MATH 21b Final Exam
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∑ There are 8 problems on this exam.

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Problem 1:

Let A denote the matrix \[
\begin{pmatrix}
4 & 3 \\
2 & -1
\end{pmatrix}
\]

a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A.

b) Solve the dynamical system \(\ddot{x}(m+1) = A\dot{x}(m)\) given that \(\dot{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}\). Thus, give \(\ddot{x}(m)\) for \(m = 1, 2, 3, \ldots\).

c) Give the vector valued function \(t \rightarrow \ddot{x}(t)\) that obeys \(\ddot{x} = A\dot{x}\) and \(\dot{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}\).

Problem 2:

Which of the following is the equation for the best fit for a line through the four points \(\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}\) as determined by the least squares method? Please justify your work.

a) \(y = -3x + 10\)

b) \(y = -\frac{8}{3}x + 9\)

c) \(y = -\frac{20}{7}x + 12\)

d) \(y = -12x + 3\)

e) \(y = -\frac{10}{3}x + \frac{35}{3}\)

f) \(y = -\frac{5}{3}x + 5\)

Problem 3:

Let \(c\) denote the space of all continuous functions on \([-\pi, \pi]\) with the inner product \(\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x) \, dx\). Use \(V\) to denote the subspace of \(c\) that is spanned by the vectors \(\{1, \cos(x), \sin(x+1)\}\).

a) Find an orthonormal basis for \(V\).

b) Find the orthogonal projection of \(x\) onto \(V\).

c) Define a linear transformation, \(T\), from \(V\) to itself by the formula \(Tf = f'\). Find the eigenvalues of \(T\).
Problem 4:

Find a $2 \times 2$ matrix that has all of the following properties: Both $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ are eigenvectors, their respective eigenvalues are not zero, but the sum of their eigenvalues is zero.

Problem 5:

Let $x \to f(x)$ denote the function on $[-\pi, \pi]$ that obeys $f(x) = x + \pi$ where $x \leq 0$ and $f(x) = x$ where $x > 0$. Which of the following is the Fourier series for $f$? Please justify your answer.

a) $\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx)$.

b) $\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{1}{k} \cos(kx)$.

c) $\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \left[ \frac{1}{k^2} \cos(kx) - \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) \right]$.

d) $\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\sum_{k=2,4,\ldots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx)$.

e) $\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\sum_{k=2,4,\ldots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \cos(kx)$.

f) $\frac{\pi}{2} - \sum_{k=1,3,\ldots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) + \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{k=2,4,\ldots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \cos(kx)$.

Problem 6:

This problem concerns the differential equation $\frac{d^4 f}{dx^4} = 16f$.

a) Find the general solution.

b) Find three different solutions that obey $f(0) = 6$ and $f'(0) = 2$.

c) Let $V$ denote the space of solutions. Define a map, $T: V \to \mathbb{R}^2$ by $T(f) = \begin{pmatrix} f(0) \\ f'(0) \end{pmatrix}$.

Compute the dimension of the kernel of $T$. 
Problem 7:
Circle T if the accompanying statement is true, and circle F if it is false.

T  F  a) The vector $\vec{0}$ is never a stable equilibrium point for the dynamical system $\vec{x} (m+1) = A \vec{x} (m)$ if $\det(A) = 2$.

T  F  b) A function $t \to f(t)$ solves the equation $f'' + f' - 3f = 0$ if and only if the vector valued function of time $\vec{x} (t) = \begin{pmatrix} f(t) \\ f'(t) \end{pmatrix}$ solves the equation $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \vec{x} = A \vec{x}$ with $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

T  F  c) If $f$ is any function on $[-\pi, \pi]$ with $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)^2 \, dx < 2\pi$ then $|f(x)| < 1$ for all $x$.

T  F  d) If functions $u(t,x)$ and $v(t,x)$ solve the wave equation and if they are equal at each $x$ when $t = 0$, then it is necessary that $u(t,x) = v(t,x)$ for all $t$ and $x$.

T  F  e) The map, $T$, from the space of continuous functions on $[-\pi, \pi]$ to $\mathbb{R}$ that sends $f$ to its largest value is not a linear map.

Problem 8:
Circle T if the accompanying statement is true, and circle F if it is false. You need not justify your answers.

T  F  a) If $n \geq 3$ and if $\vec{v}$ and $\vec{u}$ are eigenvectors of an $n \times n$ matrix, then $\vec{v} + \vec{u}$ must also be an eigenvector.

T  F  b) There are invertible $3 \times 3$ matrices $A$ and $S$ with the property that $SAS^{-1} = -A$.

T  F  c) If $n \geq 3$ and $A$ and $B$ are two diagonalizable $n \times n$ matrices with the same eigenbasis, there must exists an invertible $n \times n$ matrix $S$ such that $A = SBS^{-1}$.

T  F  d) If $A$ is an $n \times n$ matrix with $\det(A) = 0$, then at least one column of $A$ must be a scalar multiple of some other column of $A$. 

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T   F  e) If A has 5 rows and 3 columns, then the dimension of its kernel must equal 2.

T   F  f) Any $4 \times 4$ matrix with negative determinant has either two or zero complex eigenvalues with non-zero imaginary part.

T   F  g) Given any matrix A, then $A^T A$ is symmetric.

T   F  h) Given any square matrix A, then $A^T A$ and $AA^T$ have the same eigenvalues.

