism?

## §5. Orthogonality

**Question 10 ((3+2+5+1) points).** Let  $\vec{v}$  be a unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $H = I - 2\vec{v}\vec{v}^T$ .

- (a) Show that  $H^2 = I$ .
- (b) Show that  $H$  is an orthogonal matrix.
- (c) Find the eigenvalues of  $H$  and describe the eigenspaces geometrically.
- (d) Can you give a geometric description of the linear transformation corresponding to  $H$ ?

HINT: What is  $H\vec{u}$  for  $\vec{u} \perp \vec{v}$ ?

**Question 11 ((6+3) points).** Let  $P$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix that corresponds to the linear transformation that projects every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  orthogonally onto the plane  $x + 2y + 2z = 0$ .

- (a) Find an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of three eigenvectors of  $P$ .

HINT: Investigate the geometry of the eigenspaces.

- (b) Find the matrix  $P$ .

## §6. Vector Space and Dimension

Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{bmatrix}$  be a diagonal  $3 \times 3$  matrix, and let  $V$  be the vector space defined as

$$V = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \mid AB = BA\}$$

i.e.  $V$  consists of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  that commute with  $B$ .

**Question 12 (8 points).** Find the possible dimensions of  $V$ . In each case, give a basis of  $V$ .

*HINT: Consider the following cases separately: (1) when  $x = y = z$ , (2) any two of  $x, y, z$  are equal but the third is not, (3) none of them are equal to each other.*

## §7. The Least-Square Approximation problem

One of the fundamental problems in Machine Learning is to find the best approximate solution to equations of the form  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  where  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\vec{b}$  is a  $m \times 1$  vector and the system is possibly inconsistent. Recall that the space  $\text{Col}(A)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , defined as

$$\text{Col}(A) = \{A\vec{x} \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

So if  $\vec{b} \notin \text{Col}(A)$ , then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is not consistent, but we can still try to find an  $\vec{x}$  that will minimize the “error”. We define a *least-square solution*  $\vec{x}^*$  to be an  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\|A\vec{x}^* - \vec{b}\| \leq \|A\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|$$

for all  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . In other words,  $\vec{x}^*$  is such that  $\vec{b}^* = A\vec{x}^*$  is the point in  $\text{Col}(A)$  that is closest to  $\vec{b}$ .

Geometrically speaking,  $\vec{b}^* = A\vec{x}^*$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\vec{b}$  onto  $\text{Col}(A)$  i.e.

$$\vec{b}^* = \text{proj}_{\text{Col}(A)} \vec{b}.$$

**Question 13 ((2+2) points).** (a) Explain why  $\vec{b} - \vec{b}^*$  is in  $(\text{Col}(A))^\perp$ .

(b) Explain why part (a) is equivalent to the equation  $A^T \vec{b} = A^T A\vec{x}^*$ .

*HINT: What is  $(\text{Col}(A))^\perp$  equal to?*

(c) If  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , explain why  $\vec{b}^* = \vec{b}$ .

The equation obtained in part (b) above is called the *Normal Equation* for  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ . By definition, the Normal Equation is always consistent, however it may have more than one solution i.e. there may be more than one best approximation. One particular case of interest is when  $\text{Nul}(A) = \{0\}$ .

**Question 14 ((8+3+2) points).** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

(a) Show that  $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Nul}(A^T A)$ .

HINT: It is easy to show that  $\text{Nul}(A) \subseteq \text{Nul}(A^T A)$ . To show the opposite containment  $\text{Nul}(A^T A) \subseteq \text{Nul}(A)$ , use orthogonal complements.

(b) Show that  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T A)$ .

(c) Show that if  $\text{Nul}(A) = \{0\}$ , then  $A^T A$  is an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix.

So if  $\text{Nul}(A) = \{0\}$ , we get  $A^T A$  is invertible and in that case the normal equation has a unique solution

$$\vec{x}^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{b}. \quad (\star)$$

Scientists are often interested in fitting a function of a certain type, e.g. a polynomial to experimental data they have gathered. Since physical experiments often have unavoidable errors, there may not be an exact polynomial that satisfies given data-set.

