

KING FAHD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS  
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES  
MATH 260 -FINAL EXAM

TIME: 12:30 - 3:30 P.M.

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**Important Notes**

1. Check that the exam paper has 12 different questions on 8 different pages.
  2. Do not use calculators.
  3. Show all your work. No credits for answers not supported by work.
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1. (8 Points) Identify each of the following statements as true or false.
  - (a) Any algebraic system of 5 equations and 5 unknowns has a unique solution.
  - (b) Similar matrices have the same determinant.
  - (c) The number of elements in a minimal spanning set of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  is equal to the maximum number of linearly independent vectors.
  - (d) Every matrix has a Jordan normal form.
  - (e) The matrix  $A$  and its transpose  $A^T$  have the same eigenvalues.
  - (f) The geometric multiplicity is equal to the algebraic multiplicity of any eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .
  - (g) The matrix  $A$  has a zero eigenvalue iff  $|A| = 0$ .
  - (h) If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$  then  $\lambda^3$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^3$ .
2. (8 Points) The student population  $U = U(t)$  a school has time rate of change  $\frac{dU}{dt}$ , which is proportional to the difference between maximum population of 5,000 and  $U$ . If there are 2,500 students this year ( $t = 0$ ) and 3,000 next year, what will be the population of the school in two years from now?
3. (8 Points) Find the general solution of the differential equation:  $x \sin^2 y + e^x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ .
4. (8 Points) Solve the initial value problem:  $t^3 y' + 4t^2 y = e^{-t}$ ,  $y(-1) = 0$
5. (8 Points) Find the function  $k(x)$  satisfying  $k(0) = 0$  that makes the following equation exact differential equation:  $[x^2 y + y \tan x] dx + [k(x) + x^2] dy = 0$ .  
**(DO NOT SOLVE THE EQUATION)**
6. (8 Points) Use **either** the method of undetermined coefficients **or** variation of parameters to find the general solution of the differential equation:  $y'' - 2y' + y = 4xe^x$ .
7. (8 Points) Suppose that  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are three linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Determine whether the vectors  $\{2x - y, 2y - z, 2z - x\}$  are linearly dependent or independent. Show your work.

8. (8 Points) Consider the system of equations 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix}.$$

- For what values of  $s$  and  $t$  does the system has a unique solution?
- Use Cramer's Rule to find the value of  $y$  when  $s = t = 2$ .

9. (8 Points) Consider the equation  $y'' - y' - 6y = 0$ .

- Write the equation as a linear system of first order.
- Check that the two vectors  $X_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ 3e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $X_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$  generate the general solution of the system on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

10. (8 Points) Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Find the determinant of  $A$ .
- Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .  
(**DO NOT FIND**  $P^{-1}$ )
- Use Hamilton-Cayley theorem to find  $A^{-1}$ .

11. (10 Points) Find the **general solution** of the system

$$x' = 2x + y$$

$$y' = -x + 2y$$

Also find the solution to the initial value problem where  $x(0) = 1$  and  $y(0) = 2$

12. (10 Points) Find the **general solution** of the system  $X' = AX$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{bmatrix}$$