T   F  i) If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with n distinct, real eigenvalues, then all eigenvalues of $A^2$ are non-negative.

T   F  j) If A and B are any two matrices whose product is orthogonal, then both A and B are orthogonal.

Answers to the Math 21b 2004 exam

1. a) Eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 5$ and $\lambda_2 = -2$. Corresponding eigenvectors are:

   $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$

b) $\vec{x}(m) = 5^m \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - (-2)^m \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$

c) $\vec{x}(t) = e^{5t} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$

2. The answer is b). Here is why: The generic line has the form $y = ax + b$. To find a and b, introduce the $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ given by $\vec{x} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \vec{y}$ where $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ and

   $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

   Now, $A^T \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 25 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$ and $A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 21 & 9 \\ 9 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ so $(A^T A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -9 \\ -9 & 21 \end{pmatrix}.$ Thus,
\[ \tilde{x} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \begin{array}{c} -8 \\ 27 \end{array} \right). \] This gives line (b).

3. a) Since \( \sin(x+1) = \sin(1) \cos(x) + \cos(1) \sin(x) \), the function \( \sin(x) \) is in \( V \), and the collection \( (\sqrt{2}, \cos(x), \sin(x)) \) span \( V \) and are orthonormal.

b) The orthogonal projection is \( 2 \sin(x) \).

c) The matrix of \( T \) with respect to the basis given in a) is \( T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \). Its eigenvalues are 0, i, -i.

4. Write the desired matrix as \( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \). Since the eigenvalues are \( \lambda \) and \(-\lambda\), this matrix must have zero trace. Thus, \( d = -a \). Also, using what we know about the eigenvectors, we find that
\[ 3a + b = 3\lambda, \quad 3c - a = \lambda, \quad a - b = -\lambda, \quad c + a = \lambda. \]
This implies that \( a = c, \ b = 3c, \) and \( \lambda = 2c \). Thus, any matrix of the form \( c \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \)
with \( c \neq 0 \) fits the bill.

5. The answer is d). Here is why: The constant term in the Fourier series for \( f \) is \( \frac{a_0}{2} \). Meanwhile, \( \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \cos(kx) dx = 0 \) and \( \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(kx) dx = 0 \), so there are no cosine terms in the Fourier series for \( f \). As for the sine terms, \( \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin(kx) dx = \frac{2}{k} \) if \( k \) is odd and it is \( -\frac{2}{k} \) if \( k \) is even. On the other hand, \( \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(kx) dx = 0 \) if \( k \) is even and \( -\frac{2}{k} \) if \( k \) is odd.
Thus, there are no \( \sin(kx) \) terms when \( k \) is odd, and when \( k \) is even, the coefficient of \( \sin(kx) \) is \( -\frac{2}{k} \).

6. a) The general solution has the form \( a e^{2x} + b e^{-2x} + c \cos(2x) + d \sin(2x) \) where \( a, b, c, d \) are constants.

b) If \( f(0) = 6 \), then \( a + b + c = 6 \). If \( f'(0) = 2 \), then \( 2a - 2b + 2d = 2 \). Thus, the
general solution to the equation plus these constraints has the form 
\[ a e^{2x} + b e^{-2x} + (6-a-b) \cos(x) + (1-a+b) \sin(x). \] Take any three values for a and b.

c) The kernel of V is two dimensional; it is spanned by the two functions 
\[ e^{2x} - \cos(x) - \sin(x) \] and \[ e^{-2x} - \cos(x) + \sin(x). \]

7. a) T. Here is why: The absolute values of the eigenvalues must be less than 1 if \( \dot{0} \) is stable, yet their product is the determinant, this greater than 1.
b) T. To see why, write out the two components of the equation for \( \frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = A \vec{x} \).
c) F. For example, the function that is 10 where \( 0 \leq x \leq \frac{2\pi}{11} \) and 0 elsewhere has the property that the integral of its square is less than 2\( \pi \).
d) F. For example, the functions \( u(t,x) = t \) and \( v(t,x) = 0 \) solve the wave equation and are equal for all \( x \) at \( t = 0 \).
e) T. For example, the largest values of both \( \frac{1}{2} (\pi-x) \) and \( x \) equal \( \pi \), but this is also the largest value of their sum, the function \( \frac{1}{2} (\pi+x) \).

8. a) F. Consider, for example, the 2x2 diagonal matrix with different entries.
b) F. Here is why: Since \( \det(A) = \det(S^{-1}AS) \) and \( \det(-A) = -\det(A) \), the desired condition would require \( \det(A) \) to vanish. Thus, A would not be invertible.
c) F. The condition \( A = SBS^{-1} \) requires that A and B also have the same eigenvalues.
d) F. All that is required is that one column of A be a linear combination of the remaining columns.
e) F. Consider the matrix that gives the linear map from \( \mathbb{R}^3 \) to \( \mathbb{R}^5 \) that sends the domain to the 3-dimensional subspace where the coordinates \( x_4 \) and \( x_5 \) are zero.
f) T. To see this, note that it has an even number of complex eigenvalues, and if it had four, they would come in complex conjugate pairs. Thus, their product would be a product of two positive numbers and so positive.
g) T. This is because the transpose of the product \( AB \) is \( B^T A^T \) for any square matrices A and B.
h) F. To see this, consider \( A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \).
i) T. The eigenvalues of \( A^2 \) are the squares of those of A.
j) F. Consider, for example, when A is a non-orthogonal, but invertible matrix and B is \( A^{-1} \).