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**Exam IA Solutions**

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Score on Problem #1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2a \_\_\_\_\_

#2b \_\_\_\_\_

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1 [25 pts.] Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that the eigenvectors you find are linearly independent.

Solution:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-r & 1 \\ -2 & 4-r \end{vmatrix} = (1-r)(4-r) + 2 = 4 - 5r + r^2 + 2 = r^2 - 5r + 6 = (r-3)(r-2)$$

Thus the eigenvalues are  $r = 2, 3$ .

The system of equations  $(A - rI)X = 0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} (1-r)x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \\ -2x_1 + (4-r)x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For  $r = 2$  the system becomes

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \\ -2x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $x_1 = x_2$  and an eigenvector for  $r = 2$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . For  $r = 3$  the system becomes

$$\begin{aligned} -2x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \\ -2x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

so  $x_2 = 2x_1$ . Thus an eigenvector for  $r = 3$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$$

these vectors are linearly independent.

SNB check:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , eigenvectors:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \leftrightarrow 2, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \leftrightarrow 3$

2 The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are  $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow 0, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow 5$ .

2a [25 pts.] Solve the initial value problem

$$x' = Ax, \quad x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$x_h(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}e^{0t} \\ 1e^{0t} \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3e^{5t} \\ e^{5t} \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3e^{5t} \\ e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_h(0) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus

$$-\frac{1}{2}c_1 - 3c_2 = 2$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

so  $c_1 = -c_2$  and the first equation becomes

$$-\frac{1}{2}c_1 + 3c_1 = \frac{5}{2}c_1 = 2$$

Hence  $c_1 = \frac{4}{5}$  and  $c_2 = -\frac{4}{5}$

$$x_h(t) = \frac{4}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{4}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -3e^{5t} \\ e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}$$

2b [30 pts.] Find a general solution of the nonhomogeneous system

$$x' = Ax + \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solution: Let

$$x_p(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1e^{-t} \\ a_2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the DE implies

$$\begin{bmatrix} -a_1e^{-t} \\ -a_2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1e^{-t} \\ a_2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We may cancel  $e^{-t}$  on both sides of the equation and then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} -a_1 \\ -a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6a_1 + 3a_2 + 2 \\ -2a_1 - a_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} -7a_1 - 3a_2 &= 2 \\ 2a_1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

so  $a_1 = 0$  and  $a_2 = -\frac{2}{3}$ . Finally

$$x_p(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Check on  $x_p$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3e^{5t} \\ e^{5t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3}e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

3 [20 pts.] Find the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: We form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 1 by  $-1$  and add it to rows 2 and 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 2 by  $-3$  and add it to row 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 3 by  $-3$  and add it to row 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 7 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the inverse is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{SNB check: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ inverse: } \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$