



Center for Academic Resources in Engineering (CARE) Peer Exam Review Session

Math 285 – Intro Differential Equations

Midterm 3 Worksheet Solutions

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1. Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for the following matrix A:

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

The eigenvalues can be calculated with the following equation: $\det(A - I) = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (0 - \lambda) & 1 \\ -2 & (-3 - \lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow (-\lambda)(-3 - \lambda) - (-2) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = -1, -2$$

To find eigenvectors, the following equation must be satisfied: $(A - \lambda) * V = 0$

For $\lambda = -1$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (0 - (-1)) & 1 \\ -2 & (-3 - (-1)) \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying the matrix by the vector results in the equation $a_1 = -a_2$. If a_2 is assumed to be 1, then the eigenvalue $\lambda = -1$ has eigenvector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For $\lambda = -2$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (0 - (-2)) & 1 \\ -2 & (-3 - (-2)) \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying the matrix by the vector results in the equation $a_2 = -2a_1$. If a_1 is assumed to be 1, then the eigenvalue $\lambda = -2$ has eigenvector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Find the matrix exponential using Putzer's Method for the following matrix A:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Putzer's Method requires the eigenvalues of the matrix. These can be found with the equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} (1 - \lambda) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (-1 - \lambda) & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & (-\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1 - \lambda) \cdot [(-1 - \lambda) \cdot (-\lambda) - (2 \cdot 0)] = 0$$

$$(1 - \lambda) \cdot (-1 - \lambda) \cdot (-\lambda) = 0$$

The eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 0$, $\lambda_2 = 1$, and $\lambda_3 = -1$.

Next, set up the corresponding B_0, B_1 , and B_2 matrices:

$$B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B_1 = A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_2 = (A - \lambda_2 I)(A - \lambda_1 I) = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - 1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (-1 - 1) & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & (0 - 1) \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we must solve a series of first order ODEs to find r_1, r_2 , and r_3 so Putzer's definition of the matrix exponential can be used.

(a) r_1 (Separable equation)

$$\frac{dr_1}{dt} = \lambda_1 r_1 \quad r_1(0) = 1$$

$$\frac{dr_1}{dt} = 0r_1 \rightarrow r_1 = c \rightarrow \boxed{r_1 = 1}$$

(b) r_2 (Integrating factor)

$$\frac{dr_2}{dt} = \lambda_2 r_2 + r_1 \quad r_2(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{dr_2}{dt} = 1r_2 + 1 \rightarrow \frac{dr_2}{dt} - r_2 = 1$$

$$r_2 = -1 + ce^t \rightarrow r_2(0) = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{r_2 = e^t - 1}$$

(c) r_3 (Integrating factor)

$$\frac{dr_3}{dt} = \lambda_3 r_3 + r_2 \quad r_3(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{dr_3}{dt} = -r_3 + e^t - 1 \rightarrow \frac{dr_3}{dt} + r_3 = e^t - 1$$

$$r_3 = \frac{1}{2}e^t - 1 + ce^{-t} \rightarrow r_3(0) = 0 \rightarrow r_3 = \frac{1}{2}e^t + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t} - 1$$

Now use Putzer's definition of the matrix exponential:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= B_0 \cdot r_1 + B_1 \cdot r_2 + B_2 \cdot r_3 \\ &= 1 \cdot B_0 + (e^t - 1) \cdot B_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}e^t + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t} - 1\right) \cdot B_2 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} (e^t - 1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - e^t) & (2e^t - 2) \\ (2e^t - 2) & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ (2e^t + 2e^{-t} - 4) & (e^t + e^{-t} - 2) & (-2e^t - 2e^{-t} + 4) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ e^{At} &= \begin{bmatrix} (e^t) & 0 & 0 \\ (2e^t + 2e^{-t} - 4) & (e^{-t}) & (-2e^{-t} + 2) \\ (2e^t - 2) & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3. Solve the ODE with given boundary value conditions. How many solutions does it have?

