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Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
(Math 260)

**Second Major Exam**  
**Term 141**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2014**  
Net Time Allowed: 90 minutes

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(1) (a) Find the inverse of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

[5 points]

(b) Use the answer in part (a) to find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $X$  such that

[5 points]

$$AX = C, \text{ where } C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) Use Cramer's rule to solve the system.

[10 points]

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 = 7$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = -1$$

$$5x_1 + 7x_2 - 4x_3 = 9$$

(3) a) Determine whether or not the vectors  $(1, 0, 0, 3)$ ,  $(0, 1, -2, 0)$  and  $(0, -1, 1, 1)$  are linearly independent. [5 points]

b) Express (if possible) the vector  $W = (2, 3, 4)$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $V_1 = (1, 2, 0)$ ,  $V_2 = (0, 2, 3)$ ,  $V_3 = (1, 2, 1)$  [5 points]

(4) Find a second-order differential equation with constant coefficients whose general

solution is  $y(x) = e^x (c_1 e^{x\sqrt{2}} + c_2 e^{-x\sqrt{2}})$ .

[8 points]

(5) Determine whether or not  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  if:

[5 points]

a)  $W$  is the set of all  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $xy(z+1) = 0$

b)  $W$  is the set of all  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $2x + 3y - 3z = 0$

[5 points]

(6) Find a basis for the solution space of the homogeneous system

[10 points]

$$x_1 - 4x_2 - 3x_3 - 7x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 7x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 11x_4 = 0$$

(7) a) Determine whether or not the solutions  $y_1 = x$ ,  $y_2 = x^{-2}$ ,  $y_3 = x^{-2} \ln x$  of the differential equation  $x^3 y''' + 6x^2 y'' + 4xy' - 4y = 0$  are linearly independent.

[6 points]

b) Use part (a) to find a particular solution of the differential equation:

[6 points]

$x^3 y''' + 6x^2 y'' + 4xy' - 4y = 0$  that satisfies the initial conditions

$$y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 5, y''(1) = -11$$



(8) Find a general solution of the differential equation

[10 points]

$$(D^2 + 4)(D^4 + 4D^3 + 8D^2 + 16D + 16)y = 0$$

knowing that  $y = xe^{-2x}$  is a solution of the equation.