

## Final Exam

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**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 - 12:00 (3 hours)

**Room:** OLYMPOS, HAL3

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**Instructions:**

- Write your *name, student number, and problem number* on every page you hand in.
- Use a *separate* sheet for each problem.
- The use of textbooks, notes, calculators, cell phones, etc. is *not* allowed.
- Make sure that your answers are *readable* and *understandable*.
- Problems marked with \* are bonus questions.

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**Total points:** 48 (including bonus points)

**Score:**

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**Grade:**

**Problem 1.**

Let the  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

be given.

a) Determine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ . 3p

b) Show that  $A$  is diagonalizable by finding an invertible matrix  $S \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$  and a diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$  such that  $A = SDS^{-1}$ . *Hint:* It is not required to calculate the expression  $SDS^{-1}$  explicitly, but check that  $S$  is indeed invertible. 2p

c) Use the results from a) and b) to determine the general solution to the inhomogeneous system

$$\frac{d}{dt}V(t) - AV(t) = b$$

for  $V : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ , where  $A$  is as in a) and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ . 3p

**Problem 2.**

Let  $\alpha > 0$ . Use the power series approach to find the solution to the differential equation

$$f'' - \alpha f' = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R} \tag{1}$$

that satisfies  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$ .

a) Plug the ansatz

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad \text{with } a_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

into (1) and derive a recurrence relation for the coefficients  $a_n$ . 2p

b) Solve the recurrence relation from a) and use your findings to state an explicit power series formula (in dependence of  $\alpha$ ) for the desired solution. 3p

c) Show with the help of a convergence test of your choice that the power series in b) converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . 2p

d)\* Express the solution obtained in b) in terms of an exponential function. 2p

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### Problem 3.

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be the 2-periodic function defined by

$$f(x) = 1 - x^2, \quad x \in [-1, 1].$$

a) Visualize the graph of the function  $f$  by drawing at least two periods. 1p

b) Determine the Fourier coefficients  $\hat{f}_k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . *Hint:* Taking account of the symmetry of  $f$  can simplify the calculation. You may use the integration formula

$$\int x^2 \cos(k\pi x) dx = \frac{2x \cos(k\pi x)}{\pi^2 k^2} - \frac{2 \sin(k\pi x)}{\pi^2 k^3} + \frac{x^2 \sin(k\pi x)}{\pi k} + C \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}. \quad 4p$$

c) Argue why  $f$  can be expressed as a converging Fourier cosine series, i.e.

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \cos(k\pi x) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In view of b), what are the coefficients  $a_k$ ? 2p

d) Find the values of the two converging series

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^4}.$$

*Hint:* Use the findings from c), as well as Parseval's formula. 4p

### Problem 4.

Consider the one-dimensional wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty), \quad (2)$$

subject to the initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = g(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3)$$

where  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a given function that is twice continuously differentiable such that  $g, g'$  and  $g''$  are absolutely integrable.

a) Apply Fourier transformation to the equation (2) and show that for every  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  the function  $\hat{u}(s, \cdot)$  solves the ordinary differential equation

$$v'' + s^2 v = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, \infty). \quad (4)$$

3p

b) For every  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  determine the solution to (4) that satisfies the initial conditions  $v(0) = \hat{g}(s)$  and  $v'(0) = 0$ . *Hint:* Treat the cases  $s \neq 0$  and  $s = 0$  separately. 3p

c)\* For  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $g_r(x) = g(x + r)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that

$$(\mathcal{F}g_r)(s) = \hat{g}(s)e^{isr} \quad \text{for } s \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Hint:* Use a suitable change of variables. 2p

d) Use the results from b) and c) along with a Fourier inversion argument to solve (2) and (3). 3p

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**Problem 5.**

Recall that  $C^0([0, 1])$  denotes the space of continuous real-valued functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$ . We endow  $C^0([0, 1])$  with the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx$  and denote the induced norm by  $\| \cdot \|$ .

Moreover, let  $g \in C^0([0, 1])$  be a given function that satisfies  $\|g\| = 1$  and  $\int_0^1 g(x) dx \neq 0$ . In this question, we consider the operator

$$L_g : C^0([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^0([0, 1]), \quad f \mapsto \left( \int_0^1 f(y) dy \right) g.$$

a) Prove that  $L_g$  is linear. 3p

b) Show that  $\lambda_g = \int_0^1 g(y) dy$  is an eigenvalue of  $L_g$  and determine the corresponding eigenspace. 3p

c) Let  $f \in C^0([0, 1])$  be given. Calculate the inner product  $\langle L_g(f), g \rangle$ . Under what condition on  $f$  are  $L_g(f)$  and  $g$  orthogonal? 2p

d)\* For a given  $f \in C^0([0, 1])$ , determine the orthogonal projection of  $L_g(f)$  onto  $\text{span}\{g\}$ . What is the distance between  $L_g(f)$  and  $\text{span}\{g\}$ ? *Hint:* You may assume without proof that  $\text{span}\{g\}$  is a linear subspace of  $C^0([0, 1])$ . 1p