King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals
Department of Mathematics & Statistics
Syllabus Math 260
Semester I, 2008-2009 (081)
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Course: Math 260 (Introduction to Differential Equations and Linear Algebra)
Text Book: Differential Equations and Linear Algebra, C. H. Edwards and D. E. Penny, Prentice Hall, Second Edition (2005).
Objectives: This course introduces elementary differential equations and linear algebra to students of Computer Science, Computer Engineering, System Engineering and Earth Sciences.

Week	Date	Section	Topic	Suggested Homework
1	Oct 11-15	1.1 1.2	Differential Equations & Mathematical Models Integrals as General & Particular Solutions	2, 12, 22, 30, 36, 40 4, 6, 15, 18
2	Oct 18-22	1.4 1.5	Separable Equations & Applications Linear First-Order Equations	1, 10, 24, 27, 33
3	Oct 25-29	1.5 1.6	Linear First-Order Equations (contd.) Substitution Methods & Exact Equations	4, 12, 24, 28, 32 2, 10, 22, 40, 60
4	Nov 1-5	3.1 3.2	Introduction to Linear Systems Matrices and Gaussian Elimination	2, 22, 24, 26 4, 8, 14, 28
**Tuesday November 11, 2008: Suggested Time for Exam I**			
5	Nov 8-12	3.3 3.4	Reduced Row-Echelon Matrices Matrix Operations	3, 10, 24, 35 3, 10, 20, 24
6	Nov 15-19	3.5 3.6	Inverse of Matrices Determinants	4, 12, 20, 28 2, 4, 12, 30, 40, 43
7	Nov 22-26	4.1 4.2	The Vector Space R^3 The Vector Space R^n & Subspaces	1, 6, 13, 16, 24, 26, 30 3, 8, 16, 19
8	Nov 29-2 Dec	4.3 4.4	Linear Combination & Independence of Vectors Bases & Dimension for Vector Spaces	1, 6, 12, 17, 26 3, 8, 13, 16, 22
**Id al-Adha Vacation: December 3-13, 2008**			
9	Dec 14-17*	5.1 5.2	Second-Order Linear Equations General Solutions of Linear Equations	1, 11, 16, 19, 25, 28, 44 2, 8, 13, 24, 26
**Tuesday, December 30, 2008: Suggested Time for Exam II**			
10	Dec 20-24	5.3 5.5	Homogeneous Equations with Constant Coefficients Method of Undetermined Coefficients	1, 4, 14, 22, 28, 33, 38 4, 12, 26, 32, 36
11	Dec 27-31	5.5 6.1	Method of Variation of Parameters Introduction to Eigenvalues	47, 52, 57, 60 2, 15, 24, 28, 36
12	Jan 3-7	6.2 6.3	Diagonalization of Matrices Applications involving Powers of Matrices	2, 14, 25, 28 2, 10, 20, 26, 36
13	Jan 10-14	7.1 7.2	First-Order Systems & Applications Matrices & Linear Systems	2, 8, 13, 18, 21 2, 4, 12, 16, 20, 25
14	Jan 17-21	7.3 7.5	The Eigenvalue Method for Linear Systems Multiple Eigenvalue Solutions	4, 9, 18, 24, 26
15	Jan 24-31	7.5	Multiple Eigenvalue Solutions (contd.) Review	4, 10, 16, 28, 30

∗   Thursday, December 18: normal Wednesday classes.

- The Dates of Exam I and Exam II are suggested by the College of Sciences to avoid any conflicts with other exams.
- The date of the final exam will be announced by the Registrar. The Final Exam is comprehensive.
- MATLAB will be used whenever possible.
- KFUPM attendance policy will be enforced.