

**Problem 1:** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 & 6 \\ 16 & 6 & 32 \\ 4 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Solve  $Ax = 0$  and write down a basis for the null space.  
(10 points)

b) What is the nullity of  $A$ ? (3 points)

c) What is the rank of  $A$ ? (3 points)

d) Does the inverse of  $A$  exist? Why or why not? (4 points)

**Problem 2:** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of  $A$ .  
(8 points)

- b) Diagonalize  $A$ , that is find  $P$  and  $D$  such that  $D$  is diagonal, and  $P^{-1}AP = D$ . (7 points)

- c) Calculate  $P^{-1}$ . (5 points)

**Problem 3:** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) Is the matrix  $A$  orthogonal? Give a reason for your answer.  
(8 points)
- b) What do you know about the eigenvalues of  $A$  from your answer in part a)? (4 points)
- c) Calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ . (8 points)

**Problem 4:** Consider the second order differential equation

$$y'' + 25y = 0$$

- a) Convert the equation to a system of first-order differential equations. *(5 points)*
- b) Calculate the general solution of the system found in part a). In case your answer is complex, write down a real general solution. *(7 points)*
- c) What kind of critical point is the origin? Is it stable or unstable? *(4 points)*
- d) Draw a qualitative phase portrait for the vicinity of the origin. *(4 points)*

**Problem 5:** Consider the system of equations

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = -y_1 + y_2 + y_1y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = -y_1 - y_2$$

- a) Find the critical points of the system. *(5 points)*
- b) In the same order as they are listed in part a), tell if the critical points are nodes, saddle points, centers or spiral points. *(8 points)*
- c) In the same order as they are listed in part a), tell if the critical points are stable, stable and attractive or unstable. Give a reason for your answer in each case. *(7 points)*