

**Math 3336**  
**Sprint 2005**  
**Test I**  
**Answers**

1. Determine the values of  $a$  so that the following system in the unknowns  $x, y, z$  has:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y - z &= 1 \\2x + 3y + az &= 3 \\x + ay + 3z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

- (a) no solution,

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}& \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & a & 3 \\ 1 & a & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[-R_1 + R_3]{-2R_1 + R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & a+2 & 1 \\ 0 & a-1 & 4 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(1-a)R_2 + R_3} \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & a+2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -a^2 - a + 6 & 2-a \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{-a^2 - a + 6}R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & a+2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2-a}{-a^2 - a + 6} \end{array} \right]\end{aligned}$$

if  $a \neq 2$ . There is no solution if  $-(a^2 + a - 6) = -(a + 3)(a - 2) = 0$  or  $a = -3$  or  $a = 2$  and  $2 - a = 0$  ( $a = 2$ ). Thus  $a = -3$  gives no solution.

- (b) more than one solution,

Answer: If  $a = 2$ , then the last row in the echelon now consists of zeros. Hence one free variable which leads to many solutions.

- (c) a unique solution: Answer: If  $a \neq -3$  or  $2$ , then we have a unique solution.

2. Consider the following matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Reduce  $A$  to a row-echelon form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[-4R_1 + R_4]{-2R_1 + R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & -11 & 5 & -3 \\ 0 & -11 & 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[R_2 + R_3]{R_2 + R_4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Reduce  $A$  to a reduced row-echelon form

$$\frac{1}{11}R_2 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{11} & \frac{3}{11} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{4}{11} & \frac{13}{11} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{5}{11} & \frac{3}{11} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) If  $A^{-1}$  exists, find it.

$A^{-1}$  does not exist.

3. (a) Determine whether or not the set  $W$  of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , where

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} : x_1 + x_2 = x_3 + x_4 \right\}$$

(i) Let  $\vec{u} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^T \in W$ ,  $\vec{v} = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)^T \in W$ . Then  $\vec{w} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3, x_4 + y_4)^T \in W$ . Then  $(x_1 + y_1) + (x_2 + y_2) = (x_1 + x_2) + (y_1 + y_2) = (x_3 + x_4) + (y_3 + y_4) = (x_3 + y_3) + (x_4 + y_4)$ . Therefore  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$ .

(ii) Let  $\vec{u} \in W$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus  $c\vec{u} = (cu_1, cu_2, cu_3, cu_4)^T$ .  $cu_1 + cu_2 = c(u_1 + u_2) = c(u_3 + u_4) = cu_3 + cu_4$ . Therefore  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

(b) Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and that  $k$  is a constant scalar. Show that the set of all vectors  $\vec{x}$  such that  $A\vec{x} = k\vec{x}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $W = \{\vec{x} : A\vec{x} = k\vec{x}\}$ .

(i) Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$ . Then  $A\vec{u} = k\vec{u}$  and  $A\vec{v} = k\vec{v}$ .  $A(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = A\vec{u} + A\vec{v} = k\vec{u} + k\vec{v} = k(\vec{u} + \vec{v})$ .

(ii)  $Ac\vec{u} = cA\vec{u} = ck\vec{u} = k(c\vec{u})$ . Hence  $W$  is a subspace.

4. Solve the differential equation

$$xy' = 3y + x^4 \cos x, \quad y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$y' - \frac{3}{x}y = x^3 \cos x.$$

$$\text{Integrating factor } \mu(x) = e^{-\int \frac{3}{x} dx} = e^{-3 \ln x} = e^{\ln \frac{1}{x^3}} = \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$\int d\left(\frac{1}{x^3}y\right) = \int \cos x dx$$

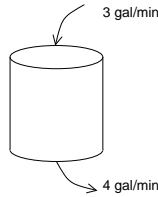
$$\frac{1}{x^3}y(x) = \sin x + c \Rightarrow y(x) = x^3 \sin x + cx^3$$

$$y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0 = \frac{\pi^3}{8} + \frac{\pi^3}{8}c \Rightarrow c = -1$$

$$y(x) = x^3(\sin x - 1)$$

5. A tank initially contains 20 gallons of pure water. Brine containing 2 pounds of salt per gallon enters the tank at 3 gal/min and the perfectly mixed solution leaves the tank at 4 gal/min.

