

Topics for Exam 2

1. Analysis of Linear Systems

- 1.1 Construction of solutions.
- 1.2 Linearly independent solutions.
- 1.3 The fundamental matrix.
- 1.4 Existence and uniqueness for linear, initial value problems.

2. Applications to Second Order Linear Differential Equations

- 2.1 Construction of solutions of linear second order equations.
- 2.2 Linearly independent solutions.
- 2.3 Structure of the solutions space for linear, second-order, homogeneous differential equations (Problem 3 in Assignment #11)
- 2.4 Existence and uniqueness for the initial value problem.

3. Analysis of General Systems

- 3.1 Local Existence and Uniqueness Theorem.
- 3.2 Maximal interval of existence.
- 3.3 Global existence.

Relevant sections in the online class notes: 4.1.5, 4.2, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 5.1 and 5.2

Relevant sections in text: Sections 2.6, 3.1, 3.4 and 3.6.

Relevant assignments: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Important concepts: Linearly independent functions, fundamental matrix, local existence and uniqueness, maximal interval of existence, global existence and uniqueness.

Important skills:

- Know how to compute fundamental matrices for homogenous, autonomous linear systems.
- Know how to construct solutions of second order linear equations with constant coefficients.
- Know how to apply the existence and uniqueness theorems.