

# Solutions to Final Exam

**Problem 1 (10 points)** Solve the following initial-value problem and find the largest range of values of  $t$  for which your solution is valid.

$$ty'(t) + ty(t) = 1 - y(t), \quad y(1) = e.$$

$$ty' + (t+1)y = 1$$

$$y' + \left(1 + \frac{1}{t}\right)y = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$\mu y' + \mu \left(1 + \frac{1}{t}\right)y = \frac{\mu}{t}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mu y) - \underbrace{[\mu' - \left(1 + \frac{1}{t}\right)\mu]}_0 y = \frac{\mu}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mu'}{\mu} = 1 + \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow \mu = k e^{t + \ln t} = k t e^t$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t e^t y) = e^t$$

$$t e^t y = e^t + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{t} + \frac{c e^{-t}}{t}$$

$$y(1) = e \quad \hookrightarrow \quad e = 1 + c e^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = e(e-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{t} + \frac{(e-1)e^{1-t}}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{t} [1 + (e-1)e^{1-t}]$$

**Problem 2 (15 points)** Find the function  $q(t)$  such that  $y_1(t) = t^{-1}$  is a solution of the equation

$$y'' - tq(t)y' + q(t)y = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

and obtain the general solution of this equation for this choice of  $q(t)$ .

$$y_1' = -t^{-2}, \quad y_1'' = 2t^{-3}$$

$$2t^{-3} - tq(t)(-t^{-2}) + q(t)t^{-1} = 0$$

$$2t^{-3} + t^{-1}q(t) + t^{-1}q(t) = 0$$

$$2t^{-1}q(t) = -2t^{-3} \Rightarrow \boxed{q(t) = -t^{-2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' + t^{-1}y' - t^{-2}y = 0$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = ce^{-\int \frac{dt}{t}} = ce^{-\ln t} = \frac{c}{t}$$

For  $c=1 \Rightarrow$

$$y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$\frac{1}{t} y_2' - \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\right) y_2 = \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow y_2' + \frac{y_2}{t} = 1$$

$$t y_2' + y_2 = t$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t y_2) = t \Rightarrow$$

$$t y_2 = \frac{t^2}{2} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \frac{t}{2} + \frac{c}{t}$$

$\Rightarrow y_2(t) = \frac{t}{2}$  is a solution.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y(t) = \frac{c_1}{t} + \frac{c_2 t}{2}} = \frac{c_1}{t} + \tilde{c}_2 t$$

$c_1, \tilde{c}_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

is the general solution.

**Problem 3** Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be solutions of the differential equation

$$y'' + p(t)y + q(t) = 0, \quad t \in (a, b), \quad (*)$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  are continuous functions on the interval  $(a, b)$ .

**a (5 points)** Show that if  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly-dependent, then their Wronskian  $W(y_1(t), y_2(t))$  is identically zero for all  $t \in (a, b)$ .

If  $y_1$  or  $y_2$  is identically zero, then  $W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = 0$

If both  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  are nonzero,  $\exists$  a real number  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

such that  $y_1 = \alpha y_2 \Rightarrow y_1' = \alpha y_2' \Rightarrow$

$$W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = \alpha y_2 y_2' - y_2 (\alpha y_2') = 0.$$

**b (5 points)** Show that if  $W(y_1(t_0), y_2(t_0)) = 0$  for some  $t_0 \in (a, b)$ , then  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly-dependent.

Show and find  $c_1, c_2$  not both zero such that

$$c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) = 0, \quad \forall t \in (a, b) \quad (I)$$

If either of  $y_1$  or  $y_2$  vanishes, then they are linearly-dependent. So suppose that none of them vanishes  $\Rightarrow \exists t_* \in (a, b), y_1(t_*) \neq 0$ .

By Abel's theorem  $W(y_1(t_*), y_2(t_*)) = 0$ .

