

**University of Ottawa**  
MAT 1332, Practice midterm (longer than the actual midterm)  
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These are questions to help you see the scope of the first midterm exam. The format of the midterm will be as follows:

- About 33% multiple-choice and short answer; 67% long answer with full justification required. About 27 points in total; worth 20% of your final grade.
- About 7 questions, some with multiple parts.
- Covering material from : integration: substitution, integration by parts, partial fractions, Riemann sums, improper integrals; differential equations: checking solutions, solving separable differential equations; autonomous differential equations: equilibria, phase line diagrams, stability; complex numbers; matrix algebra.
- Expect to be asked to interpret your mathematical analysis in the context of the application at hand.

QUESTION A1. Compute the following integrals:

(a)  $\int \frac{x^{3/2} - 5x}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^{3/2} - 5x}{\sqrt{x}} dx &= \int x - 5\sqrt{x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 5 \left( \frac{1}{3/2} x^{3/2} \right) + c \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{10}{3}x^{3/2} + c \end{aligned}$$

for  $c$  an arbitrary constant.

(b)  $\int \left( \sin x + 4x^2 - \frac{6x}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \right) dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left( \sin x + 4x^2 - \frac{6x}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \right) dx &= \int \sin(x) dx + 4 \int x^2 dx - 6 \int x^{2/3} dx \\ &= -\cos(x) + \frac{4}{3}x^3 - 6 \left( \frac{1}{5/3} x^{5/3} \right) + c \\ &= -\cos(x) + \frac{4}{3}x^3 - \frac{18}{5}x^{5/3} + c \end{aligned}$$

for  $c$  an arbitrary constant.

(c)  $\int \sec^2 x \tan x \, dx$

Use the substitution  $u = \tan(x)$ ,  $du = \sec^2(x) \, dx$ . Then we have

$$\int \sec^2(x) \tan(x) \, dx = \int u \, du = \frac{1}{2}u^2 + c = \frac{1}{2} \tan^2(x) + c$$

for  $c$  an arbitrary constant.

(d)  $\int (x^3 + x)^{10} (3x^2 + 1) \, dx$

To avoid multiplying out a horrible expression, we try the substitution  $u = x^3 + x$ ,  $du = (3x^2 + 1) \, dx$ . This works well:

$$\int (x^3 + x)^{10} (3x^2 + 1) \, dx = \int u^{10} \, du = \frac{1}{11}u^{11} + c = \frac{1}{11}(x^3 + x)^{11} + c$$

for  $c$  an arbitrary constant.

(e)  $\int x^4 \ln x \, dx$

This is a product of two distinct functions, with no obvious composition, so we try integration by parts.

Let  $u = \ln(x)$  and  $dv = x^4 \, dx$ . Then  $du = \frac{1}{x} \, dx$  and  $v = \frac{1}{5}x^5$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^4 \ln x \, dx &= \frac{1}{5}x^5 \ln(x) - \int \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{5}x^5 \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{5}x^5 \ln(x) - \frac{1}{5} \int x^4 \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{5}x^5 \ln(x) - \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{5}x^5 \right) + c \\ &= \frac{1}{5}x^5 \ln(x) - \frac{1}{25}x^5 + c, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is an arbitrary constant.

(f)  $\int x \sin(x/2) \, dx$

We could do the substitution  $w = x/2$ , giving  $dw = \frac{1}{2} \, dx$ . Then since  $x = 2w$  and  $dx = 2 \, dw$  we have

$$\int x \sin(x/2) \, dx = \int (2w) \sin(w) 2 \, dw = 4 \int w \sin(w) \, dw.$$

Now we apply integration by parts, with  $u = w$ ,  $dv = \sin(w) \, dw$ , so that  $du = dw$  and  $v = -\cos(w)$ . This gives

$$\int w \sin(w) \, dw = -w \cos(w) - \int (-\cos(w)) \, dw = -w \cos(w) + \int \cos(w) \, dw = -w \cos(w) + \sin(w) + c$$

for  $c$  an arbitrary constant. Finally, putting this together we get

$$\int x \sin(x/2) dx = 4 \int w \sin(w) dw = 4(-w \cos(w) + \sin(w) + c) = -4w \cos(x) + 4 \sin(w) + d$$

where  $d$  is some arbitrary constant (equal to  $4c$ , but  $c$  was arbitrary, too).

