

Instructions: Read the question carefully and make sure that you answer the question given. Give concise answers, but clearly indicate your reasoning. Most of the problems have rather short answers.

- I. For the matrix $P = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -11 & -2 \\ 6 & 9 & 2 \\ -6 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, one of the eigenvalues is 3, and an eigenvector associated to 3 is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
 (4) Use this information to write one specific solution of the first-order homogeneous linear system $X' = PX$.

$$X = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- II. Making use of the tables when needed, calculate the following Laplace transforms and inverse Laplace transforms:
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(i) $\mathcal{L}(t^{3/5} - e^{-4t})$

$$\frac{\Gamma(8/5)}{s^{8/5}} - \frac{1}{s+4}$$

(ii) $\mathcal{L}(4 \sin^2(5t))$ (you may need the identity $\sin^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2\theta))$)

$$\mathcal{L}(4 \sin^2(5t)) = \mathcal{L}(2 - 2 \cos(10t)) = \frac{2}{s} - \frac{2s}{s^2 + 100}$$

(iii) $\mathcal{L}(4 \sinh^2(2t))$

$$\mathcal{L}(4 \sinh^2(2t)) = \mathcal{L}\left(4 \left(\frac{e^{2t} - e^{-2t}}{2}\right)^2\right) = \mathcal{L}(e^{4t} - 2 + e^{-4t}) = \frac{1}{s-4} - \frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{s+4}$$

(iv) $\mathcal{L}(x'' + 5x' - 3x)$, if $x(0) = 2$, $x'(0) = 3$ (give the answer in terms of $X(s)$, the Laplace transform of $x(t)$).

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(x'' + 5x' - 3x) &= \mathcal{L}(x'') + 5\mathcal{L}(x') - 3\mathcal{L}(x) = s\mathcal{L}(x') - 3 + 5(sX(s) - 2) - 3X(s) \\ &= s(sX(s) - 2) - 3 + 5sX(s) - 10 - 3X(s) = (s^2 + 5s - 3)X(s) - 2s - 13 \end{aligned}$$

(v) $f(t)$ if $F(s) = \frac{7+s}{s^2+5}$

$$F(s) = \frac{7}{s^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2} + \frac{s}{s^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{5}} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{s^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2} + \frac{s}{s^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2}, \text{ so } f(t) = \frac{7}{\sqrt{5}} \sin(\sqrt{5}t) + \cos(\sqrt{5}t).$$

III. For a certain homogeneous first-order linear system $X' = PX$ of three equations in three unknown functions, (12) three linearly independent solutions are $X_1 = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $X_2 = e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $X_3 = e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Write a 3×3 matrix whose determinant is the Wronskian of these three solutions, and calculate the determinant.

Expanding down the middle column, we have

$$\begin{aligned} W(X_1, X_2, X_3) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 & e^{-3t} \\ -e^{2t} & 3e^{4t} & 2e^{-3t} \\ -2e^{2t} & -e^{4t} & e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 3e^{4t} \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{-3t} \\ -2e^{2t} & e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} - (-e^{4t}) \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{-3t} \\ -e^{2t} & 2e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} = 3e^{4t}(3e^{-t}) + e^{4t}(3e^{-t}) = 12e^{3t} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Write a general solution for the system, and use Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve the initial value problem $X' = PX$, $x_1(0) = 2$, $x_2(0) = -5$, $x_3(0) = -3$ (that is, find the specific solutions x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 that satisfy the IVP).

A general solution is $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. We want

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(0) &= c_1 + c_3 = 2 \\ x_2(0) &= -c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3 = -5 \\ x_3(0) &= -2c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = -3 \end{aligned}$$

Using Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve for c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 , we have

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 & -5 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

so we have $c_1 = 2$, $c_2 = -1$, and $c_3 = 0$. Therefore the solution of the initial value problem is

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \cdot e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} - e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \cdot e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} \\ -2e^{2t} - 3e^{4t} \\ -4e^{2t} + e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

IV. Define an *eigenvalue* of a matrix A , and define an *eigenvector* associated to that eigenvalue. You may use (3) the version of the definitions given in class, or the version given in the book, or any equivalent statement.

