

**MATH 172**    **Fall, 2007**    **Exam #3**    **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

There are 100 points. **For full credit you must show your work.** Recall that an affine discrete dynamic model  $Q(t+1) = aQ(t) + b$  has an explicit solution  $Q(t) = Ca^t + Q^*$ , where  $Q^*$  is the equilibrium value, and  $C$  can be determined from the initial condition.

1. (15 points) We are given a discrete model  $P(n+1) = (-0.9)P(n) + 95$  with  $P(0) = 70$ .

a. Find the explicit solution for  $P(n)$ .

b. What happens to  $P(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ? Does it increase, decrease, oscillate, tend towards or away from the equilibrium? Conclude whether the equilibrium is stable or not.

2. (15 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 6 \\ 9 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine which one of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  is an eigenvector for  $A$ , and find the corresponding eigenvalue.

3. (7 points) Compute the sum of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (5/2)(-2/3)^n$  or state that no sum exists; and explain why or why not.

4. (14 points) Compute the equilibrium point  $(E, F)$  of the dynamical system

$$\begin{aligned}u_n &= 3u_{n-1} - 2v_{n-1} - 4 \\v_n &= 5u_{n-1} - 3v_{n-1} - 28\end{aligned}$$

5. (12 points) A matrix  $M$  has eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ . These go with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1.04$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0.8$ , respectively. We have  $\mathbf{P}_0 = \mathbf{v}_1 + 5\mathbf{v}_2$ .

a. Compute  $\mathbf{P}_1 = M\mathbf{P}_0$ . You may leave the symbols  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  in your answer.

b. Compute  $\mathbf{P}_2 = M^2\mathbf{P}_0$ . You may leave the symbols  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  in your answer.

6. (12 points) Sketch, on the same graph,  $P$  as a function of  $t$  if  $\frac{dP}{dt} = rP(1 - \frac{P}{20})$ . Label your graphs with a, b, c.
- if  $r = 0.6$  and  $P(0) = 30$
  - if  $r = 0.6$  and  $P(0) = 2$
  - if  $r = 0.3$  and  $P(0) = 2$

7. (25 points) A population consists of 0 to 3 year olds: newborns ( $N_t$ ), juveniles ( $J_t$ ), subadults ( $S_t$ ), and mature adults ( $M_t$ ).
- In each time period an individual either dies or survives and moves into the next age group.* Set up the Leslie or population transition matrix  $A$  to express the following data. Newborns have a mortality rate of 80% over the first year. Juveniles have a survival rate of 60%, and subadults have a survival rate of 90%. Subadults produce 1 newborn on average each year; mature adults produce 10, and die after reproduction.

- The initial population vector is  $\mathbf{P}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 0 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$ .

- c. Now suppose these groups represent stages of development. Modify the matrix  $A$  to give a Lefkowitz matrix  $B$  in which the fecundities (reproduction of newborns) are as before, the survival of newborns to become juveniles remains the same, and 25% of juveniles survive as juveniles, while 35% grow into subadults. Subadults remain subadults with a 75% chance and grow into mature adults with a 15% chance. Mature adults survive with a 90% chance.

- d. The dominant eigenvalue for  $A$  is  $\lambda = 1.048$ , which goes with an eigenvector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 386 \\ 74 \\ 42 \\ 36 \end{bmatrix}$ . We find that  $\mathbf{P}_{30} = \begin{bmatrix} 221.5 \\ 30.3 \\ 27.2 \\ 15.7 \end{bmatrix}$  (total 294.7).  
Has the population reached its stable age distribution? Explain.

- e. The dominant eigenvalue for  $B$  is 1.172 and the total population at  $t = 30$  is 5117. Why, in real life terms, should these values be larger than the corresponding ones for  $A$ ?

8. (8 Bonus points) In a predator-prey continuous model system, the prey (“rabbits”) population  $R(t)$ , measured in hundreds, grows with a per capita rate of  $0.16 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  in the absence of predators (“foxes”). The net growth rate is reduced by predation: each possible rabbit-fox interaction results on average in the loss of 0.8 rabbits (they don’t all interact, and it isn’t always fatal if they do). Model this with a mass action interaction with a coefficient of 0.8 and an appropriate plus or minus sign. The fox population  $F(t)$ , measured in tens, declines at a per capita rate of  $0.25 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  in the absence of rabbits. The net growth rate, however, is increased by predation: each fox-rabbit interaction increases the fox population on average by 0.1 (in other words it takes consumption of 10 rabbits to produce one fox).
- Write the model equations for this system.
  - One equilibrium is of course  $R = 0 = F$ . Find another one.