Consider for example an experiment where we know that the quantity  $V$  is supposed to be a quadratic polynomial in variable  $T$  because of theoretical reasons. Let's write

$$V = a + bT + cT^2 = p(T)$$

During the experiment we note down a list of input versus output  $(T, V)$  data-points as follows:

Observation No.	$T$	$V$
1	-1	8
2	0	8
3	1	4
4	2	16

Our goal is to find  $a, b$  and  $c$  that will give the best approximate polynomial with least amount of error. In other words,

**Question 15 (10 points).** Use equation  $(\star)$  to find the least-square solution  $\vec{x}^* = \begin{bmatrix} a^* \\ b^* \\ c^* \end{bmatrix}$  to the system of equations

$$V_i = p(T_i) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

where  $(T_i, V_i)$  is the data-point from observation  $i$ .

A picture of  $p^*(T) = a^* + b^*T + c^*T^2$  is given below.

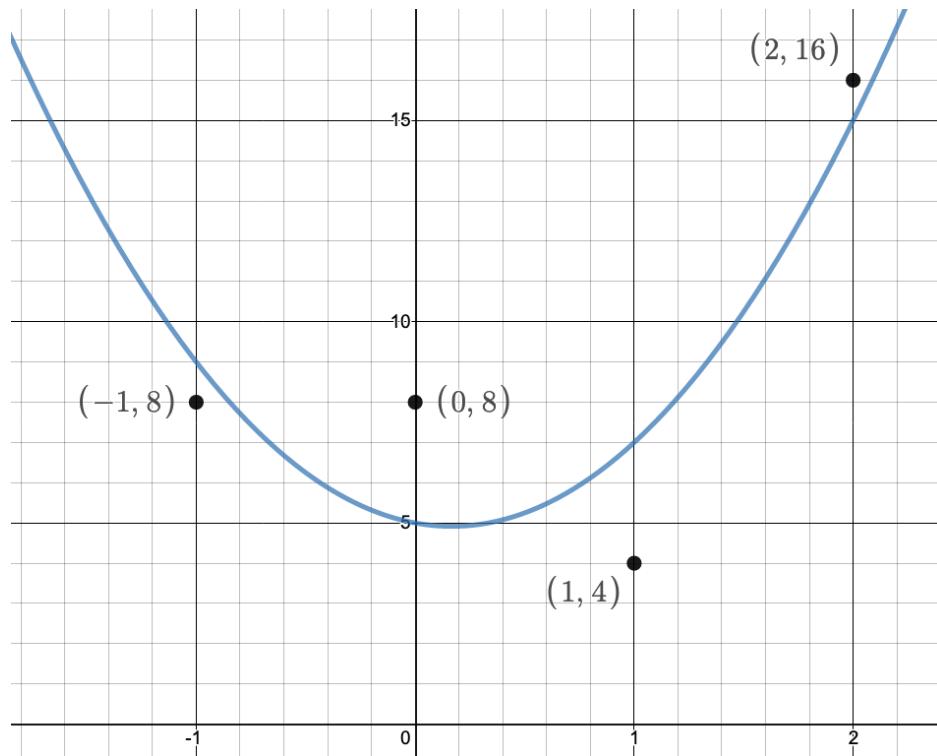


Figure 1

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This exam has 6 questions, for a total of 52 points.

The maximum possible point for each problem is given on the right side of the problem.

1. For each of the following statements, find out whether it is ‘**always true**’, ‘**sometimes true**’, or ‘**always false**’. Give a brief explanation for your answer. If you think an answer is ‘sometimes true’, give an example or criterion when it’s false.

(a) If we have **2020** vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_{2020} \in \mathbb{R}^{2019}$ , then each  $\vec{v}_i$  can be written as a linear combination of the other **2019** vectors. [3]

(b) If  $V_k$  denotes the set consisting of all vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $xyz = k$  for some real constant  $k$ , then  $V_k$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . [3]

(c) If all the diagonal entries of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  are odd integers and all other entries are even integers, then  $A$  is an invertible matrix. [3]

(d) If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible  $n \times n$  matrices then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are similar matrices. [3]

2. Is it possible or impossible to find examples of each of the following? If possible, please provide an example. If impossible, please explain why.

(a) A real number  $t$  such that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & t & 0 \\ t & 2 & t \\ 0 & t & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  has eigenvalue **0**. [3]

(b) A square matrix whose nullspace is  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . [3]

(c) Two real invertible  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  and  $S$  such that  $S^T AS = -A$ . [3]

(d) Two  $3 \times 3$  nonzero diagonalizable matrices that have same eigenvalues but are not similar. [3]

3. Choose the correct answer(s) from the given choices. No explanation is necessary.

*There may be more than one correct choice. You will get partial credit for circling correct but incomplete set of choices, full credit for correct and complete set of choices, and zero credit if you circle any incorrect choice.*

(a) Consider the following operations on  $\mathbb{P}_2$ . Which of them is/are linear transformation(s)? [4]

- α.  $T(p(x)) = p(x) - p(1)$
- β.  $T(p(x)) = p(x) - 1$
- γ.  $T(p(x)) = x - p(1)$
- δ.  $T(p(x)) = x^2 p(\frac{1}{x})$

(b) Which of the following statements is/are true for all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ? 4

- $\alpha.$   $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(AB)$
- $\beta.$   $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(BA)$
- $\gamma.$   $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Nul}(AB)$
- $\delta.$   $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Nul}(BA)$

(c) Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $4 \times 4$  matrices and let  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$ ,  $\text{rank}(B) = 3$ . Then which of the following are possible values of  $\text{rank}(A + B)$ ? 4

- $\alpha.$  0
- $\beta.$  2
- $\gamma.$  3
- $\delta.$  5

(d) Consider the system of linear equations 4

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ 2x + z = 2 \\ -x + y + az = b \end{cases}$$

Then,

- $\alpha.$  If  $a \neq 0$  then the system has exactly one solution regardless of the value of  $b$ .
- $\beta.$  If  $a = 0$  then the system has no solution regardless of the value of  $b$ .
- $\gamma.$  If  $a = 0$  then the system has no solution for exactly one value of  $b$ .
- $\delta.$  If  $a = 0$  then the system has infinitely many solutions for exactly one value of  $b$ .

4. If  $A = Q^T D Q$  for a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an orthogonal matrix  $Q$ , then explain why the eigenvectors of  $A$  are the rows of  $Q$ . 4

5. Suppose  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda = 0, 1, -1$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ . Find a basis of  $\text{Col}(A)$  in terms of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$ , and  $\vec{v}_3$ . 4

6. The matrix 4

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is diagonalizable and  $H^2 = 4I$ . Find the eigenvalues of  $H$  and their algebraic multiplicities.

HINT: You should not need to calculate any determinant.

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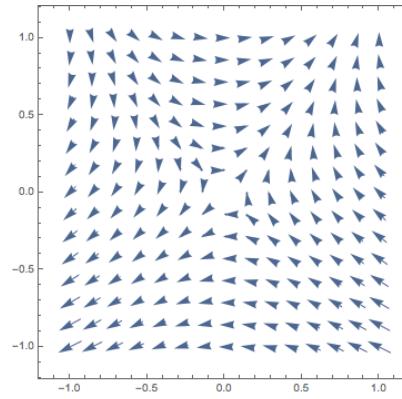
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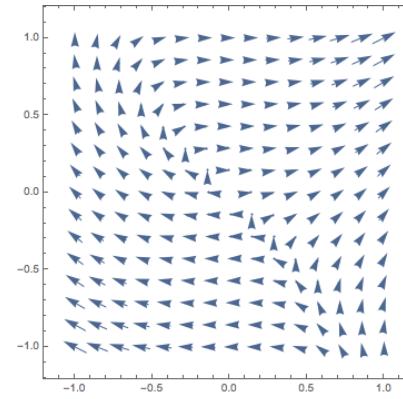
1. For the following problems, determine whether each statement is ‘True’ or ‘False’. If it is true, explain your reasoning briefly. If it is false, explain why or give a counterexample that disproves the statement.