Let  $\phi(t) := -y_2(t_*) y_1(t) + y_1(t_*) y_2(t)$ . This

is a solution of the given eqn, because it is a linear combination of solutions.  $\phi(t_*) = 0$  and

$$\phi'(t_*) = -y_2(t_*) y_1'(t_*) + y_1(t_*) y_2'(t_*) = W(y_1(t_*), y_2(t_*)) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \phi(t)$  is a solution of  $(*)$  satisfying

$\phi(t_*) = \phi'(t_*) = 0$ . But zero also satisfies the

same initial value problem. By unique theorem for solution of this problem we have  $\phi(t) = 0, \forall t \in (a, b)$

$\Rightarrow (I)$  holds for  $c_1 = -y_2(t_*)$  &  $c_2 = y_1(t_*) \neq 0$ .  $\square$

**Problem 4 (10 points)** Use the method of Laplace transform to solve the following initial-value problem.

$$y''(t) - y(t) = e^{2t},$$

$$y(0) = 1 \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Let  $\bar{Y}(s) := \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} \Rightarrow$

$$s^2 \bar{Y}(s) - \overset{1}{y(0)}s - \overset{0}{y'(0)} - \bar{Y}(s) = \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$(s^2 - 1) \bar{Y}(s) - s = \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$\bar{Y}(s) = \frac{s}{s^2-1} + \frac{1}{(s-2)(s^2-1)} \Rightarrow y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2-1}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s-2)(s^2-1)}\right\}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{(s-2)(s^2-1)} = \frac{A}{s-2} + \frac{B}{s-1} + \frac{C}{s+1}$$

$$= \frac{A(s^2-1) + B(s-2)(s+1) + C(s-2)(s-1)}{(s-2)(s^2-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A + B + C = 0 \\ -B - 3C = 0 \\ -A - 2B + 2C = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 2C \\ B = -3C \end{cases}$$

$$A - 2C = 0 \Rightarrow A = 2C$$

$$\hookrightarrow -2C + 6C + 2C = 1$$

$$\Downarrow \\ C = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}, \quad B = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad C = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(s-2)(s^2-1)} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{s-2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{s-1} \right) + \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{1}{s+1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s-2)(s^2-1)}\right\} = \frac{e^{2t}}{3} - \frac{e^t}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{2} (e^t + e^{-t}) + \frac{e^{2t}}{3} - \frac{e^t}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{2}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{e^{2t}}{3}$$

**Problem 5 (15 points)** Find the general solution of the following system of equations.

$$x_1'(t) = 3x_1(t) + x_2(t),$$

$$x_2'(t) = -2x_1(t) + x_2(t).$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (A - \lambda \mathbf{1}) \vec{s} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1) + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \pm \sqrt{4-5} = 2 \pm i$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = \lambda_1 = 2 + i: \begin{bmatrix} 3-(2+i) & 1 \\ -2 & 1-(2+i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-i)s_1 + s_2 = 0 \Rightarrow s_2 = (-1+i)s_1 \quad \text{Take } s_1 = 1 \quad \underline{\underline{\Rightarrow}} \quad \vec{s}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1+i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}_{(1)} = e^{(2+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1+i \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a complex solution.}$$

$$\vec{x}_{(1)}^{(1)} = \text{Re}(\vec{x}_{(1)}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{(2+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1+i \end{bmatrix} + e^{(2-i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1-i \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\cos t - \sin t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_{(1)}^{(2)} = \text{Im}(\vec{x}_{(1)}) = \frac{1}{2i} \left( e^{(2+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1+i \end{bmatrix} - e^{(2-i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1-i \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ -\sin t + \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_{(1)} = c_1 \vec{x}_{(1)}^{(1)} + c_2 \vec{x}_{(1)}^{(2)} = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\cos t - \sin t \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ -\sin t + \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \cos t + c_2 e^{2t} \sin t$$

$$x_2(t) = -c_1 e^{2t} (\sin t + \cos t) + c_2 e^{2t} (-\sin t + \cos t)$$

**Problem 6 (15 points)** Let  $\mathbf{P}(t)$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix whose entries are continuous functions of  $t$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\Psi(t) := \begin{bmatrix} t & 1 \\ -1 & t \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{g}(t) := \begin{bmatrix} t^2 + 1 \\ -t^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Given that  $\Psi(t)$  is a fundamental matrix for the homogeneous system of linear differential equations:  $\mathbf{X}'(t) = \mathbf{P}(t)\mathbf{X}(t)$ , solve the following initial value problem.

$$\mathbf{X}'(t) = \mathbf{P}(t)\mathbf{X}(t) + \mathbf{g}(t),$$

$$\mathbf{X}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$a) \Psi' = \mathbf{P}\Psi$$

