
Course: Advanced Engineering Math I

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THIS HOMEWORK IS NOT FOR COURSE CREDIT. However, you need to do problems to learn the material. Also, about 1/3 of your exam will consist of recommended homework problems.

1. Consider the linear homogeneous boundary-value problem (BVP) $y'' + y = 0$, $y(0) = 0$, $y(1) = 0$.
 - (a) Solve the BVP.
 - (b) What is the dimension of the vector space of solutions?
2. Consider the linear homogeneous boundary-value problem (BVP) $y'' + \pi^2 y = 0$, $y(0) = 0$, $y(1) = 0$.
 - (a) Solve the BVP.
 - (b) Find a basis for the vector space of solutions.
3. Consider the linear homogeneous boundary-value problem (BVP) $y'' + \pi^2 y = 0$, $y(0) + y(1) = 0$, $y'(0) + y'(1) = 0$.
 - (a) Solve the BVP.
 - (b) Find a basis for the vector space of solutions.
4. Consider the equation

$$y'' + y = \sin x. \tag{1}$$

- (a) Use the method of variation of parameters (or the method of undetermined coefficients, if you prefer) to solve equation (1).
 - (b) Solve equation (1), subject to the boundary conditions $y(0) = 0$, $y(\pi) = \pi/2$.
 - (c) Solve equation (1), subject to the boundary conditions $y(0) = 0$, $y(\pi/2) = 1$.
 - (d) Solve equation (1), subject to the boundary conditions $y(0) = 0$, $y(\pi) = 1$.
 - (e) Which case from (4b)–(4d) is well-posed? Which is underdetermined? Which is overdetermined?
5. Let $L(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$.

- (a) Is L 1-to-1? Show your work.
- (b) Is L onto? Show your work.

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(c) Is L invertible? Show your work.

6. Let $L(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$.

(a) Is L 1-to-1? Show your work.

(b) Is L onto? Show your work.

(c) Is L invertible? Show your work.

7. Let $L(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 2+2i \\ -1+i & 3 \\ -3i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

What is the matrix A^* corresponding to the adjoint operator of L with respect to the inner product $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1\bar{v}_1 + u_2\bar{v}_2$ on \mathbb{C}^2 and the inner product $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = u_1\bar{v}_1 + u_2\bar{v}_2 + u_3\bar{v}_3$ on \mathbb{C}^3 ? (Note $L: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$, and $L^*: \mathbb{C}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$.) Prove the adjoint has the desired property

$$\langle A\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, A^*\mathbf{y} \rangle.$$

8. Consider the ODE $y''(x) = x^2 + A$ on $-a < x < a$, subject to boundary conditions $y'(-a) = 0$ and $y'(a) = 0$. A is a constant (scalar) parameter.

(a) Write the ODE in operator form $L(y) = f$. Identify L and f .

(b) Find the adjoint operator L^* and appropriate boundary conditions for the adjoint problem. By definition we need

$$\langle L(y), w \rangle = \langle y, L^*(w) \rangle, \quad (2)$$

where we use the inner product

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_{-a}^a u(x)v(x) dx.$$

Hint: Write the left-hand side of equation (2) in this problem in integral form, and integrate by parts twice to get the form on the right-hand side by choosing $L^*(w)$ and boundary conditions on w appropriately.

(c) State the homogeneous adjoint boundary-value problem. Solve it to find $\mathcal{N}(L^*)$, subject to the boundary conditions.

(d) Solve the *homogeneous version* of the *original* boundary-value problem, i.e. Find $\mathcal{N}(L)$, subject to the boundary conditions.

(e) Explain which Fredholm Alternative holds for this problem.

(f) If there is a solvability condition, find it without actually solving the problem. Then find the solution(s) to the original (nonhomogeneous) problem, if any.