

Chapter 5.1 and 7.1 and 7.2 and 7.3
Linear Algebra with applications to differential equations
College of the Atlantic. Winter 2019

1. (Re)introduce yourself to your partners. We finally got a real snowstorm, eh? Only took until March.
2. Consider the differential equation

$$y'' - 5y' - 14y = 0. \tag{1}$$

- (a) Find two solutions to the differential equation.
 - (b) Calculate the Wronskian of the two solutions you found.
 - (c) Find the solution to the differential equation that has $y(0) = 2$ and $y'(0) = 4$.
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3. Consider the first-order system:

$$x'_1 = 4x_1 - 3x_2, \tag{2}$$

$$x'_2 = 6x_1 - 7x_2. \tag{3}$$

- (a) Check to see which of the following vector functions $x(t)$ are solutions to the system:

$$\vec{x}_a = \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{2t} \\ 2e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}_b = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-5t} \\ 3e^{-5t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}_c = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{4t} \\ 3e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4}$$

- (b) Find the solution to the system that satisfies

$$\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}'(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{5}$$

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4. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the matrix A :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{6}$$

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5. Find the general solution to the following linear system:

$$x'_1 = 4x_1 + 2x_2, \tag{7}$$

$$x'_2 = 3x_1 - x_2. \tag{8}$$