MATH 54 MIDTERM 2

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No material other than simple writing utensils may be used. Show all your work in this exam booklet. There are blank pages in between the problems for scratch work.
If you want something on an extra page to be graded, label it by the problem number and write "XTRA" on the page of the actual problem.
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Point values are indicated in brackets to the left of each problem. Partial credit is given for explanations and documentation of your approach, even when you don't complete the calculation. In particular, if you recognize your result to be wrong (e.g. by checking!), stating this will yield extra credit.

When asked to explain/show/prove, you should make clear and unambiguous statements, using a combination of formulas and words or arrows. Graders will disregard formulas whose meaning is unclear.

[5] **1a)** Find the change-of-coordinates matrix from the basis $\mathcal{B} = \{1, (1+t)^2, (1-t)^2, t^3\}$ of $\mathbb{P}_3$ to the standard basis $\mathcal{C} = \{1, t, t^2, t^3\}$.

[7] **1b)** Let V be a finite dimensional vector space. State the definition for the dimension of a subspace H. Then explain which subspaces of V have $\dim H = \dim V$.

[8] **1c)** State the definition of $\mathcal{B} = \{b_1, \ldots, b_n\}$ being a basis of a vector space V.
Then use the properties in this definition to explain why the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to V$ given by $T(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 b_1 + \ldots + x_n b_n$ is an isomorphism.

[6] **2a)** Let A and B be 3×3 matrices with $\det(A) = -1$ and $\det(B) = 3$. State appropriate properties of determinants to compute the following:

$\det(2A) = \ldots$

$\det(BAB^T) = \ldots$

The volume of the parallelepiped spanned by the columns of the matrix $B^{-1}A$ is $\ldots$

[8] **2b)** Find (possibly complex) eigenvectors for each eigenvalue of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

(Hint: When calculating the characteristic polynomial, note a common factor that you should not multiply out. Then finding the roots only requires solving a quadratic equation.)

[6] **2c)** Suppose that A is a 4×4 matrix with characteristic polynomial $\lambda(\lambda + \sqrt{5})(\lambda - \sqrt{7})^2$, and that $\mathbb{R}^4$ has a basis which consists of eigenvectors of A. Specify a diagonal matrix D that A is similar to, state this similarity as a formula involving A, D, and another matrix P, and explain how to find P.

[6] **3a)** Find the general solution of $y^{(7)} + 4y^{(5)} - 3y^{(3)} - 18y' = 0$.
Then give an example of initial conditions that would specify a unique, nonzero solution.
You may use the identity $r^7 + 4r^5 - 3r^3 - 18r = r(r^2 - 2)(r^2 + 3)^2$.

[8] **3b)** Find the solution of $y'' + y' = t^2$ with $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 0$.

[6] **3c)** Find the general solution of $L[y] = \frac{1}{9}e^{-t} + 1$ and explain why there cannot be any other solutions, using only definitions and the following information (no theorems etc.):

1.) $L : \mathcal{C}^\infty \to \mathcal{C}^\infty$ is a linear transformation,
2.) $\text{kernel}\, L = \text{span}\{e^{-t}, \cos 3t, \sin 3t\}$,
3.) $L[te^{-t}] = e^{-t} + 9$.

[6] **4a)** Rewrite the ODE $y^{(4)} + 3y' + 5y = \cos 2t$ into a first order system for a vector function.
Then assume that a solution of the system is given and explain how to obtain a solution y of the ODE.

[7] **4b)** Find the solution of $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}, \qquad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

[7] **4c)** The system $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$ has a solution $\mathbf{x}_1(t) = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find a linearly independent solution by using the Ansatz ("educated guess") $\mathbf{x}(t) = te^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + e^{2t}\mathbf{v}$ for an unknown vector $\mathbf{v}$ in $\mathbb{R}^2$. Document your steps (plug in, solve, plug back).