

**Problem 1.**

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -8 & 10 \\ -4 & -8 & 11 \\ -4 & -10 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Problem 2.**

The following matrix is nilpotent. Find  $e^{tN}$ .

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**Problem 3.**

The following matrix  $J$  is in Jordan Canonical Form. Find the matrices  $S$  and  $N$  so that  $J = S + N$ ,  $S$  is diagonalizable (diagonal, in this case),  $N$  is nilpotent, and  $SN = NS$ . Compute  $e^{Jt} = e^{St}e^{Nt}$  by computing  $e^{tS}$ ,  $e^{tN}$  and multiplying.

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Problem 4.**

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 568 & -347 & -31 & 1257 & -1079 & -215 \\ 791 & -485 & -61 & 1767 & -1504 & -312 \\ -681 & 419 & 45 & -1517 & 1299 & 262 \\ -620 & 393 & 37 & -1393 & 1209 & 229 \\ -686 & 432 & 46 & -1542 & 1331 & 259 \\ 129 & -60 & -6 & 261 & -204 & -59 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- 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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**Problem 5.**

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

A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 0 \\ 12 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

B.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 5 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

C.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 5 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

D.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -79 & -4 & -36 & 76 \\ 614 & 7 & 325 & -558 \\ 262 & 4 & 137 & -240 \\ 71 & -2 & 43 & -61 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Problem 6.** Recall that we have shown

$$e^{t(A+B)} = e^{tA}e^{tB}$$

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

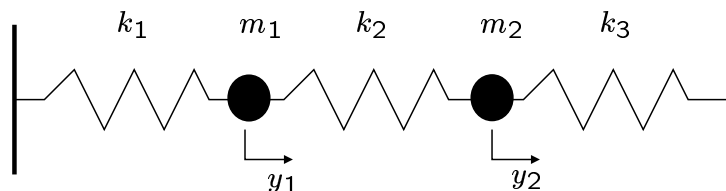
$$\Psi(t) = e^{t(A+B)}e^{-tB}e^{-tA},$$

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 7.**

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.

A. Assuming there is no friction, write down the system of linear equations that governs the motion of the weights, using Hooke's law for the force produced by the springs. Be very careful with your signs! Make this system into a first order system by introducing new dependent variables  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  and adding the equations  $y'_1 = z_1$  and  $y'_2 = z_2$  (see Section 3.1 in the book). Write the resulting system in matrix form  $dy/dt = Ay$ .

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 8.**

Do Problem 20 on page 190 of the book. See Section 1.7 in the book for how to model electric circuits.

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# EXAM

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- Write all of your answers on separate sheets of paper. You can keep the exam questions when you leave. You may leave when finished.
- 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 8 problems. There are **0 points total**.

Good luck!