$$y'' + y = 0 \quad y(-\pi) = 0, \quad y(\pi) = 2$$

The characteristic equation $r^2 + 1 = 0$ has roots $r = \pm i$, so

$$y_c = C_1 \sin(t) + C_2 \cos(t)$$

Substituting for the first condition,

$$y(-\pi) = C_1 \sin(-\pi) + C_2 \cos(-\pi)$$

$$0 = C_1(0) + C_2(-1)$$

$$C_2 = 0$$

Substituting for the second condition,

$$y(\pi) = C_1 \sin(\pi) + C_2 \cos(\pi)$$

$$2 = C_1(0) + C_2(-1)$$

$$C_2 = -2$$

Since C_2 can't equal both 0 and -2, there are no solutions.

4. Find the matrix exponential using diagonalization for the following matrix A:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonalization requires the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix. These can be found with the equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} (5 - \lambda) & 4 \\ 2 & (3 - \lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(5 - \lambda) \cdot (3 - \lambda) - 8 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 7 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 7)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

The eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 7$.

Next, calculate the corresponding eigenvectors using the eigenvector definition $(A - \lambda I)\nu = 0$

For $\lambda_1 = 1$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

By inspection, $A + B = 0$, so:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \quad \nu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For $\lambda_2 = 7$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

By inspection, $2A - 4B = 0$, so:

$$\lambda_2 = 7, \quad \nu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, to perform diagonalization, create the matrices U and D:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{7t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally:

$$e^{At} = UDU^{-1}$$

$$e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{7t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{-2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{e^t + 2e^{7t}}{3} & \frac{-2e^t + 2e^{7t}}{3} \\ \frac{-e^t + e^{7t}}{3} & \frac{2e^t + e^{7t}}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Match all the sets of boundary conditions with the solution type they produce when imposed on the following homogeneous ODE:

$$y'' - 2y' = 0$$

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| A) $y'(0) = 1$ and $y'(1) = 0$ | (I) Unique Solution |
| B) $y'(1) = 2$ and $y''(1) = 4$ | (II) Infinitely Many Solutions |
| C) $y(0) = 5$ and $y'(0) = 2$ | (III) Trivial Solution |
| D) $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 0$ | (IV) No Solution |

The homogeneous ODE has the following characteristic equation and roots:

$$r^2 - 2r = r(r - 2) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$y(x) = c_1 + c_2 * e^{2x}$$

Using the boundary conditions from A):

$$y'(x) = 2c_2e^{2x}$$

$$y'(0) = 1 \rightarrow 1 = 2c_2e^0 \rightarrow c_2 = 1/2$$

$$y'(1) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = 2c_2e^2 \rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

c_2 can't have two different values. Therefore, A) leads to (IV) No Solution since both boundary conditions can't be satisfied.

Using boundary conditions from B):

$$y''(x) = 4c_2e^{2x}$$

$$y'(1) = 2 \rightarrow 2 = 2c_2e^2 \rightarrow c_2 = e^{-2}$$

$$y''(1) = 4 \rightarrow 4 = 4c_2e^2 \rightarrow c_2 = e^{-2}$$

Both conditions specify that $c_2 = e^{-2}$, so c_1 can be any value and still satisfy both boundary conditions. Therefore, the B) boundary conditions lead to (II) Infinitely Many Solutions.

Using boundary conditions from C):

$$y'(0) = 2 \rightarrow 2 = 2c_2e^0 \rightarrow c_2 = 1$$

$$y(0) = 5 \rightarrow 5 = c_1 + c^2e^0c_1 = 5 - c_2 = 5 - 1 = 4$$

Since unique values can be found for both c_1 and c_2 for the boundary conditions, the C) conditions lead to (I) Unique Solution.

Using boundary conditions from D):

$$y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = 2c_2e^0 \rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$y(0) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = c_1 + c_2e^0 \rightarrow 0 = c_1 + 0 \rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

Since the boundary conditions require that both c_1 and c_2 are 0, the D) boundary conditions lead to (III) Trivial Solution.