(g)  $\int \frac{e^{1/x}}{5x^2} dx$

We use the substitution  $u = 1/x = x^{-1}$ ,  $du = -x^{-2} dx$ . Then  $(-1) du = \frac{1}{x^2} dx$  so

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{e^{1/x}}{5x^2} dx &= \int \frac{1}{5} e^u (-1) du \\ &= -\frac{1}{5} \int e^u du \\ &= -\frac{1}{5} e^u + c \\ &= -\frac{1}{5} e^{1/x} + c, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is an arbitrary constant.

QUESTION A2. Use 5 equal subintervals and (a) left endpoints, (b) midpoints, (c) right endpoints to calculate Riemann sums of  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  on  $[0, \pi/2]$ .

We are integrating over  $[a, b] = [0, \pi/2]$ . For 5 subintervals we need  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{5} = \pi/10$ . Therefore the endpoints of the subintervals are

$$x_0 = 0, x_1 = \frac{\pi}{10}, x_2 = \frac{2\pi}{10}, x_3 = \frac{3\pi}{10}, x_4 = \frac{4\pi}{10}, x_5 = \frac{5\pi}{10} = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

where we could simplify some of these fractions, of course.

(a) For the left endpoint rule we use

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^4 f(x_i)\Delta x &= \sin(x_0)\Delta x + \sin(x_1)\Delta x + \sin(x_2)\Delta x + \sin(x_3)\Delta x + \sin(x_4)\Delta x \\ &= \Delta x(\sin(0) + \sin(\pi/10) + \sin(\pi/5) + \sin(3\pi/10) + \sin(2\pi/5)) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{10}(2.6569) \\ &= 0.8347. \end{aligned}$$

(c) For the right endpoint rule we use

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^5 f(x_i)\Delta x &= \sin(x_1)\Delta x + \sin(x_2)\Delta x + \sin(x_3)\Delta x + \sin(x_4)\Delta x + \sin(x_5)\Delta x \\ &= \Delta x(\sin(\pi/10) + \sin(\pi/5) + \sin(3\pi/10) + \sin(2\pi/5) + \sin(\pi/2)) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{10}(3.6569) \\ &= 1.1488. \end{aligned}$$

(b) To apply the midpoint rule, we need to use the midpoints of each interval, which are given by  $\frac{1}{2}(x_i + x_{i+1})$  in each case. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^4 f\left(\frac{1}{2}(x_i + x_{i+1})\right)\Delta x &= \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(x_0 + x_1)\right)\Delta x + \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2)\right)\Delta x + \\ &\quad + \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(x_2 + x_3)\right)\Delta x + \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(x_3 + x_4)\right)\Delta x + \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(x_4 + x_5)\right)\Delta x \\ &= \Delta x(\sin(\pi/20) + \sin(3\pi/20) + \sin(5\pi/20) + \sin(7\pi/20) + \sin(9\pi/20)) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{10}(3.1962) \\ &= 1.0041. \end{aligned}$$

We can also integrate exactly in this case and deduce that the exact answer is 1.

QUESTION A3. A population grows according to the differential equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 2 \frac{e^{-\sqrt{t}/2}}{\sqrt{t}}$$

Determine the net change of this population between  $t = 4$  and  $t = 16$ .

A)  $\frac{2}{3}(e^{-2} - e^{-20})$

B)  $8(e^{-1} - e^{-2})$

C)  $8(e^{-4} - e^{-16})$

D)  $6(e^{-1} - e^{-2})$

E)  $\frac{5}{3}(1 - e^{-15})$

F) 0

The net change from 4 to 16 is the definite integral  $\int_4^{16} \frac{dN}{dt} dt$ . We compute the indefinite integral first.

Use the substitution  $u = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{t}$ , so that  $du = -\frac{1}{4}t^{-1/2} dt$ . Then  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt = -4 du$  so

$$\begin{aligned} \int 2 \frac{e^{-\sqrt{t}/2}}{\sqrt{t}} dt &= 2 \int e^u (-4) du \\ &= -8 \int e^u du \\ &= -8e^u + c \\ &= -8e^{-\sqrt{t}/2} + c, \end{aligned}$$

for  $c$  an arbitrary constant.

