

Instructions. Answer each of the questions on your own paper. Be sure to show your work so that partial credit can be adequately assessed. *Credit will not be given for answers (even correct ones) without supporting work.* Put your name on each page of your paper.

1. [8 Points] Short Answer. For True/False questions you must write ‘True’ or ‘False’ and justify your answer.

(a) True or False: The differential equation $y' = e^{t^2+\sin(y)}$ is separable.

► **Solution. True.** $y' = e^{t^2+\sin(y)} = e^{t^2}e^{\sin(y)} = h(t)g(y)$ so it is separable. ◀

(b) True or False: The differential equation $y' + y^2t = t^2$ is first order linear.

► **Solution. False.** The y^2 term makes the equation nonlinear. ◀

(c) What are the possible number of solutions to a system of linear equations?

► **Solution.** There can be 0 solutions, 1 solution, or infinitely many solutions. ◀

(d) Let A be a 2015×2015 matrix. If the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the solution $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, what do we know about $\det A$?

► **Solution.** $\det A \neq 0$ ◀

2. [16 Points] Find all solutions to the linear system

$$\begin{array}{rccccrcr} x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & = & 12 \\ & & x_2 & - & x_3 & + & 4x_4 & = & 5 \\ 3x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & 4x_3 & - & x_4 & = & 31 \end{array}$$

► **Solution.** The augmented matrix of the system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & -1 & 31 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Row reduce this matrix:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & -1 & 31 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{t_{13}(-3)} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{t_{23}(1)} & & \xrightarrow{t_{21}(-1)} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

This last matrix is the augmented matrix of the system

$$\begin{array}{rccccrcr} x_1 & & + & 2x_3 & - & 3x_4 & = & 7 \\ & x_2 & - & x_3 & + & 4x_4 & = & 5 \\ & & & & - & 0 & = & 0 \end{array}$$

This system has leading variables x_1 and x_2 and free variables x_3 and x_4 . Solving for x_1 and x_2 in terms of x_3 and x_4 , and letting $x_3 = s$, $x_4 = t$, where s and t are arbitrary, gives the solutions

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 - 2s + 3t \\ 5 + s - 4t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where } s, t \text{ are arbitrary.}$$

3. [16 Points] Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Compute the inverse of A .

► **Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} [A \ I] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) Using your answer to part (a), solve the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ if $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

► **Solution.**

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. [12 Points]

(a) If A is a 3×3 matrix with $\det A = 3$ and B is obtained from A by first interchanging rows 1 and 2 and then multiplying row 3 by 5, what is $\det(2A^2B)$?

► **Solution.** $\det B = (-1) \cdot 5 \cdot \det A = -15$. Then

$$\det(2A^2B) = 2^3(\det A)^2 \det B = 8 \cdot 9 \cdot (-15) = -1080.$$

(b) Find all values of x for which C^{-1} fails to exist, where $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5x \\ 2x-1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3x-5 & 2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$.

► **Solution.** C^{-1} fails to exist when $\det C = 0$. Using cofactor expansion along the second row, $\det C = -(2x-1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5x \\ 2 & 10 \end{vmatrix} = -(2x-10)(20-10x)$. Thus, $\det C = 0$ if and only if $x = 1/2$ or $x = 2$.

5. [16 Points] Solve the initial value problem: $y' = e^{2t}y^2$, $y(0) = -1$.

► **Solution.** This equation is separable. There is one equilibrium solution: $y = 0$. This does not satisfy the initial condition so it is not the required solution. If $y \neq 0$, separate variables to get $y^{-2}y' = e^{2t}$, which in differential form is

$$y^{-2} dy = e^{2t} dt$$

and integration then gives

$$-y^{-1} = \int e^{2t} dt = \frac{1}{2}e^{2t} + C,$$

so that

$$y = \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{2}e^{2t} + C}.$$

The initial condition $y(0) = -1$ gives $-1 = -1/(\frac{1}{2} + C)$ so $C = \frac{1}{2}$, and

$$y = \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{2}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-2}{e^{2t} + 1}.$$

6. [16 Points] Solve the initial value problem: $y' + 4y = 6e^{-4t} + 4e^{-6t}$, $y(0) = 5$.

► **Solution.** This equation is linear with coefficient function $p(t) = 4$ so that an integrating factor is given by $\mu(t) = e^{\int 4 dt} = e^{4t}$. Multiplication of the differential equation by the integrating factor gives

$$e^{4t}y' + 4e^{4t}y = 6 + 4e^{-2t},$$

and the left hand side is recognized (by the choice of $\mu(t)$) as a perfect derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{4t}y) = 6 + 4e^{-2t}.$$

Integration then gives

$$e^{4t}y = 6t - 2e^{-2t} + C,$$

where C is an integration constant. Multiplying through by e^{-4t} gives

$$y = 6te^{-4t} - 2e^{-6t} + Ce^{-4t}.$$

The initial condition gives $5 = y(0) = -2 + C$ so $C = 7$ and thus

$$\boxed{y(t) = 6te^{-4t} - 2e^{-6t} + 7e^{-4t}.}$$



7. [16 Points] Find the general solution to the differential equation: $y' - 4ty = 2t$.

► **Solution.** This equation is linear with coefficient function $p(t) = -4t$ so that an integrating factor is given by $\mu(t) = e^{\int -4t dt} = e^{-2t^2}$. Multiplication of the differential equation by the integrating factor gives

$$e^{-2t^2}y' - 4te^{-2t^2}y = 2te^{-2t^2},$$

and the left hand side is recognized (by the choice of $\mu(t)$) as a perfect derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{-2t^2}y) = 2te^{-2t^2}.$$

Integration then gives

$$e^{-2t^2}y = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2t^2} + C,$$

where C is an integration constant. Multiplying through by e^{2t^2} gives

$$\boxed{y = -\frac{1}{2} + Ce^{2t^2}.}$$