- (a) The scalar triple product  $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$  between three vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  is zero if and only if two or more of the 3 vectors are parallel. [2]
- (b) If  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = 2019\vec{w}$  then  $(\text{Proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u}) \times (\text{Proj}_{\vec{u}} \vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{w}$  for some real number  $\lambda$ . [2]
- (c) Let  $z = g(u, v)$  and  $u = u(x, y, t), v = v(x, y, t)$  and  $x = x(t, s), y = y(t, s)$ . Then the chain rule expression of  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$  has seven terms. [2]
- (d) Every flow line of the vector field  $\vec{F}(x, y) = x\hat{i} - y\hat{j}$  lies on a level curve of the function  $f(x, y) = xy$ . [2]
- (e) For a particle moving along the flow line  $\vec{r}(t)$  of a gradient vector field  $\vec{F} = \nabla f$ , the velocity  $\vec{r}'(t)$  is zero at a stationary critical point of  $f$ . [2]

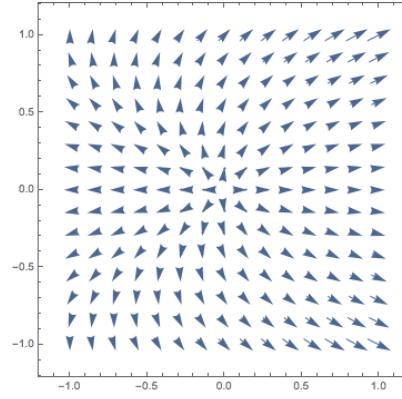
2. Match the Vector Fields in figure 1 with their formula. No explanation is necessary. [4]



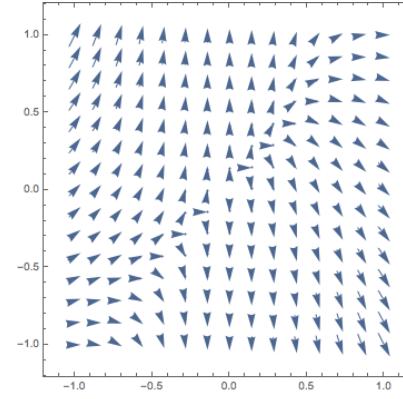
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Figure 1

- (1)  $\langle x + y^2, y \rangle$ ,    (2)  $\langle x^2, y - x \rangle$ ,    (3)  $\langle x + y, x^2 \rangle$ ,    (4)  $\langle y - x^2, x \rangle$ ,

3. A function  $f(x, y)$  of two variables has level curves as shown in the picture. Some of the gradient vectors are also given for your convenience. Fill in the table below with appropriate choice of points.

*No justification is needed in this problem. Not all of the points A-I might appear on the left column and there may be more than one choice of points for a row.*

YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE EACH LETTER AT MOST ONCE IN THE TABLE.