6. Compute all the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions for the boundary value problem

$$y'' - \lambda y = 0 \quad y'(-2) = 0, \quad y(0) = 0$$

If a certain range of the real numbers does not include any eigenvalues, show why there are none in that range

The BVP has eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n = -\frac{(n - \frac{1}{2})^2 \pi^2}{4}$$

with the corresponding eigenfunctions

$$y_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{(n - \frac{1}{2})\pi x}{2}\right), \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

- a. There are no positive eigenvalues. Write $\lambda = \mu^2$ (with $\mu > 0$), hence we are solving the diff eq

$$y'' - \mu^2 y = 0$$

The corresponding characteristic equation $r^2 - \mu^2 = 0$ has roots $r = \pm\mu$ hence the general solution is

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{\mu x} + C_2 e^{-\mu x}$$

Then $y(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 0$, hence $C_2 = -C_1$ and $y(x) = C_1(e^{\mu x} - e^{-\mu x})$

Further, $y'(x) = C_1\mu(e^{\mu x} + e^{-\mu x})$ so $y'(-2) = C_1\mu(e^{-2\mu} + e^{2\mu}) = 0$

This leads to $C_1 = 0$, hence $y(x) = 0$

- b. Zero is not an eigenvalue either. For $\lambda = 0$ we are solving the DE $y'' = 0$
 $y(x) = C_1 x + C_2$. We have $y(0) = C_2 = 0$ and $y'(-2) = C_1 = 0$, hence $y = 0$

- c. Finally we look for negative eigenvalues $\lambda = -\mu^2$, with $\mu > 0$. We are solving the diff eq

$$y'' + \mu^2 y = 0$$

The general solution has the form

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos(\mu x) + C_2 \sin(\mu x)$$

From $y(0) = y(0) = C_1$ we conclude that $y(x) = C_2 \sin(\mu x)$ and $y'(x) = C_2 \mu \cos(\mu x)$

We have $y'(-2) = C_2 \mu \cos(2\mu) = 0$, hence y can be non-zero if and only if $\cos(2\mu) = 0$

This last equality occurs if and only if

$$2\mu = \pi\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

for some positive integer n . Thus, we have eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n = -\mu_n^2 = -\frac{\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \pi^2}{4}$$

with the corresponding eigenfunctions

$$y_n(x) = \sin(\mu_n x) = \sin\left(\frac{\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi x}{2}\right)$$

7. Functions f , g , h and k are 6-periodic. Their values on $[-3, 3)$ are given below. For which of these functions does the Fourier series converge at $x = 0$ to the value 1?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 + x & -3 \leq x < 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \\ -2 & 0 < x < 3 \end{cases} \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x & -3 \leq x < 0 \\ 4 & x = 0 \\ 2 - x^2 & 0 < x < 3 \end{cases}$$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & -3 \leq x < 0 \\ -1 & x = 0 \\ 3 & 0 \leq x < 3 \end{cases} \quad k(x) = \begin{cases} 3 + x & -3 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x = 1 \\ x - 8 & 1 < x < 3 \end{cases}$$

- A) f
 B) h
 C) None
 D) g and k
 E) f and h

The Fourier series of a function $\phi(x)$ converges at $x = 0$ to value $\phi(0)$ if ϕ is continuous at $x = 0$, and converges to value $\frac{\phi(0^-) + \phi(0^+)}{2}$ if ϕ jumps at $x = 0$. Here is the summary of relevant information

f : $f(0^-) = 2$, $f(0^+) = -2$, jump at $x = 0$, so Fourier series at 0 has value 0

g : $g(0^-) = 1$, $g(0^+) = 2$, jump at $x = 0$, so Fourier series at 0 has value $\frac{3}{2}$