An *eigenvalue* of A is a number λ such that $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$, or equivalently such that $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ for some nonzero vector \vec{v} .

An *eigenvector* associated to the eigenvalue λ is a nonzero vector \vec{v} such that $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$.

- V.** (a) Give a specific example of three nonzero 2×2 matrices A , B , and C for which $AB = AC$ but $B \neq C$.
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There are many possible examples, such as

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

- (b) Show that if A , B , and C are 2×2 matrices for which $AB = AC$ and $\det(A) \neq 0$, then $B = C$.

When $\det(A) \neq 0$, A has an inverse matrix A^{-1} . So we can multiply by A^{-1} to get $A^{-1}AB = A^{-1}AC$, that is, $IB = IC$, so $B = C$.

- VI.** Let P be the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
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- (a) Find the eigenvalues of P .

$$\det(P - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 3 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 6 = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 4), \text{ so the eigenvalues are } -1 \text{ and } 4.$$

- (b) For the *larger* of the two eigenvalues, find an associated eigenvector.

Since $P - 4I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 - 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$, any $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ satisfying $2a - 3b = 0$ will work. For example, $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is one.

$$\text{Check (not required): } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- VII.** (a) Write the definition of $\mathcal{L}(f(t))$ as an integral.
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$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

- (b) As you know, for $a \geq 0$ the step function $u_a(t)$ is defined to be 0 for $0 \leq t < a$ and 1 for $a \leq t$. Use the definition to calculate that $\mathcal{L}(u_a(t)) = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}$ for $s > 0$. Write the calculation correctly using limits, not treating infinity as a number.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(u_a(t)) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} u_a(t) dt = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-st} u_a(t) dt = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^a e^{-st} u_a(t) dt + \int_a^b e^{-st} u_a(t) dt \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^a e^{-st} \cdot 0 dt + \int_a^b e^{-st} \cdot 1 dt = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} 0 + \left(-\frac{1}{s} e^{-st} \Big|_a^b \right) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{s} e^{-sb} + \frac{1}{s} e^{-sa} = \frac{e^{-sa}}{s} \end{aligned}$$

Formulas for the Laplace Transform

$$\mathcal{L}(t^n) = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(t^\alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{s^{\alpha+1}}, \text{ where } \Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt$$

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s - a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos(at)) = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\sin(at)) = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\cosh(at)) = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\sinh(at)) = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{1}{2a} t \sin(at)\right) = \frac{s}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{1}{2a^3} (\sin(at) - at \cos(at))\right) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u_a(t)) = \frac{e^{-as}}{s}, \text{ where } u_a(r) = 0 \text{ for } r < a \text{ and } u_a(r) = 1 \text{ for } r > a$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f^{(n)}(t)) = s^n \mathcal{L}(f(t)) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) - s^{n-3} f''(0) - \dots - s f^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right) = \frac{1}{s} \mathcal{L}(f(t))$$

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at} f(t)) = F(s - a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(t^n f(t)) = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{ds^n} F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{f(t)}{t}\right) = \int_s^\infty F(\sigma) d\sigma$$

$$\mathcal{L}((f * g)(t)) = F(s) G(s), \text{ where } (f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\sigma) g(t - \sigma) d\sigma$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-ps}} \int_0^p e^{-st} f(t) dt, \text{ if } f(t + p) = f(t) \text{ for all } t$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u_a(t) f(t - a)) = e^{-as} F(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u(t - a) f(t - a)) = e^{-as} F(s), \text{ where } u(r) = 0 \text{ for } r < 0 \text{ and } u(r) = 1 \text{ for } r > 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\delta_a(t)) = e^{-as}, \text{ where } \delta_a(t) \text{ is the Dirac } \delta \text{ function (this is often written using } \delta(t - a) \text{ to mean } \delta_a(t))$$