(a) Find the amount of salt in the tank after  $t$  time.



Let  $x(t)$  be the amount of salt in the tank at time  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 3.2 - 4\frac{x(t)}{20-t} \\ \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{4x(t)}{20-t} &= 6 \\ \mu(x) &= e^{\int \frac{4}{20-t} dt} \\ &= e^{-4\ln(20-t)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(20-t)^4} \\ \frac{1}{(20-t)^4}x(t) &= \int \frac{6}{(20-t)^4} dt = -6\frac{(20-t)^{-3}}{-3} + c \\ x(t) &= 2(20-t) + c(20-t)^4, \quad x(0) = 0 = 40 + c(20)^4 \Rightarrow c = \frac{-40}{(20)^4} \\ x(t) &= 2(20-t) - \frac{1}{4000}(20-t)^4\end{aligned}$$

(b) Find the amount of salt in the tank after 15 minutes.

$$\begin{aligned}x(15) &= 2(20-15) - \frac{1}{4000}(20-15)^4 \\ &= 10 - \frac{625}{4000} \\ &= 9\frac{27}{32} \text{ lb}\end{aligned}$$

6. Consider an animal population  $P(t)$  with constant death rate  $\delta = 0.01$  (deaths per animal per month) and with birth rate  $\beta$  proportional to  $P$ . Suppose that  $P(0) = 200$ , and  $P'(0) = 2$ .

(a) When  $P = 1000$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dp}{dt} &= P(kP - 0.01), \quad P'(0) = 2 = 200(k(200) - 0.01) \\ \frac{dp}{dt} &= P \left( \frac{P}{10000} - \frac{1}{100} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{10000} P(P - 100) \\ \int \frac{dp}{P(P - 100)} &= \int \frac{1}{10000} dt \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{100} \left( \frac{1}{P - 100} - \frac{1}{P} \right) dp = \int \frac{1}{10000} dt \\ \ln(P - 100) - \ln P &= \frac{1}{100}t + \ln c \\ \frac{P - 100}{P} &= ce^{\frac{1}{100}t} \Rightarrow \frac{200 - 100}{200} = c \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{P - 100}{P} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{1}{100}t}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{1}{100}t}} \Rightarrow P(t) = 100 + \frac{100}{2 - e^{-\frac{1}{100}t} - 1} \\ P(t) = 1000 &= 100 + \frac{100}{2e^{-\frac{1}{100}t} - 1} \Rightarrow t = 100 \ln \left( \frac{18}{10} \right) \approx 58.7\end{aligned}$$

(b) When does doomsday occur? (Doomsday occurs when the population tends to  $\infty$  in a finite time)

Doomsday occurs when

$$\begin{aligned}2e^{-\frac{1}{100}t} - 1 &= 0 \\ e^{-\frac{1}{100}t} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{100}t &= \ln \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow t = 100 \ln 2 \approx 69.3\end{aligned}$$

7. (a) Find the critical points (equilibrium points/constant solutions) of the differential equation

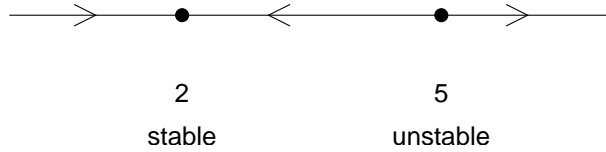
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 7x + 10.$$

Two critical points (equilibria) when  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 7x + 10 &= 0 \\ (x - 5)(x - 2) &= 0 \\ x(t) = 5, \quad x(t) &= 2\end{aligned}$$

(b) Determine the stability of the critical points without solving the equation.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (x - 2)(x - 5) \begin{cases} + & \text{if } x < 2 \Rightarrow x(t) \text{ is increasing,} \\ - & \text{if } 2 < x < 5 \Rightarrow x(t) \text{ is decreasing,} \\ + & \text{if } x > 5 \Rightarrow x(t) \text{ is increasing.} \end{cases}$$



(c) Draw a rough graph of the solution curves.