Now evaluate the definite integral using the choice  $-8e^{-\sqrt{t}/2}$  of antiderivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_4^{16} 2 \frac{e^{-\sqrt{t}/2}}{\sqrt{t}} dt &= \left[ -8e^{-\sqrt{t}/2} \right]_4^{16} \\ &= -8e^{-\sqrt{16}/2} - (-8)e^{-\sqrt{4}/2} \\ &= -8e^{-2} + 8e^{-1} \\ &= 8(e^{-1} - e^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION A4. Consider the rational function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 3x + 2}.$$

- (a) Decompose  $f$  as a sum of proper fractions.  
(b) Use this to determine the indefinite integral  $\int f(x) dx$ .

(a) We do long division:

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 3x + 2 \overline{) x^2 - 4x} \\ \underline{-x^2 + 3x - 2} \\ -x - 2 \end{array}$$

which says that

$$\frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = 1 + \frac{-x - 2}{x^2 - 3x + 2}.$$

Now we factor the denominator  $x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x - 1)(x - 2)$  and solve

$$\frac{-x - 2}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = \frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{x - 2}.$$

Multiplying this out gives the equation

$$\frac{-x - 2}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = \frac{A(x - 2) + B(x - 1)}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$$

so by considering the numerators alone, plugging in  $x = 2$  gives  $B = -4$  and  $x = 1$  gives  $-A = -3$  or  $A = 3$ . Thus we have

$$\frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = 1 + \frac{3}{x - 1} + \frac{-4}{x - 2}.$$

(b) We integrate

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 3x + 2} dx &= \int \left( 1 + \frac{3}{x - 1} + \frac{-4}{x - 2} \right) dx \\ &= x + 3 \ln |x - 1| - 4 \ln |x - 2| + c. \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION A5. The dynamics of a population of fish in a lake follows a logistic model, to which we have added a negative factor owing to predation; this gives the following model

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 0.15N(400 - N) - 0.3N$$

where  $N(t)$  is the number of fish at time  $t$ , and  $t$  is measured in weeks.

- (a) Find all biologically relevant equilibria.
- (b) State and apply the Stability theorem to determine the stability of each of the equilibria.
- (c) Draw the phase line diagram for this model.

(a) We have to solve the equation  $0.15N(400 - N) - 0.3N = 0$ . Clearly  $N = 0$  is a solution. To find others we divide by  $N$  to get

$$0.15(400 - N) - 0.3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 60 - 0.15N - 0.3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0.15N = 59.7 \Leftrightarrow N = 398.$$

So there are two equilibria, 0 and 398; both are biologically relevant.

(b) The Stability Theorem states that if  $N' = f(N)$  is a differential equation and  $N^*$  is an equilibrium, then (a) if  $f'(N^*) < 0$  then  $N^*$  is stable and (b) if  $f'(N^*) > 0$  then  $N^*$  is unstable.

Here,  $f(N) = 0.15N(400 - N) - 0.3N$  so

$$f'(N) = 0.15(400 - N) - 0.15N - 0.3 = 59.7 - 0.3N.$$

Since  $f'(0) = 59.7 > 0$ , the equilibrium  $N^* = 0$  is unstable. Since  $f'(398) = -59.7 < 0$ , the equilibrium  $N^* = 398$  is stable.

(c) The points on the phase line are 0 and 398. Since this is a population model, we only draw the positive phase line, because negative values of  $N$  are not meaningful. Between 0 and 398, we see that  $f(N) = 0.15N(400 - N) - 0.3N > 0$  (by plugging in  $N = 1$ , for example), so the arrow points to the right. For  $N > 398$  we see that  $f(N) < 0$  (by plugging in  $N = 1000$ , for example); so the arrow points to the left.

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QUESTION A6. Consider the following integral:

$$\int_0^2 \frac{2x dx}{(x^2 - 1)^{1/3}}$$

- (a) Explain why this integral is improper.  
(b) Study its convergence or divergence. If it converges give its value.

(a) The integrand is undefined at  $x = \pm 1$ . In particular it is not defined on the entire interval  $[0, 2]$  since it has a vertical asymptote at  $x = 1$ , and is thus an improper integral.

