

1. (30%). Let $w=i$ where $i^2 = -1$. Set $F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 & w^3 \\ 1 & w^2 & w^4 & w^6 \\ 1 & w^3 & w^6 & w^9 \end{pmatrix}$, $A = \begin{pmatrix} d & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & d & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & d & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ w^j \\ w^{2j} \\ w^{3j} \end{pmatrix}$, where d is a real

number and j is an integer.

(a). (15%). Determine F^{-1} , the inverse of F . (Hint: computing $F\bar{F}$ where \bar{F} is the complex conjugate of F)

(b). (15%). Find the real eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A . (Hint, first compute $A\mathbf{x}$; second simplify $A\mathbf{x}$ and see if there exists λ such that $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$; finally set $j=0, 1, 2$ and 3 in the result of $A\mathbf{x}$).

2. (35%). The "backwards heat equation" in one spatial dimension is shown below:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad (t, x) \in [0,1] \times [0,1].$$

(a). (10%). Use the separation of variable method to find all solutions to the "backwards heat equation" of the form $u(t, x) = T(t)X(x)$ that satisfy the boundary conditions $u(t, 0) = 0$ and $u(t, 1) = 0$ for $t \in [0,1]$.

(b). (15%). Discuss the behavior of the solution $u(t, x)$ to the following initial/boundary conditions:

$$u(0, x) = f(x) = \sin(n\pi x) \text{ where } n > 0 \text{ is the integer for } x \in [0,1], \\ u(t, 0) = 0 \text{ and } u(t, 1) = 0 \text{ for } t \in [0,1].$$

(b1). (10%). Solve the "backwards heat equation."

(b2). (5%). When $t = 1$, find $\max_{x \in [0,1]} u(x)$.

(c). (10%). Solve the ordinary heat equation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ with the initial/boundary conditions:

$$u(0, x) = f(x) = \sin(n\pi x) \text{ where } n > 0 \text{ is the integer for } x \in [0,1], \\ u(t, 0) = 0 \text{ and } u(t, 1) = 0 \text{ for } t \in [0,1].$$

How do the Fourier modes of the solution $u(t, x)$ from (b1) and the Fourier modes of the solution for the ordinary heat equation change in time?

3. (25%). Answer the following questions:

(a). (15%). Solve $\frac{dP}{dt} = P(a - bP)$, $P(0) = P_0$ and $P_0 \neq \frac{a}{b}$ where a and b are constants.

(b). (5%). Continuing from (a), find the value(s) of P where $P(t)$ has point(s) of inflection. Recall that points of inflection of a function can occur where its second derivative is zero.

(c). (5%). Solve $\frac{dP}{dt} = P(a - b \ln P)$ where a and b are constants.

4. (10%). Consider the following differential equation:

$$xy'' = y' + (y')^3.$$

(a). (5%). Show that substituting $u = y'$ leads to a Bernoulli equation in terms of u .

(b). (5%). Based on (a), solve this equation.