

MATH246 Summer II  
QUIZ 7

Name:

1. Consider the differential system

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Show that  $\begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$  are both solutions for this system.  
 (b) Give a fundamental matrix for this system and justify your answer.  
 (c) Give a general solution to this system in vector form.  
 (d) Compute the natural fundamental matrix for this system associated with  $t = 0$ .  
 Hint: The natural fundamental matrix associated with time  $t_I$  is given by the formula  $\Phi(t) = \Psi(t)\Psi(t_I)^{-1}$ , where  $\Psi(t)$  is any fundamental matrix for the system.  
 (e) Solve the initial value problem for this system with  $x(0) = -1, y(0) = 1$ .

a) For  $x_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} + 3e^{2t} \\ 3e^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6e^{2t} \\ 2e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt}(3e^{2t}) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(e^{2t}) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $x_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} - 3e^{-2t} \\ e^{-2t} + e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt}(e^{-2t}) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(-e^{-2t}) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Both are solutions,

b)  $\Psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} & e^{-2t} \\ e^{2t} & -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$  is a fundamental matrix, because

$$W[x_1, x_2](t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} & e^{-2t} \\ e^{2t} & -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} = -3e^0 - 1e^0 = -4 \neq 0$$

c) A general solution to the system is

$$x(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

d)

$$\Phi(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(0)^{-1} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & +3 \end{pmatrix}^T}{\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & +3 \end{pmatrix}}{-4} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $\Phi(t) = \Phi(t)\Phi(0)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} & e^{-2t} \\ e^{2t} & -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} + e^{-2t} & 3e^{2t} - 3e^{-2t} \\ e^{2t} - e^{-2t} & e^{2t} + 3e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

e)

The solution to the initial value problem is given by:

$$x(t) = \Phi(t) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} & e^{-2t} \\ e^{2t} & -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{2t} & e^{-2t} \\ e^{2t} & -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-2t} \\ e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$