Enter one of A-I	is a point where
	$f_x(x, y) = 0$ and $f_y(x, y) \neq 0$
	$f_y(x, y) = 0$ and $f_x(x, y) \neq 0$
	$f(x, y)$ has either a max or a min.
	$f(x, y)$ has a saddle point.
	$f(x, y)$ has neither max nor min but is locally extremal under a constraint $y = c$ for some $c$
	$f(x, y)$ has neither max nor min but is locally extremal under a constraint $x = c$ for some $c$
	$D_{\langle 1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2} \rangle} f(x, y) = 0$ and $D_{\langle 1/\sqrt{2}, -1/\sqrt{2} \rangle} f(x, y) \neq 0$
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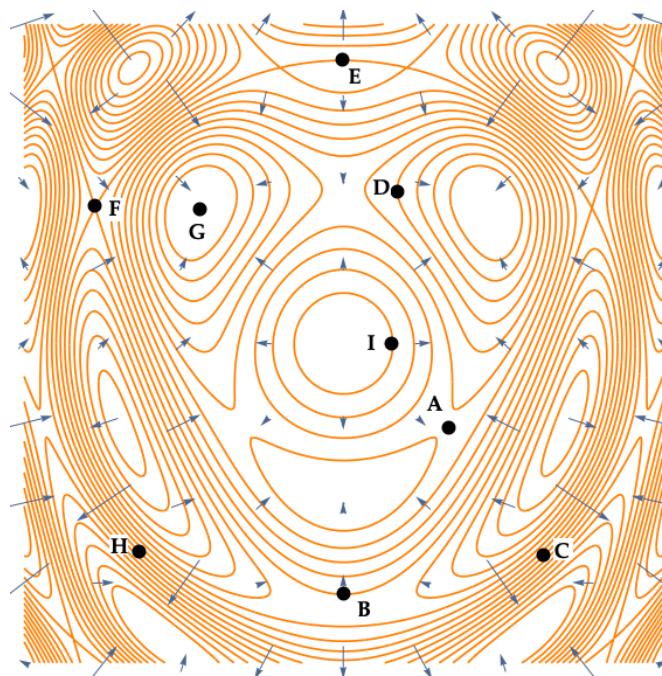


Figure 2

4. Find the line integral of the vector field

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$$\vec{F} = \langle 3x^2y^2 + x^7 + y^6, 2x^3y + 7y^6 + 6xy^5 \rangle$$

along the curve

$$r = 2 \sin(\theta) + \sqrt{|5 \cos^2 \theta - 1|}$$

from  $\theta = 0$  to  $\theta = 3\pi/2$ . A polar plot of the curve is given below in figure 3.

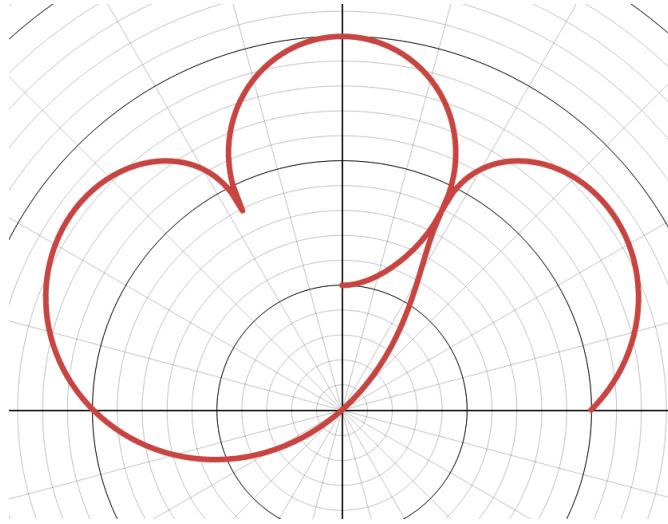


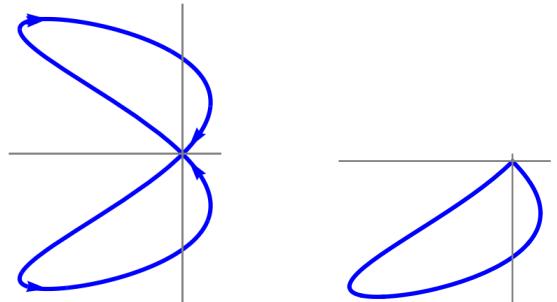
Figure 3

5. Use Green's Theorem and the vector field  $\vec{F} = \langle 0, x \rangle$  to find the area bounded by the parametric curve

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$$x(t) = \cos(t) \sin(t) - \cos^2(t), \quad y(t) = \cos(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi.$$

Pictures of the curve on different angle intervals are given in figure 4 below for your convenience. Qu



(a)  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

(b)  $\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq 3\pi/2$

Figure 4

6. Let  $\vec{F}$  be the vector field

$$\vec{F} = \left\langle e^x - 2xye^{x^2y} - 2y, \quad 5x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^4 + 1}} - x^2e^{x^2y} \right\rangle$$

Let  $C$  be the curve that goes from  $(-1, 0)$  to  $(1, 0)$  along the semi-circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and let  $D$  be the straight line from  $(-1, 0)$  to  $(1, 0)$ . A picture is given in figure 5.