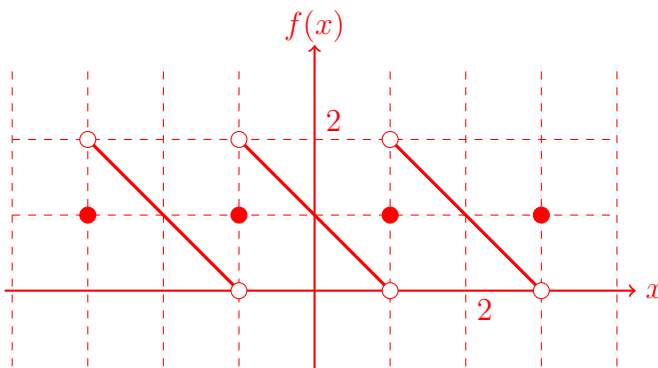
h : $h(0^-) = -1$, $h(0^+) = 3$, jump at $x = 0$, so Fourier series at 0 has value 1

k : $k(0) = 3$ since k is continuous at $x = 0$, so Fourier series at 0 has value 3

The answer is **(B)**.

8. Consider the function $f(x) = 1 - x$ defined on the interval $x \in [-1, 1)$
- (a) Sketch the 2-periodic Classical extension of $f(x)$ on the interval $x \in [-3, 3]$
- (b) Compute the 2-periodic Classical Fourier series representation of $f(x)$

(a) The sketch is shown below.



(b) Here we have $L = 1$ so the Fourier expansion is

$$f(x) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) \right)$$

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_0^{2L} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (1-x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 = 1$$

$$A_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_{-1}^1 (1-x) \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

However, since $(1-x) \cos(n\pi x)$ is an odd function and the integration interval is symmetric:

$$A_n = 0$$

$$B_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^{2L} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_{-1}^1 (1-x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx - \int_{-1}^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx = 0$ since integrating an odd function over a symmetric interval. The second term can be solved with Integration by Parts:

$$- \int_{-1}^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx = \left[\frac{x}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) \right]_{-1}^1 - \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

$$\frac{2 \cos(n\pi)}{n\pi} - \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} [\sin(n\pi x)]_{-1}^1 \rightarrow B_n = \frac{2 \cos(n\pi)}{n\pi}$$

This gives us the Fourier expansion

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cos(n\pi)}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x)$$

9. Find the matrix exponential using Putzer's Method for the following matrix A:

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

Putzer's Method requires the eigenvalues of the matrix. These can be found with the equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} (9 - \lambda) & 8 \\ 6 & (7 - \lambda) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(9 - \lambda) \cdot (7 - \lambda) - 48 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 16 + 15 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 15)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

The eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 15$.

Next, set up the corresponding B_0 and B_1 matrices:

$$B_0 = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B_1 = A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 8 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we must solve a series of first order ODEs to find r_1 and r_2 so Putzer's definition of the matrix exponential can be used.

(a) r_1 (Separable equation)

$$\frac{dr_1}{dt} = \lambda_1 r_1 \quad r_1(0) = 1$$

$$\frac{dr_1}{dt} = r_1 \rightarrow r_1 = C e^t \rightarrow \boxed{r_1 = e^t}$$

(b) r_2 (Integrating factor)

$$\frac{dr_2}{dt} = \lambda_2 r_2 + r_1 \quad r_2(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{dr_2}{dt} = 15r_2 + e^t \rightarrow r_2 = C e^{15t} - \frac{e^t}{14} \rightarrow \boxed{r_2 = \frac{e^{15t} - e^t}{14}}$$

Now use Putzer's definition of the matrix exponential:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= B_0 \cdot r_1 + B_1 \cdot r_2 \\ &= B_0 \cdot (e^t) + B_1 \cdot \left(\frac{e^{15t} - e^t}{14} \right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 8 \cdot \frac{e^{15t} - e^t}{14} & 8 \cdot \frac{e^{15t} - e^t}{14} \\ 6 \cdot \frac{e^{15t} - e^t}{14} & 6 \cdot \frac{e^{15t} - e^t}{14} \end{bmatrix} \\ e^{At} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{8e^{15t} + 6e^t}{14} & \frac{8e^{15t} - 8e^t}{14} \\ \frac{6e^{15t} - 6e^t}{14} & \frac{6e^{15t} + 8e^t}{14} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$