$\Downarrow$

$$b) \vec{X}(t) = \Psi(t)\vec{c} + \Psi(t) \int_0^t \Psi(s)^{-1} \vec{g}(s) ds$$

$$\Psi(t)^{-1} = \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} \begin{bmatrix} t & -1 \\ 1 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \Psi' \Psi^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Psi^{-1} = \Psi^{-1} = \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} \begin{bmatrix} t & -1 \\ 1 & t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Psi(s)^{-1} \vec{g}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ 1 & s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s^2 + 1 \\ -s^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ 1 & s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} s + 1 \\ 1 - s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\int_0^t \Psi(s)^{-1} \vec{g}(s) ds = \begin{bmatrix} (\frac{s^2}{2} + s) \Big|_0^t & 0 \\ (s - \frac{s^2}{2}) \Big|_0^t & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t^2}{2} + t \\ -\frac{t^2}{2} + t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Psi(t) \int_0^t \Psi(s)^{-1} \vec{g}(s) ds = \begin{bmatrix} t & 1 \\ -1 & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t^2}{2} + t \\ -\frac{t^2}{2} + t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t^3}{2} + \frac{t^2}{2} + t \\ -\frac{t^3}{2} + \frac{t^2}{2} - t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{X}(0) = \Psi(0)\vec{c} \Rightarrow \vec{c} = \Psi(0)^{-1} \vec{X}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\Psi(t)\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} t & 1 \\ -1 & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t + 1 \\ 1 + t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - t \\ 1 + t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t^3}{2} + \frac{t^2}{2} + t \\ -\frac{t^3}{2} + \frac{t^2}{2} - t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t^3}{2} + \frac{t^2}{2} + 1 \\ -\frac{t^3}{2} + \frac{t^2}{2} + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 7** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a period function with period  $2\pi$ , i.e.,  $f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$ , and  $f(x) = x$  for  $-\pi < x \leq \pi$ .

**7 a (7 points)** Find the Fourier series for  $f(x)$ .

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)]$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \underbrace{\cos(nx)}_{\text{odd}} dx = 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} - \frac{x \cos(nx)}{n} \right] \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi}$$

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

$$= \frac{2}{n} (-1)^{n+1}$$

Fourier series for  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{n+1} \sin(nx)}{n}$

$$\int x \sin(\alpha x) dx = -\frac{2}{\alpha^2} \int \cos(\alpha x) dx$$

$$= -\frac{2}{\alpha^2} \frac{\sin(\alpha x)}{\alpha} + c$$

$$= +\frac{\sin(\alpha x)}{\alpha^2} - \frac{x \cos(\alpha x)}{\alpha} + c$$

**7 b (4 points)** Is the Fourier series for  $f(x)$  converges to  $f(x)$  for  $x = \pi$ ? Why?

$$f(\pi) = \pi, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{n+1} \sin(\pi n)}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0 = 0$$

So the Fourier series for  $f(x)$  does not converge to  $f(x)$  for  $x = \pi$ .

**7 c (4 points)** Is the Fourier series for  $f(x)$  converges to  $f(x)$  for  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ? Why?

$f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  so the Fourier series converges to  $f(x)$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , i.e., it converges to  $f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (By Fourier Convergence theorem.)

Problem 8 (20 points) Solve the following problem.

$$u_t = 4u_{xx}, \quad x \in (0, \pi), \quad t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 1, \quad u(\pi, t) = 1 + \pi, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 3 \sin(2x) + \sin(5x) + x + 1, \quad x \in (0, \pi).$$

$$w = u + ax + b$$

$$w(0, t) = 1 + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -1$$

$$w(\pi, t) = 1 + \pi + a\pi - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow w(x, t) = u(x, t) - x - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow w(x, 0) = 3 \sin(2x) + \sin(5x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_t = 4w_{xx} \\ w(0, t) = 0, \quad w(\pi, t) = 0 \\ w(x, 0) = 3 \sin(2x) + \sin(5x) \end{cases}$$

$$w(x, t) = X(x)T(t) \Rightarrow XT' = 4X''T$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{T'}{T} = \lambda \Rightarrow T = c_1 e^{4\lambda t}$$

$$X'' = \lambda X \quad \text{L.F.} \quad \begin{cases} X = a_n \sin(nx) \\ \lambda = -n^2 \end{cases} \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow w(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-4n^2 t} \sin(nx)$$

$$w(x, 0) = 3 \sin(2x) + \sin(5x) \quad \downarrow$$

$$b_2 = 3, \quad b_5 = 1, \quad b_n = 0 \text{ for } n \neq 2, 5$$

$$\Rightarrow w(x, t) = 3 e^{-16t} \sin(2x) + e^{-100t} \sin(5x)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = x + 1 + 3 e^{-16t} \sin(2x) + e^{-100t} \sin(5x)$$