(a) Parametrize and integrate to calculate the line integral  $\int_D \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ . [7]

(b) Use Green's theorem to calculate the line integral  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ . [8]

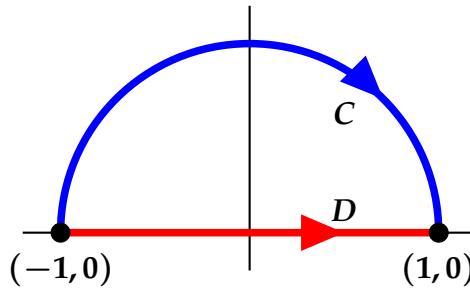


Figure 5

7. (a) Find the equations of the tangent planes at the points  $A = (1, 1, 2)$  and  $B = (2, 1, 5)$  to the surface [6]

$$x^2 + y^2 - z = 0.$$

(b) Find the parametric equation of the line of intersection of these two tangent planes. [6]

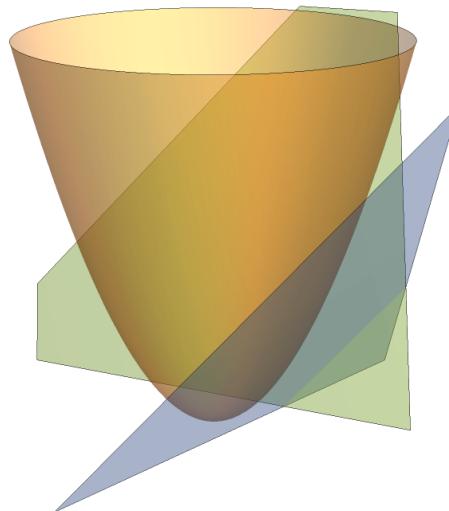


Figure 6

8. Use the Lagrange multipliers to find the points  $(x, y)$  where

$$f(x, y) = y^2 - x^3 - x^2 - x$$

achieves its maximum and minimum on the circle

$$g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 = 1.$$

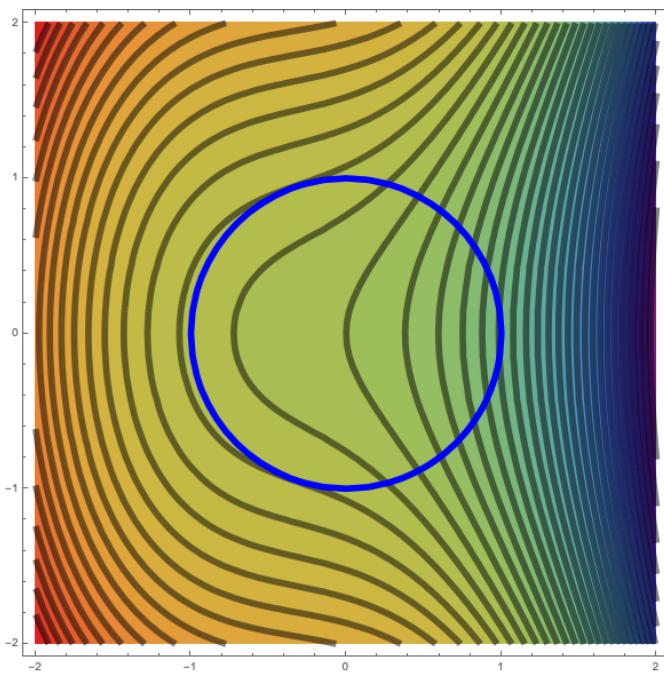


Figure 7

9. Find and classify all stationary critical points of the following function.

$$f(x, y) = x + 4y + \frac{2}{xy}$$

10. Let

$$\iint_R f dA = \int_0^2 \int_{x^2}^{2\sqrt{2x}} f(x, y) dy dx$$

(a) Sketch the region  $R$ .

