

The tests are cumulative. This guide gives some sample questions for Sections 7.1–7.9, 10.1. Doing these problems does not replace doing homework problems.

1. (Expect a question taken from a previous test.)
2. Determine whether each of the following statements is True or False.
Correct answers are worth +3, incorrect answers are worth –2, and no answer is worth +1.
Assume that the orders of the matrices are compatible so that they can be added or multiplied.
 - (a) True False If \mathbf{A} is square, then $\mathbf{A}e^{\mathbf{A}} = e^{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{A}$.
 - (b) True False If \mathbf{A} is square, then $e^{(\mathbf{A}^2)} = (e^{\mathbf{A}})^2$.
 - (c) True False If $\mathbf{A}(t)$ is square then $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}(t))^2 = (\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{A}(t))\mathbf{A}(t) + \mathbf{A}(t)(\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{A}(t))$.
 - (d) True False If $\mathbf{A}(t)$ is square then $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A}(t))^2 = 2\mathbf{A}(t)(\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{A}(t))$.
 - (e) True False If \mathbf{A} is square and \mathbf{B} is invertible, then $(e^{\mathbf{A}t}\mathbf{B})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}e^{-\mathbf{A}t}$.
 - (f) True False If \mathbf{A} is square, then $e^{\mathbf{A}}e^{\mathbf{A}} = e^{2\mathbf{A}}$.
 - (g) True False [others based on $e^{\mathbf{A}}$ properties in Section 7.8]
 - (h) True False [others based on derivative properties in section 7.9]
3. You are trying to compute $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ for a particular matrix \mathbf{A} that has real entries but complex eigenvalues. You get complex-looking coefficients but want them to look real. Use Euler's relations to write the following coefficients without complex numbers:

$$(a) a_1 = \frac{e^{3t+\sqrt{15}ti} - e^{3t-\sqrt{15}ti}}{\sqrt{15}ti} =$$

$$(b) a_0 = \frac{e^{3t+\sqrt{15}ti} + e^{3t-\sqrt{15}ti}}{4} =$$

4. State the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem.

5. The characteristic polynomial of $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is $p(\lambda) = -\lambda^3 + 4x^2 - 5x + 2$. Use the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem to compute \mathbf{A}^{-1} . (Do not compute \mathbf{A}^{-1} by another method.)

6. The matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 4$.

(a) Compute $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$.

(b) Compute $\frac{d}{dt}e^{\mathbf{A}t}$.

7. The matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalue $\lambda = 3$ with multiplicity 2. Compute $e^{\mathbf{A}}$.

8. For the vectors $\mathbf{x} = [1 \ 2 \ -3]^T$ and $\mathbf{y} = [5 \ -2 \ -3]^T$:

(a) Compute $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$.

(b) Normalize \mathbf{x} .

9. You did an experiment and collected the data

i	1	2	3	4	5
x_i	0	.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
y_i	0	.19	.26	.29	.31

. You decide to use a polynomial $p(x)$ to interpolate the data, so it should have $p(x_i) = y_i$ for each i . Set up a linear system to determine the coefficients of $p(x)$ and write it as an augmented matrix. (Do not solve the system.)