

**Math 215/255**  
**Midterm 2, Nov 15, 2017**

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**Instructor:**

**Section:**

**Instructions**

- The total time allowed is 50 minutes.
- The total score is 40 points.
- Use the reverse side of each page if you need extra space.
- Show all your work. A correct answer without intermediate steps will receive no credit.
- Calculators, phones and cheat sheets are not allowed.

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Score</b>
1	14	
2	12	
3	14	
<b>TOTAL</b>	40	

1. (14 points)

a) (5 points) Find a general form of homogeneous solutions for the equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t).$$

Solution:

b) (2 points) For which initial conditions will the solution remain bounded for large  $t$ .

Solution:

c) (7 points) Find a particular solution to

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 2te^{-t} \\ 2te^{-t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

2. (12 points) A damped spring-mass system has mass 2 kg, friction constant 1 kg/s, and spring constant  $k$  kg/s<sup>2</sup>.

a) (4 points) For what values of  $k \geq 0$  is the spring under-damped, over-damped, and critically-damped?

Solution:

b) (6 points) For  $k = 1$  a force is applied of  $3\sin(2t)$  kg m/s<sup>2</sup>, compute a particular solution of the damped spring-mass equation.

Solution:

c) (3 points) If there was no friction, but still mass 2 kg and spring constant  $k = 1$ , give a forcing term that would exhibit resonance.

Solution:

3. (14 points) The following questions concern the equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -12 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \vec{y}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

a) (4 points) Find a fundamental matrix for the homogeneous part of the equation.

Solution:

b) (6 points) Given the particular solution  $\vec{y}_P(t) = \begin{bmatrix} te^{2t} \\ e^{2t} + 2te^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$ , find the forcing term  $g(t)$ .

Solution:

c) (4 points) Solve for  $\vec{y}(t)$  with the forcing of part b) and the initial conditions

$$\vec{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution: