

*Maths Methods & Applications (first semester material:
"Theoretical Physics I") - Dr Graham S McDonald*

3 Sets of Sample Jan/May Exam Questions with Solutions

- HIGH RESOLUTION VERSION-

A. Jan Test Format:

COMPULSORY Section A-type short questions (worth 40 marks)

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TWO COMPULSORY Section B-type questions will be included (Topics: Vector Calculus *and* Matrices)

B. May Exam Contributions:

Some **Section A-type short** questions (worth around 13 of the 40 marks of Section A)

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ONE OPTIONAL Section B-type question (you do 3 from the 6 presented) will be included (Topic: Matrices *or* Differential Equations)

SAMPLE EXAM 1 : Section A = 40 marks + pick two
Section B questions (worth 30 marks each)

SECTION A

1. Answer ALL parts of the question:

(a) Consider a body that rotates with constant angular velocity $\omega = 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$.

Calculate the tangential velocity $\mathbf{v} = \omega \times \mathbf{r}$ at the point given by the position vector $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$

(4 Marks)

(b) The position of a moving particle is given by a time-dependent position vector

$\mathbf{r}(t)$. Derive an expression for the velocity of the particle, $\mathbf{v}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt}$,

when:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (2t + 3)\mathbf{i} + (t^2 + 3t)\mathbf{j} + (t^3 + 2t^2)\mathbf{k}.$$

(4 Marks)

(c) A physical quantity is defined over a region of space by the scalar field $\phi(x, y, z)$. Describe what physical property of this field is given by $\text{grad}\phi (\equiv \nabla\phi)$.

(6 marks)

(d) For a vector field $\mathbf{A}(x, y, z)$, the divergence theorem can be stated as:

$$\int_V \text{div}\mathbf{A} \, dV = \oint_S \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

Explain the meaning of each of the symbols used in this equation and the interpretation of the quantity $\text{div}\mathbf{A}$ that is implied by this theorem.

(8 marks)

(e) Find the matrix products \mathbf{AB} and \mathbf{BA} , and hence show that $\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$, when

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4 Marks)

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- (f) By considering matrix determinants, calculate the *rank* of the matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(4 Marks)

- (g) Two *homogeneous* linear equations, with constant coefficients a , b , c and d , take the form:

$$\begin{aligned} ax + by &= 0 \\ cx + dy &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Describe the solution(s), x and y , in the cases where the determinant of the coefficient matrix, $\det \mathbf{A}$, satisfies:

- (i) $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$,
and (ii) $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$.

(6 Marks)

- (h) Use the *chain rule* to show that $v = f(u)$ is a solution of the partial differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - 5 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0,$$

when $u = y + 5x$ and f is an arbitrary differentiable function.

(4 Marks)

SECTION B

2. A particular scalar field is defined by the equation:

$$\phi(x, y, z) = x e^y + y z^2 + x y z .$$

Show that $\nabla\phi$ for this field is given by:

$$\nabla\phi = (e^y + yz)\mathbf{i} + (x e^y + z^2 + xz)\mathbf{j} + y(2z + x)\mathbf{k} .$$

(7 Marks)

Hence, calculate the *magnitude* of the rate of change of $\phi(x, y, z)$ at the point $(x, y, z) = (2, 0, 3)$ in the direction of the vector $3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$.

(13 Marks)

Use the given form of $\nabla\phi$ (in terms of \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k}) to prove that the vector field $\mathbf{V}(x, y, z) = \nabla\phi$ is a *conservative field*.

(10 Marks)

3. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question:

- (a) Discuss the concept of *vector area* (making reference to the magnitude and to the direction of the cross product of two vectors in your answer).

(6 Marks)

- (b) For the vector field $\mathbf{A}(x, y, z) = (3x - 2y)\mathbf{i} + (x^2z)\mathbf{j} + (1 - 2z)\mathbf{k}$, show that:

(i) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 1$; and

(ii) $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = -x^2\mathbf{i} + 2(xz + 1)\mathbf{k}$.

(14 Marks)

Consider the same vector field \mathbf{A} over the circular region S that is bounded by the curve $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ in the $z = 0$ plane. Adopting the convention that the normal to the surface S is in the direction of the *positive* z -axis, show that:

$$\int_S \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \pi a^2.$$

Note: you should use the fact that $\mathbf{A} = (3x - 2y)\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ in the $z = 0$ plane.

(10 Marks)

4. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question:

(a) If

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

show that the matrix of cofactors of \mathbf{A} is:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -14 & -7 \\ 6 & -2 & -11 \\ 2 & 11 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show also that the determinant of \mathbf{A} is $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 35$.

Hence, find the matrix \mathbf{A}^{-1} (that is the *inverse* of the matrix \mathbf{A}).

(14 Marks)

(b) Prove that the *eigenvalues* of the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ are given by $\lambda_1 = -1$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$. Hence, find *either one* of the two linearly independent *eigenvectors* of the matrix \mathbf{A} .

(16 Marks)

5. Answer ALL parts of the question:

(a) Use the *integrating factor method* to show that the solution of the differential equation:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{T} = A e^{i\omega t}$$

is

$$x(t) = x(0) e^{-t/T} + B \left(e^{i\omega t} - e^{-t/T} \right),$$

where $B = \frac{A}{(i\omega + 1/T)}$, and A, T and ω are real constants.

(14 marks)

Identify the transient and the long-term steady-state components of the solution $x(t)$.

Comment on the relative phase of the steady-state component and the driving term, $A e^{i\omega t}$, in the limit of large damping ($T \rightarrow \infty$).

(6 marks)

(b) Use the method of *separation of variables* to prove that a solution of the partial differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + u$$

is given by:

$$u(x, y) = K e^{c \left(x + \frac{y}{2} \right)} e^{-\frac{y}{2}},$$

where K and c are constants.

(10 Marks)

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4	<p>a) $\vec{w} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$</p> $\vec{w} \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -6 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 \end{vmatrix}$ $= \hat{i} [3(-3) - (-1)(-6)] - \hat{j} [4(-3) - (-1)2] + \hat{k} [4(-6) - 3 \cdot 2]$ $= \hat{i} (-9 - 6) - \hat{j} (-12 + 2) + \hat{k} (-24 - 6)$ $= -15\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} - 30\hat{k}$
4	<p>b) $\vec{r}(t) = (2t+3)\hat{i} + (t^2+3t)\hat{j} + (t^3+2t^2)\hat{k}$</p> $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(2t+3)\hat{i} + \frac{d}{dt}(t^2+3t)\hat{j} + \frac{d}{dt}(t^3+2t^2)\hat{k}$ $= 2\hat{i} + (2t+3)\hat{j} + (3t^2+4t)\hat{k}$
6	<p>c) $\text{grad } \phi$ is a <u>vector field</u> that gives <u>direction</u> and <u>magnitude</u> of the <u>maximum</u> <u>rate of change</u> of ϕ with <u>respect to space</u></p> <p>(can also be called "<u>the vector gradient</u>")</p>

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d) $\int_V \text{div } \vec{A} dV = \oint_S \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s}$

area element $d\vec{s} = \hat{n} ds$

Volume (integral) vector field volume element enclosing (closed) surface (integral)

$\text{div } \vec{A} \equiv$ volume density. R.H.S. \Rightarrow net flux of \vec{A} through S

$(\text{div } \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}) \therefore \text{div } \vec{A} \Rightarrow$ net volume density of sources of flux inside S

[Sufficient selection to get full marks]

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e) $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 & 4 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 \\ 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 & 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 & 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \\ 2 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore AB \neq BA.$

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(5) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. $\det A = |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \cdot 4 - 3 \cdot 8$
 $= 24 - 24 = 0$

$\therefore \text{rank}(A) < 2$.

Now, try to find any 1×1 submatrix with non-zero determinant.

Testing any of the above elements gives a non-zero determinant for the corresponding 1×1 matrix. For example, $8 \rightarrow [8]$ which has $|8| = 8 \neq 0$.

$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 1$.

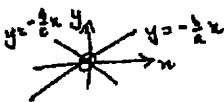
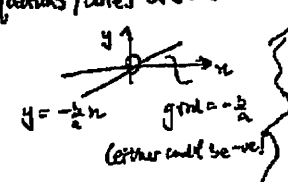
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(6) may consider system algebraically, graphically or use the rank directly.

(i) $\det A = 0 \rightarrow$ infinite number of solutions, including the trivial solution $(x, y) = (0, 0)$

(ii) $\det A \neq 0 \rightarrow$ unique solution, i.e. only the trivial one.

eg. $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow ad - bc = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = \frac{d}{c} \rightarrow$ equations / lines are the same

$\det A \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  

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a) $v = f(y+5x)$ to be shown to be a solution of:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - 5 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

Need to work out $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$. chain rule can be used, (with $u = y+5x$).

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 5 \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial u}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 1 \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial u}$$

Verify solution by substitution

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - 5 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \left(5 \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \right) - 5 \left(1 \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} \right) = 0, \text{ as required!}$$

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~~grad of ϕ is a vector field which gives the direction and magnitude of the maximum rate of change of ϕ with respect to space~~

~~$\phi(x,y,z) = xe^y + z^2 + xyz$~~

$$\vec{\nabla} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = e^y + 0 + yz = e^y + yz$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = xe^y + z^2 + xz$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0 + 2yz + xy = y(2z+x)$$

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$$\therefore \vec{\nabla} \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \hat{k} = (e^y + yz) \hat{i} + (xe^y + z^2 + xz) \hat{j} + y(2z+x) \hat{k}$$

At point $(2, 0, 3)$,

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi = (e^0 + 0 \cdot 3) \hat{i} + (2 \cdot e^0 + 3^2 + 2 \cdot 3) \hat{j} + 0 \cdot (2 \cdot 3 + 2) \hat{k}$$

$$= \hat{i} + 17 \hat{j}$$

This is the magnitude and direction of the maximum (spatial) rate of change of ϕ at this point.

For the direction given by $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, we need to calculate the direction derivative $\frac{d\phi}{ds} = \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \hat{A}$, where \hat{A} is a unit vector in the direction of \vec{A} (we project $\vec{\nabla} \phi$ onto this unit vector).

Here, $|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{9+4+1} = \sqrt{14}$

$$\therefore \hat{A} = \frac{\vec{A}}{|\vec{A}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\phi}{ds} = \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \hat{A} = (\hat{i} + 17\hat{j}) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

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$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (3 - 2 \cdot 17 + 0) = -\frac{31}{\sqrt{14}}$$

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$$\vec{V} = \nabla \phi = (e^y + yz)\vec{i} + (xe^y + z^2 + xz)\vec{j} + y(2z+x)\vec{k}$$

\vec{V} is conservative $\Leftrightarrow \nabla \times \vec{V} = 0$ (or) use the reciprocity relations directly
i.e. $\frac{\partial V_x}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial y}$

i.e. $\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ V_x & V_y & V_z \end{vmatrix} = 0$, where $V_x = e^y + yz$
 $V_y = xe^y + z^2 + xz$
 $V_z = (2z+x)y$

$$\nabla \times \vec{V} = \vec{i} \left(\frac{\partial V_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial z} \right) - \vec{j} \left(\frac{\partial V_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial z} \right) + \vec{k} \left(\frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

where $\frac{\partial V_z}{\partial y} = 2z+x, \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial z} = 2z+x, \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial x} = y, \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial z} = y,$

$\frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x} = e^y + z, \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial y} = e^y + z.$

$\therefore \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial V_y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial V_x}{\partial y}$

$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{V} = 0\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 0\vec{k} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{V} = \nabla \phi$ conservative
(as it must be!)

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6	<p>(a) vector area</p> <p>direction of $\underline{a} \times \underline{b}$ gives direction to the normal to this surface i.e. direction of $d\underline{S}$</p> <p>area = $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = ab \sin \theta = d\underline{S}$</p> <p>- could also mention conventions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> outward normals for a closed surface clockwise sense of bounding curve C for elements <p>* * normals on open surface. * *</p> <p>[A SUFFICIENT SELECTION OF ABOVE, UNDER EACH HEADING, FOR FULL MARKS]</p>
	<p>(b) $\underline{A} = (3x-2y)\underline{i} + x^2z\underline{j} + (1-2z)\underline{k} \equiv A_x\underline{i} + A_y\underline{j} + A_z\underline{k}$</p> <p>(i) $\nabla \cdot \underline{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(3x-2y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(1-2z)$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$= 3 + 0 - 2 = 1$</p> <p>(ii) $\nabla \times \underline{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \underline{i} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} - \underline{j} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_z \end{vmatrix} + \underline{k} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ A_x & A_y \end{vmatrix}$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$= \underline{i} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(1-2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(x^2z) \right] - \underline{j} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(1-2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(3x-2y) \right] + \underline{k} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2z) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3x-2y) \right]$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$= \underline{i} \left[0 - x^2 \right] - \underline{j} \left[0 - 0 \right] + \underline{k} \left[2xz - (-2) \right]$</p>

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14	$= -x^2 \hat{i} + 2(xz+1) \hat{k}$ <p>For this circular region, $z=0$</p> $\therefore \vec{A} \rightarrow (3x-2y) \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} + (1-2z) \hat{k}$ <p>ie. $\vec{A} = (3x-2y) \hat{i} + \hat{k}$</p> <p>$\hat{n}$ in +ve z-direction \Rightarrow unit vector, $\hat{n} = \hat{k}$</p> <p>ie. $d\vec{S} = \hat{n} dS = \hat{k} dS$ (vector area element)</p> $\vec{A} = (3x-2y) \hat{i} + \hat{k} ; d\vec{S} = \hat{k} dS$ <p>For $\int \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \pi a^2$,</p> <p>from $\vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = [(3x-2y) \hat{i} + \hat{k}] \cdot \hat{k} dS$</p> $= (3x-2y) \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} dS + \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} dS$ $= dS \quad (\text{since } \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = 0 \text{ and } \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1)$ <p>Then, $\int \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int dS = \pi a^2$ (area of the circular disk)</p>
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14	<p>(a)</p> $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ sign table} = \begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$ <p>Signed Minors (cofactors):</p> $A_{11} = + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 7, \quad A_{12} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -(-2+12) = 10, \quad A_{13} = + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1-8 = -7,$ $A_{21} = - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -(-4-2) = 6, \quad A_{22} = + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2, \quad A_{23} = - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -(-3-8) = 11,$ $A_{31} = + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad A_{32} = - \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -(-9-2) = 11, \quad A_{33} = + \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 8.$ <p>→ Matrix of cofactors (signed minors) = $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 10 & -7 \\ 6 & -2 & 11 \\ 0 & 11 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = C$</p> <p>Determinant: $\det A = 3A_{11} - 2A_{12} + 2A_{13}$ (along row 1) $= 21 + 20 - 14 = 27.$</p> <p>Inverse: $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} C^T = \frac{1}{27} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 6 & 0 \\ -10 & -2 & 11 \\ -7 & 11 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ (C^T is the transpose of C)</p> <p>(b)</p> $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}; \text{ Eigenvalues are given by } \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ <p>where $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$</p> $= (1-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 8$ $= 3 - 3\lambda - \lambda + \lambda^2 - 8$ $= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5$ <p>$A - \lambda I = 0$ thus gives $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5 = 0$</p> <p>Solution by inspection: $\left. \begin{matrix} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 4 \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = -5 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 5.$</p>

