

Math 334 Midterm III KEY
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sections 001 and 004
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Warning: check your solutions to each problem via a method independent of the one used to obtain your initial solution.

1. Solve the following initial value problem in terms of the convolution integral:

$$y'' + 9y = g(t); y(0) = y'(0) = 0. \quad (1.1)$$

15 points

Solution

Laplace transformation of (1.1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 L[y] + 9L[y] &= L[y''] + 9L[y] = L[g] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \\ L[y] &= \frac{1}{s^2 + 3^2} L[g] = L\left[\frac{1}{3} \sin(3 \cdot) * g\right] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \\ y(t) &= \left(\frac{1}{3} \sin(3 \cdot) * g\right)(t) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{3} \sin(3(t - \tau)) g(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

2. Find the general solution of the following system:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad (1.3)$$

20 points

Solution

The general solution of (1.3) is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \xi_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \xi_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}, \quad (1.4)$$

where the ξ 's and λ 's are independent eigenvectors and distinct eigenvalues of the matrix in (1.3):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \xi = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \xi = \mathbf{0}$$

unless

$$0 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda-1)^2 - 2^2 \quad (1.5)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\lambda = 1 \pm 2 = 3, -1 =: \lambda_1, \lambda_2.$$

So

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} \xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xi_1 \Leftarrow \xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-(-1) & 1 \\ 4 & 1-(-1) \end{bmatrix} \xi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xi_2 \Leftarrow \xi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.6)$$

Thus, explicitly, (1.4) is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}. \quad (1.7)$$

3. Show that

$$L[f](s) = \frac{\int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt}{1 - e^{-sT}} \quad (1.8)$$

for $s, T > 0$ provided $f(t+T) = f(t)$ for all $t \in [0, +\infty]$ (and provided $\int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt$ exists).

10 points

Solution

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
L[f](s) &:= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{nT}^{(n+1)T} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^T e^{-s(t+nT)} f(t+nT) dt \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-snT} \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt = \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (e^{-sT})^n = \left(\int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt \right) \cdot \frac{1}{1-e^{-sT}}. \quad (1.9) \\
&= \frac{\int_0^T e^{-st} f(t) dt}{1-e^{-sT}}.
\end{aligned}$$

4. Find a real-valued representation of the general solution of the following system:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad (1.10)$$

25 points

Solution

The general solution of (1.10) can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \xi_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \xi_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}, \quad (1.11)$$

where the ξ 's and λ 's are independent eigenvectors and distinct eigenvalues of the matrix in (1.10):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 5 \\ -1 & -3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \xi = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \xi = \mathbf{0}$$

unless

$$0 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 5 \\ -1 & -3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda-1)(\lambda+3)+5 = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 = (\lambda+1)^2 - i^2 \quad (1.12)$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\lambda = -1 \pm i = -1+i, -1-i =: \lambda_1, \lambda_2.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{0} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1-(-1+i) & 5 \\ -1 & -3-(-1+i) \end{bmatrix} \xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & 5 \\ -1 & -2-i \end{bmatrix} \xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & 5 \\ -2+i & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xi_1 \Leftarrow \xi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \\
\mathbf{0} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1-(-1-i) & 5 \\ -1 & -3-(-1-i) \end{bmatrix} \xi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 5 \\ -1 & -2+i \end{bmatrix} \xi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 5 \\ -2-i & -5 \end{bmatrix} \xi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xi_2 \Leftarrow \xi_2 = \overline{\xi_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

Thus, explicitly, (1.11) is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{(-1+i)t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2-i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{(-1-i)t}. \quad (1.14)$$

As per the usual theory, we can find a real-valued representation by finding the real and imaginary parts of either of the above complex-valued solutions:

$$\mathbf{x}_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{(-1+i)t} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} (\cos t + i \sin t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t - \sin t \\ -\cos t \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + i \begin{bmatrix} \cos t + 2 \sin t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}, \quad (1.15)$$

whence a real-valued representation of the general solution is

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t - \sin t \\ -\cos t \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \cos t + 2 \sin t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}. \quad (1.16)$$