(b) Let us first find the indefinite integral. We use the substitution  $u = x^2 - 1$  so  $du = 2x$ . Then

$$\int \frac{2x dx}{(x^2 - 1)^{1/3}} = \int \frac{1}{u^{1/3}} du = \int u^{-1/3} du = \frac{3}{2} u^{2/3} + c = \frac{3}{2} (x^2 - 1)^{2/3} + c.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^T \frac{2x dx}{(x^2 - 1)^{1/3}} &= \lim_{T \rightarrow 1^-} \left[ \frac{3}{2} (x^2 - 1)^{2/3} \right]_0^T \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow 1^-} \left( \frac{3}{2} (T^2 - 1)^{2/3} - \frac{3}{2} (-1) \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} (1^2 - 1)^{2/3} - \frac{3}{2} (-1) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

which implies that the integral  $\int_0^1 \frac{2x dx}{(x^2 - 1)^{1/3}}$  converges, to  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

We next check

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow 1^+} \int_T^0 \frac{2x dx}{(x^2 - 1)^{1/3}} &= \lim_{T \rightarrow 1^+} \left[ \frac{3}{2} (x^2 - 1)^{2/3} \right]_T^0 \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \frac{3}{2} (3)^{2/3} - \frac{3}{2} (T^2 - 1)^{2/3} \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} 3^{2/3} - \frac{3}{2} (1^2 - 1)^{2/3} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} 3^{2/3} \end{aligned}$$

which implies that the integral  $\int_1^2 \frac{2x dx}{(x^2 - 1)^{1/3}}$  also converges, to  $\frac{3}{2} 3^{2/3}$ .

Therefore the integral  $\int_0^2 \frac{2x dx}{(x^2 - 1)^{1/3}}$  converges to

$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} 3^{2/3}.$$

QUESTION A7. (a) Solve the following initial value problem:

$$y' = \frac{xy \sin(x)}{y + 1}$$

where  $y(0) = 1$ . You may leave your answer as an implicit equation of  $x$  and  $y$ .

This is a separable differential equation.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{y + 1}{y} y' &= x \sin(x) \\ \int \frac{y + 1}{y} dy &= \int x \sin(x) dx \\ \int \left(1 + \frac{1}{y}\right) dy &= \int x \sin(x) dx.\end{aligned}$$

We solved the integral on the right in Question A1(f) so it is not recopied here. We get

$$y + \ln |y| = \sin(x) - x \cos(x) + c.$$

The initial value gives the equation

$$1 + \ln(1) = \sin(0) - 0 \cos(0) + c \Leftrightarrow c = 1.$$

So our solution is

$$y + \ln |y| = \sin(x) - x \cos(x) + 1.$$

In this case we cannot solve for  $y$ , so the solution is defined implicitly.

(b) Solve the following initial value problem:

$$x' = x \sec^2(t)$$

with  $x(0) = 5$ .

This is a separable differential equation.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x} x' &= \sec^2(t) \\ \int \frac{1}{x} dx &= \int \sec^2(t) dt \\ \ln |x| &= \tan(t) + c \\ |x| &= e^{\tan(t)+c} \\ x &= \pm e^c e^{\tan(t)} = A e^{\tan(t)}\end{aligned}$$

where  $A$  is an arbitrary constant. Then  $x(0) = 5$  means  $5 = A e^{\tan(0)} = A$  so the solution is

$$x(t) = 5e^{\tan(t)}.$$

You should solve for the state variable in your solution whenever this is possible.

QUESTION A8. Using Euler's method, estimate the value of  $y(1)$  if  $y(x)$  is the solution of the differential equation

$$y' = xy - x^2$$

satisfying initial condition  $y(0) = 1$ . Use a step size of  $\Delta x = 0.2$ .

We use the formula

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + f(x_n, y_n)\Delta x = y_n + (x_n y_n - x_n^2)\Delta x$$

and make a table starting with initial conditions  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1$ .

$n$	$x_n$	$y_n$	$x_n y_n - x_n^2$	$y_n + (x_n y_n - x_n^2)\Delta x$
0	0	1	0	1
1	0.2	1	0.16	1.032
2	0.4	1.032	0.2528	1.08256
3	0.6	1.08256	0.289536	1.1404672
4	0.8	1.1404672	0.27237376	1.194941952
5	1	1.194941952		

so our estimate is  $y(1) = 1.194941952$ .