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	<p>Let eigenvectors be $\underline{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\underline{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$.</p> <p>These satisfy $\begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.</p> <p>$\lambda_1 = -1$ $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $2x_1 + 2y_1 = 0$ i.e. $x_1 = -y_1$ $4x_1 + 4y_1 = 0$</p> <p>$\therefore \underline{x}_1 = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, α undetermined scalar.</p> <p>EITHER OK</p> <p>$\lambda_2 = 5$ $\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i.e. $-4x_2 + 2y_2 = 0$ i.e. $2x_2 = y_2$ $4x_2 - 2y_2 = 0$</p> <p>$\therefore \underline{x}_2 = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, β an undetermined scalar.</p>
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a)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{\tau} = Ae^{i\Omega t}$$

$$(\tau = T; \Omega = \omega)$$

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driving
term

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where τ, A, Ω are
constants.

Solⁿ We have $\frac{dx}{dt} + P(t)x = Q(t)$

where $P(t) = \frac{1}{\tau}$ and $Q(t) = Ae^{i\Omega t}$.

Integrating factor is $e^{\int P(t)dt} = e^{\frac{1}{\tau} \int dt} = e^{t/\tau}$

Multiply to get $e^{t/\tau} \frac{dx}{dt} + e^{t/\tau} \frac{x}{\tau} = e^{t/\tau} Ae^{i\Omega t}$

i.e. $\frac{d}{dt} [e^{t/\tau} \cdot x] = e^{t/\tau} Ae^{i\Omega t} = Ae^{(i\Omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t}$

Integrate: $\int_0^t \frac{d}{dt} [e^{t/\tau} \cdot x] dt = \int_0^t Ae^{(i\Omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t} dt$

i.e. $e^{t/\tau} \cdot x(t) - x(0) = A \left[\frac{1}{(i\Omega + \frac{1}{\tau})} e^{(i\Omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t} \right]_0^t$
 $= \frac{A}{(i\Omega + \frac{1}{\tau})} [e^{(i\Omega + \frac{1}{\tau})t} - 1]$

Divide by
integrating
factor

$$x(t) = x(0)e^{-t/\tau} + B(e^{i\Omega t} - e^{-t/\tau}), \quad B = \frac{A}{i\Omega + \frac{1}{\tau}}$$

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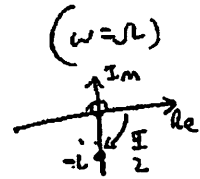
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• Terms involving $e^{-t/\tau}$ decay to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$: transient

• leaves long-term steady-state components $x(t) \rightarrow Be^{i\omega t}$

$$B = \frac{A}{(i\omega + \frac{1}{\tau})} \rightarrow \frac{B}{i\omega} = \frac{iA}{i \cdot i\omega} = -i \frac{A}{\omega} = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{A}{\omega}$$



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$\therefore x(t) \rightarrow \frac{A}{\omega} e^{i(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})}$: 90° out of phase with driving term

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + u$$

Set $u = X(x)Y(y)$ and substitute: $Y \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = 2XY \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + XY$

i.e. $\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} = \frac{2}{Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + 1$ (dividing by XY)

i.e. $\frac{1}{X} \frac{dX}{dx} = c$

$\int \frac{dX}{X} = c \int dx$

i.e. $\ln X = cx + A$, $X = e^{cx+A}$

and $\frac{2}{Y} \frac{dY}{dy} + 1 = c$ ($c = \text{separation constant}$)

$2 \int \frac{dY}{Y} = (c-1) \int dy$

i.e. $2 \ln Y = (c-1)y + B'$

i.e. $\ln Y = \frac{(c-1)}{2}y + B''$

i.e. $Y = e^{\frac{(c-1)}{2}y + B''}$

A solution is $u = XY = e^{cx+A} e^{\frac{(c-1)}{2}y + B''} = e^{cx + \frac{(c-1)}{2}y} e^{A+B''}$

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i.e. $u = ke^{(c+\frac{1}{2})y - \frac{1}{2}y}$; where $k = e^{A+B''}$