

Remember that no books, notes, or calculators may be used during an actual exam. You will be given these formulas:

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/sec}^2 \quad u'_1 = \frac{-y_2 g}{W[y_1, y_2]} \quad u'_2 = \frac{y_1 g}{W[y_1, y_2]} \quad v'' + \left(p + 2\frac{y'_1}{y_1}\right)v' = 0.$$

- Find the general solution of $y'' - 2y' + 2y = x^2 + 2 + 2\cos x$ by the method of undetermined coefficients. Express your answer in terms of real quantities.
- Find the general solution of the equation $x^2 y'' + 2xy' - 6y = x^2$.
- Solve the initial value problem for $\mathbf{x}(t)$: $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$, $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$.
- Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$. Compute AB and solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.
- A mass of 1 kg hangs from a spring of constant 8 newton/meter.
 - How much is the spring stretched when the mass is in its equilibrium position?
 - The mass is released from 1 meter above its equilibrium position with a *downward* speed of 6 meter/sec. Find the subsequent motion and determine (i) the first time that mass reaches its equilibrium position, and (ii) how far down the mass goes. Ignore friction.
 - The system is now placed in heavy oil, introducing a damping constant of 6 newton-sec/meter, and the mass is released in the same way. Determine whether or not the equilibrium position is reached in finite time.
 - The mass in the system of part (c) is now subject to a periodic external force of value $3\cos t$ newton. Find the amplitude of the oscillations of the mass after a long time.
- Solve $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$; $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = -2$.
- Determine whether or not the three vectors $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ are linearly independent. Justify your answer.
- Find the general solution of the equations $x' = x + y$; $y' = 4x - 2y$, and give a careful drawing of the phase plane (xy -plane) for this system, showing various typical and special trajectories.
- Redo exercises 2, 3, and 4 from the *Notes on Linear Algebra* on the web page.
- Suppose that A is a 20×20 matrix, that \mathbf{b} is a column vector with 20 components, and that the equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ have no solution. Explain why the equations $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ **must** have a nontrivial solution.
- Let $\mathbf{x}' = P\mathbf{x}$ be a system of equations for the unknown function $\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$, where $P = P(t)$ is a 2×2 matrix whose coefficients are functions of t which are defined and continuous for all t . Let $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}(t)$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}(t)$ be two solutions of this system. (a) Show that $c_1\mathbf{x}^{(1)} + c_2\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ is also a solution, for c_1 and c_2 constants. (b) Define the Wronskian $W(t)$ of $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$. (c) Show that if $W(0) \neq 0$ then a solution of the form given in (a) can be used to solve any initial value problem $\mathbf{x}' = P\mathbf{x}$, $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}^0$.

ANSWERS (not checked too carefully—be wary):

- $y(x) = Ce^x \cos x + De^x \sin x + x^2/2 + x + 3/2 + (2/5)\cos x - (4/5)\sin x$.
- $y(x) = c_1 x^{-3} + c_2 x^2 + (1/5)x^2 \ln x$.
- $\mathbf{x}(t) = -11e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 3e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. 4. $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 8 & -12 \\ 8 & -14 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/5 \\ -2/5 \end{pmatrix}$.
- (a) 1.225 meter; (b) $u(t) = -\cos 2\sqrt{2}t + (6/2\sqrt{2})\sin 2\sqrt{2}t$ meter; $t_0 = (1/2\sqrt{2})\arctan(\sqrt{2}/3)$ sec.
(c) Yes, at time $t = \ln(\sqrt{2})$ sec; (d) $3/\sqrt{85}$ meter.
- $e^{3t} - 5te^{3t}$. 7. No. 8. $c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$; saddle point.
- 9, 10. See Linear Algebra notes for some answers. 11. See book or class notes.