QUESTION A9. Consider the following vectors and matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -11 & -9 \\ 3 & 0 & 10 \\ 14 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/3 \\ 3/5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Calculate the following, if possible. If not possible, state why.

a)  $A^T \vec{v} + 2B^T \vec{u}$ .

$A^T \vec{v} + 2B^T \vec{u}$  is not defined since  $B^T \vec{u}$  is  $2 \times 1$  and  $A^T \vec{v}$  is  $3 \times 1$ .

b)  $\vec{w} \vec{v}^T$

$$\vec{v} \vec{w}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/3 & 3/5 \\ 0 & 5/9 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

c)  $\vec{v}^T \vec{w}$

We can write a  $1 \times 1$  matrix as a number.

$$\vec{v}^T \vec{w} = 1 \times 0 + 5/3 \times 1/3 + 0 \times 3/5 = 5/9.$$

d)  $A \vec{u} + 2\vec{v}^T \vec{w}$

$A \vec{u} + 2\vec{v}^T \vec{w}$  is not defined since  $A \vec{u}$  is a  $3 \times 1$  vector and  $\vec{v}^T \vec{w}$  is  $1 \times 1$ .

e)  $AB$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} -86 & -71 \\ 6 & -11 \\ 12 & -108 \end{bmatrix}.$$

f)  $B \vec{u}$

$B \vec{u}$  is not defined since  $B$  has 2 columns and  $\vec{u}$  has 3 rows.

g)  $BA$

$BA$  is not defined since  $B$  has 2 columns and  $A$  has 3 rows.

h)  $A^2$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -158 & 7 & -119 \\ 143 & -53 & -27 \\ 8 & -154 & -146 \end{bmatrix}.$$

i)  $B^2$

$B^2$  is not defined since it is not square. (The first  $B$  is  $3 \times 2$ , and the second is  $3 \times 2$ .)

QUESTION A10. Express the following complex number in polar (Euler) form:

$$z = 1 - 2i.$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{5} = r.$$

Solve

$$r \cos(\varphi) = 1, \quad r \sin(\varphi) = -2.$$

Therefore

$$\cos(\varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \implies \varphi = 1.107 \text{ or } -1.107 \text{ radians.}$$

Since  $\sin(\varphi) < 0$ , we deduce the correct answer is  $\varphi = -1.107$  and check that indeed  $\sin(\varphi) = -2/\sqrt{5}$ .

So the polar form of  $z$  is

$$z = \sqrt{5}e^{-1.107i}.$$

QUESTION A11. Given  $u = 3 + 2i$ ,  $v = -1 + 4i$ , compute  $\bar{u}v + \frac{|u|^2}{v}$ .

$\bar{u} = 3 - 2i$ ,  $|u|^2 = 3^2 + 2^2 = 13$ ,  $|v|^2 = (-1)^2 + 16 = 17$ . So

$$\bar{u}v = (3 - 2i)(-1 + 4i) = -3 + 12i + 2i - 8i^2 = 5 + 14i$$

and

$$\frac{|u|^2}{v} = \frac{|u|^2}{|v|^2}\bar{v} = \frac{13}{17}(-1 - 4i) = -\frac{13}{17} - \frac{52}{17}i.$$

Thus

$$\bar{u}v + \frac{|u|^2}{v} = 5 + 14i + \left(-\frac{13}{17} - \frac{52}{17}i\right) = \frac{72}{17} + \frac{186}{17}i.$$

QUESTION A12. For which value(s) of  $r$  is  $y = x^r \ln(x)$  a solution of the differential equation

$$y' = \frac{y}{x} \left( \frac{3 \ln(x) + 1}{\ln(x)} \right)?$$

If  $y = x^r \ln(x)$  then

$$y' = rx^{r-1} \ln(x) + x^r \frac{1}{x} = x^{r-1}(r \ln(x) + 1)$$

whereas

$$\frac{y}{x} \left( \frac{3 \ln(x) + 1}{\ln(x)} \right) = \frac{x^r \ln(x)}{x} \left( \frac{3 \ln(x) + 1}{\ln(x)} \right) = x^{r-1}(3 \ln(x) + 1).$$

Comparing these answers reveals that in order to solve the given differential equation, we must have  $r = 3$ .