

**Problem 1.**

The following matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable. Find  $e^{At}$  by the diagonalization method.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -9 \\ 6 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

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40 pts.

**Problem 2.** Show that the following matrix  $N$  is nilpotent. Use this fact to calculate  $e^{Nt}$ .

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 111 & -46 & -106 & 11 \\ -43 & 21 & 52 & 11 \\ 127 & -54 & -126 & 6 \\ -88 & 37 & 86 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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60 pts.

**Problem 3.** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 74 & -53 & -6 & -64 & -20 & -30 \\ 61 & -43 & -6 & -54 & -17 & -27 \\ 117 & -95 & -1 & -101 & -22 & -39 \\ 43 & -35 & 0 & -36 & -8 & -13 \\ 29 & -18 & -6 & -26 & -10 & -17 \\ -63 & 54 & 0 & 55 & 9 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

- A. Find a basis of each of the generalized eigenspaces of  $A$ .
  - B. Find the matrices  $S$  and  $N$  so that  $A = S + N$ ,  $S$  is diagonalizable,  $N$  is nilpotent, and  $SN = NS$ . Verify that your answers for  $S$  and  $N$  really satisfy these conditions. (It is not necessary to go all the way to the Jordan Canonical Form of  $A$ .)
  - C. Use  $S$  and  $N$  to compute  $e^{At} = e^{tS}e^{tN}$ .
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80 pts.

**Problem 4.** In each part, use Leonard's Algorithm to find  $e^{At}$ .

A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 27 & -40 & -46 \\ -8 & 13 & 14 \\ 22 & -34 & -38 \end{bmatrix}$$

B.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -14 & -2 & -10 \\ -40 & -3 & -25 \\ 32 & 4 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

C.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -385 & 1010 \\ -146 & 383 \end{bmatrix}$$

D.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -51 & -15 & 10 & 12 \\ -1784 & 33 & -188 & 432 \\ -1900 & 36 & -201 & 460 \\ -894 & -49 & -31 & 215 \end{bmatrix}$$

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40 pts.

**Problem 5.** Recall that we have shown

$$e^{tA}e^{tB} = e^{tB}e^{tA}$$

*provided* that  $A$  and  $B$  commute. To see what happens if  $A$  and  $B$  do not commute, consider the function

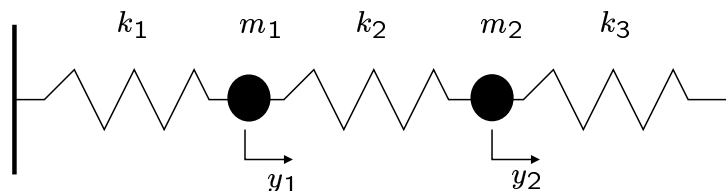
$$\Psi(t) = e^{tA}e^{tB}e^{-tA}e^{-tB}$$

so if  $A$  and  $B$  commute,  $\Psi(t) = I$  for all  $t$ . To see how much  $\Psi$  differs from the identity in the general case, find the first two nonzero terms in the Taylor expansion of  $\Psi(t)$ , centered at  $t = 0$ .

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**Problem 6.** Consider the following mechanical system.



We have two weights of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  connected by three springs to a stationary frame. The spring constants of the three springs are  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$ , as indicated in the diagram. The weights are constrained to move in a horizontal line. The deviation of the two weights from their equilibrium positions are  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  respectively, measured positive to the right.

We first consider the case where there is no friction.

The equation of motion of the first mass is

$$m_1 y_1'' = -k_1 y_1 + k_2 (y_2 - y_1)$$

and the equation of motion for the second weight is

$$m_2 y_2'' = -k_2 (y_2 - y_1) - k_3 y_2.$$

To reduce this to a first order system we introduce new dependent variables  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  and add the equations  $y_1' = z_1$  and  $y_2' = z_2$ . Thus, our system of equations becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= z_1 \\ y_2' &= z_2 \\ z_1' &= -\frac{k_1 + k_2}{m_1} y_1 + \frac{k_2}{m_1} y_2 \\ z_2' &= \frac{k_2}{m_2} y_1 - \frac{k_2 + k_3}{m_2} y_2. \end{aligned}$$

A. Write the system of equations above in matrix form.

B. Assume the values

$$m_1 = 1, \quad m_2 = 2, \quad k_1 = 1, \quad k_2 = 2, \quad k_3 = 2.$$

Find  $e^{At}$ , where  $A$  is the coefficient matrix of the system, using one of the methods developed in class.

Find the solution for the initial conditions

$$y_1(0) = 1, \quad y_2(0) = -1, \quad y_1'(0) = 0, \quad y_2'(0) = 0.$$

Provide a graph of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  as functions of time.

C. Assume now that the weights are subject to frictional forces proportional to their velocities, i.e., the force on the first weight due to friction is  $-b_1 y_1'$  and the force on the second weight due to friction is  $-b_2 y_2'$ , where  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are positive constants. Find the new system of equations  $dy/dt = By$ .

D. Assume the values

$$\begin{aligned}m_1 &= 1, & m_2 &= 1 \\k_1 &= 1, & k_2 &= 1, & k_3 &= 1 \\b_1 &= 1/2, & b_2 &= 1/2.\end{aligned}$$

Find  $e^{Bt}$ , using one of the methods developed in class. Solve the system subject to the initial conditions

$$y_1(0) = 1, \quad y_2(0) = 0, \quad y_1'(0) = 0 \quad y_2'(0) = 0.$$

Provide a graph showing  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  as functions of time.

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**Problem 7.** In each part, consider the system

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = Ay.$$

Determine if the fixed point at  $y = 0$  is asymptotically stable, stable but not asymptotically stable, or unstable. Justify your answers, of course.

A.

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

B.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & -20 \\ 15 & -17 \end{bmatrix}$$

C.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -717 & 1885 & -2903 & -1026 & 491 \\ 110 & -212 & 418 & 184 & -94 \\ 278 & -608 & 1082 & 440 & -220 \\ -185 & 63 & -599 & -408 & 227 \\ -214 & 104 & -704 & -460 & 254 \end{bmatrix}$$

D.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -27 & 1363 & -572 & 460 & -336 \\ 44 & -162 & 195 & 42 & -15 \\ 77 & -456 & 403 & 7 & 21 \\ -245 & 109 & -802 & -536 & 298 \\ -271 & 148 & -897 & -581 & 321 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# EXAM

Exam #3

Math 3351, Spring 2003

April 14, 2003

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- This is a **Take-Home Exam**, due April 23.
- Write all of your answers on separate sheets of paper. You can keep the exam questions.
- You **must** show enough work to justify your answers. Unless otherwise instructed, give exact answers, not approximations (e.g.,  $\sqrt{2}$ , not 1.414).
- This exam has 7 problems. There are **340 points total**.

Good luck!