5. Find the fundamental matrix of solutions $\Phi = \Phi(t)$ to the above problem that has

$$\text{the property that } \Phi(0) = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

10 points

Solution

A fundamental matrix of solutions $\Psi = \Psi(t)$, one not necessarily having the desired property, can be found from the above general solution (1.16):

$$\Psi(t) = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t - \sin t & \cos t + 2 \sin t \\ -\cos t & -\sin t \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.17)$$

The desired fundamental matrix $\Phi = \Phi(t)$ can be obtained from $\Psi = \Psi(t)$ via

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi = \Phi(t) &= \Psi(t) \Psi^{-1}(0) = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t - \sin t & \cos t + 2 \sin t \\ -\cos t & -\sin t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t - \sin t & \cos t + 2 \sin t \\ -\cos t & -\sin t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos t + 2 \sin t & 5 \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t - 2 \sin t \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.18)$$

6. Solve the initial value problem given by the system of problem 4 and the initial data

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.19)$$

(Hint: rather than “reinventing the wheel”, just use the fundamental matrix of problem 5.)

7 points

Solution

Using the fundamental matrix of problem 5 we have

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\mathbf{x}(0) = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos t + 2 \sin t & 5 \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t - 2 \sin t \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos t - \sin t \\ -\cos t \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.20)$$

7. Calculate

$$e^{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \pi}. \quad (1.21)$$

(Hint: use the result of problem 5).

5 points

Solution

We have, from problem 5,

$$e^{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \pi} = \Phi(\pi) = e^{-\pi} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \pi + 2 \sin \pi & 5 \sin \pi \\ -\sin \pi & \cos \pi - 2 \sin \pi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-\pi} & 0 \\ 0 & -e^{-\pi} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.22)$$

8. Find a representation of the general solution of the system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}. \quad (1.23)$$

20 points

Solution

The matrix in (1.23) has a repeated eigenvalue with only one eigenvector. Hence the general solution is of the form

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \boldsymbol{\xi} e^{\lambda t} + c_2 (\boldsymbol{\xi} t + \boldsymbol{\eta}) e^{\lambda t} \quad (1.24)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ is an eigenvector and $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ is an associated pseudo eigenvector:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 9 \\ -1 & -3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{0} &\Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{0} \\ &\text{unless} \\ 0 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 9 \\ -1 & -3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} &= \lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 3\lambda - 9 + 9 = \lambda^2 \quad (1.25) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \\ \lambda &= 0, 0, \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi} \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ &\text{and} \quad (1.26) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta} = \boldsymbol{\xi} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-3\eta_2 \\ \eta_2 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, explicitly, (1.24) is

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 1-3\eta_2 \\ \eta_2 \end{bmatrix} \right). \quad (1.27)$$

9. Find the fundamental matrix of solutions $\Phi = \Phi(t)$ for the system of problem 8

$$\text{that satisfies } \Phi(0) = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

15 points

Solution

From (1.27) we have a fundamental matrix of solutions

$$\Psi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3t+1-3\eta_2 \\ -1 & -t+\eta_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1.28)$$

whence the one desired is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t) = \Psi(t)\Psi^{-1}(0) &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3t+1-3\eta_2 \\ -1 & -t+\eta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1-3\eta_2 \\ -1 & \eta_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3t+1-3\eta_2 \\ -1 & -t+\eta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \eta_2 & -1+3\eta_2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3t & 9t \\ -t & 1-3t \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.29)$$

10. Solve the initial value problem obtained from combining the differential equation of problem 8 with the initial data

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.30)$$

(Hint: do not “reinvent the wheel”, but rather use the result from problem 9.)

6 points

Solution

From problem 9 we have

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3t & 9t \\ -t & 1-3t \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+42t \\ 4-14t \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.31)$$