

1. (a) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -4 \\ 3 & \beta \end{bmatrix}$ , suppose  $u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- (i) (5%) Find  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Compute  $\text{tr}(A^5)$ .
- (ii) (7%) Assume  $B$  is another  $2 \times 2$  matrix, whose eigenvectors are the same with  $A$ , i.e.,  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  with corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1$ . Calculate  $B^{10}$ .
- (b) Assume that  $C$  is a real nonsingular symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix with distinct eigenvalues.
- (i) (6%) Show that eigenvalues of  $C$  are all real and eigenvectors are all mutually orthogonal.
- (ii) (6%) Solve  $Tx = y$  where  $T = C^2$  and  $x, y$  both are  $n \times 1$  column vectors.
- (c) Assume that matrix  $A$  is idempotent (i.e.,  $A^2 = A$ ).
- (i) (3%) Find all eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- (ii) (3%) Show that  $I - A$  is also idempotent.
- (ii) (3%) Show that  $(I - 2A)^{-1} = I - 2A$ .

2. Consider the equation describing the small angular displacement  $\theta$ , of a pendulum in a viscous liquid. A force balance gives

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \omega^2\theta + \sigma \frac{d\theta}{dt} = f(t)$$

where  $\omega > 0$ . The term  $\sigma \frac{d\theta}{dt}$  is damping due to friction within the liquid.

- (a) (4%) Make the equation dimensionless defining  $\tau = \omega t$  to show that the solution  $\theta(\tau)$  depends on a single dimensionless parameter  $\beta = \frac{\sigma}{\omega}$ .
- (b) (10%) Find the solution  $\theta(\tau)$  and  $\theta'(\tau)$  for  $\beta = 1$  and  $\beta = 3$  for the homogeneous equation when there is no forcing, i.e.  $f(t) = 0$ , with the boundary conditions  $\theta(0) = \theta_0$ ,  $\theta'(0) = 0$ .
- (c) (7%) Find the general solution  $\theta(\tau)$  for  $\beta = 1$  when there is a decaying forcing  $f(t) = e^{-0.5\omega t}$ , where  $\omega$  is real constant.

3. Consider the differential eigenvalue problem

$$x^2 \phi'' + 2x\phi' + \lambda x^2 \phi = 0, \text{ with the boundary condition}$$

$$\phi'(0) = 0, \phi(1) = 0,$$

where  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue.

(a) (4%) Is this problem of Sturm-Liouville type? If so, put the problem in "standard form".

(b) (9%) Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions for this problem (Hint: Consider  $\phi = \frac{f}{x}$  and solve for  $f$ ).

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4. Consider a partial differential equation of  $u(x, y)$

$$3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 4 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 3u = 4 \sin(x - 2y)$$

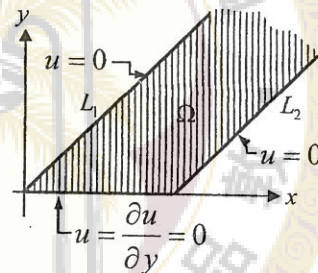
in a semi-infinite strip  $\Omega$ , as shown in the figure, bounded by lines  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $x$ -axis:

$$L_1: x - 2y = 0, \quad L_2: x - 2y = \pi, \quad x\text{-axis: } y = 0$$

The boundary conditions and initial conditions are

$$u = 0 \text{ along } L_1 \text{ \& } L_2,$$

$$\text{and } u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ along } x\text{-axis.}$$



(a) (16%) Show that by using change of variables

$$\xi = x - 2y, \quad \eta = y$$

will reduce the partial differential equation into the form of

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} + \alpha u = F(\xi, \eta)$$

Find also the constant coefficient  $\alpha$  and the function  $F(\xi, \eta)$ .

(b) (17%) Find the solution of  $u(x, y)$ .