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Ordinary differential Equations (MA4202)

Spring Sem

May 8, 2019

Time: 14:00–16:30

End-Semester Exam

Marks: 50

1. Determine whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE and justify your answer.

(i) $\exp(A + B) = \exp(A)\exp(B)$ for every matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

(ii) The following boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} y'' + \sin(x)y = 0, \\ y(0) = y(1) = 0, \end{cases}$$

has two linear independent solutions.

(iii) The origin is an unstable equilibrium point of the system

$$\begin{cases} x'_1 = 2x_1 + x_2, \\ x'_2 = x_1 + 2x_2. \end{cases}$$

(iv) Any non-trivial solution of

$$y'' + qy' + ry = 0$$

has at most finitely many zeros in $[0, 1]$.

(v) Any solution of

$$y'' + (\sin x + 2)y = 0$$

has infinite number of zeros in \mathbb{R} .

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2. (a) State a sufficient condition for the asymptotic stability of a equilibrium point of

$$\dot{x} = f(x).$$

(b) Show that origin is a stable equilibrium point of the equation

$$x'' + x' + q(x) = 0$$

where q is a given continuous function satisfying $xq(x) > 0$ for all $x \neq 0$.

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3. Compute the exponential of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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4. Find the Green's function G for the differential operator $Lu = \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + u$, under the boundary condition

$$u(0) = 0 = u'(1).$$

Let f be a continuous function on $[0, 1]$. Show that the function $u : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined by

$$u(x) = \int_0^1 G(s, x) f(s) ds$$

satisfies

$$\begin{cases} u'' + u = f, \\ u(0) = 0 = u'(1). \end{cases}$$

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5. State Sturm-Liouville theorem. Verify it for the following eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{cases} y'' + y + \lambda y = 0, \\ y(0) = 0 = y'(1). \end{cases}$$

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