(b) Rewrite the double integral as an iterated integral with the order interchanged.

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11. Find the volume of the solid bounded by the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ , the planes  $y - z = 0$  (bottom boundary) and  $y + z = 0$  (top boundary), and in the quadrant  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \leq 0$ .

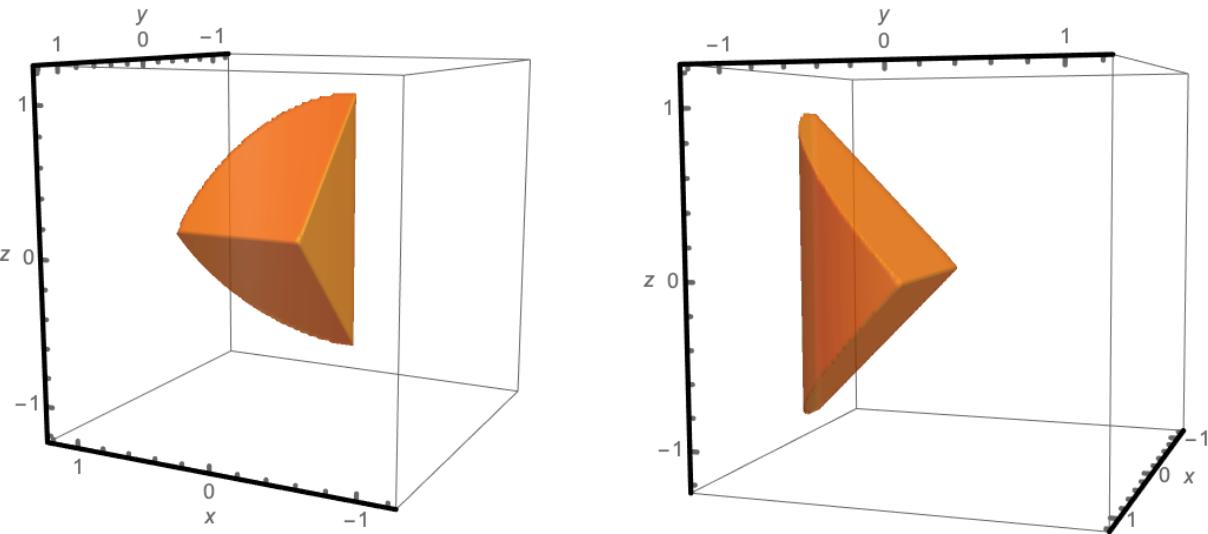


Figure 8: The solid from two different viewpoints

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12. Use the change of variable  $x = u^2$ ,  $y = v^2$  to find the area of the region bounded by the curve  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 1$  and the coordinate axes (see figure 9). 8 (bonus)

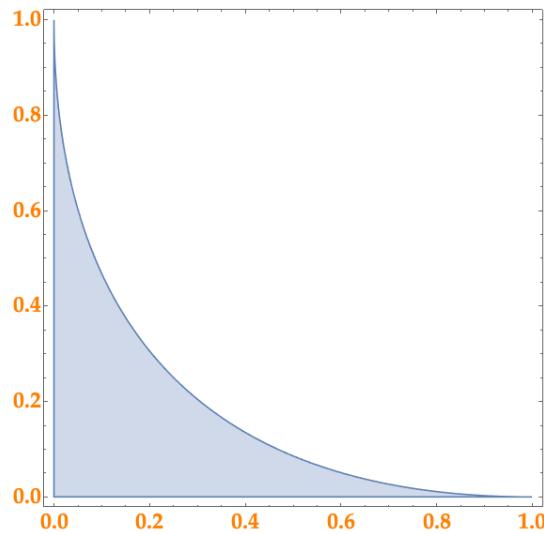


Figure 9