

# California State University – Los Angeles

## Mathematics

### Masters Degree Comprehensive Examination

Linear Analysis      Fall 2014  
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Do five of the following seven problems.  
If you attempt more than 5, the best 5 will be used.  
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- (1) Please write in a fairly soft pencil (number 2) (or in ink if you wish) so that your work will duplicate well. There should be a supply available.
- (2) Write on one side of the paper only
- (3) Begin each problem on a new page
- (4) Assemble the problems you hand in in numerical order

Exams are being graded anonymously, so put your name only where directed and follow any instructions concerning identification code numbers.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS FACTS

$$\sin(a + b) = \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b$$

$$\cos(a + b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b$$

$$2 \sin a \sin b = \cos(a - b) - \cos(a + b)$$

$$2 \cos a \cos b = \cos(a - b) + \cos(a + b)$$

$$2 \sin a \cos b = \sin(a + b) + \sin(a - b)$$

$$2 \cos a \sin b = \sin(a + b) - \sin(a - b)$$

$$\int \sin^2(ax) dx = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{4a} \sin(2ax)$$

$$\int \cos^2(ax) dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4a} \sin(2ax)$$

$$\int e^{ax} \sin bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}(a \sin bx - b \cos bx)}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\int e^{ax} \cos bx dx = \frac{e^{ax}(a \cos bx + b \sin bx)}{a^2 + b^2}$$

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**Fall 2014 # 1.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the  $2\pi$  periodic function given on  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$  by  $f(x) = 1$  for  $0 \leq x < \pi$  and  $f(x) = 0$  for  $\pi \leq x < 2\pi$ .

- (8pts.) Find the Fourier series for  $f$ . (Either exponential form or trigonometric for, your choice.)
- (4pts.) Give a statement of any form of the Parseval Identity theorem.
- (8pts.) show that

$$1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} + \cdots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}.$$

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**Fall 2014 # 2.** Suppose  $\mathcal{E} = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  is an orthonormal basis for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and that  $T : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is a linear operator with

$$Te_1 = e_2; \quad Te_2 = 2e_3; \quad Te_3 = 3e_4; \quad \text{and } Te_4 = 0.$$

- Find the matrix for  $T$  with respect to the orthonormal basis  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- Show that  $T$  is bounded as a linear operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ . (Do not just quote the theorem that every linear operator on a finite dimensional normed space is bounded.)
- Find the operator norm of  $T$  giving reasons to justify your answer.

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**Fall 2014 # 3.** Let  $P_1$  be the space of all polynomials  $ax + b$  of degree no more than 1 with the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^2 f(t)\overline{g(t)} dt$ . (You may assume this is an inner product.)

- Find a basis for the vector space  $P_1$  which is orthonormal with respect to that inner product.
- Find constants  $a$  and  $b$  which make the quantity  $\int_0^2 |x^3 - ax - b|^2 dx$  as small as possible.

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**Fall 2014 # 4.** For each of the following, determine if it is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Give reasons for your answers. ( $C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  is the space of all continuous real valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  which you may assume is a vector space. You may also assume that  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the usual operations is a vector space.)

- $\mathcal{A} = \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) : f'' \text{ exists and } f''(x) + 3f'(x) + 5f(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
  - $\mathcal{B} = \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) : f'' \text{ exists and } f''(x) + 3f'(x) + 5f(x) = \cos x, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
  - $\mathcal{C}$  = the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  with the operations of matrix addition and scalar multiplication
  - $\mathcal{D}$  = the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  and determinant 0 with the operations of matrix addition and scalar multiplication
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**Fall 2014 # 5.** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $S$  and  $T$  be bounded linear operators on  $H$ . Are the following true or false. If true, prove. If false, explain what's missing or give a counterexample, where appropriate.

- a. (3pts.)  $T$  is self-adjoint  $\Rightarrow T$  is normal.
- b. (3pts.)  $T$  is unitary  $\Rightarrow T$  is normal.
- c. (3pts.)  $T$  is normal  $\Rightarrow T$  is self-adjoint.
- d. (3pts.)  $T$  is normal  $\Rightarrow T$  is unitary.
- e. (4pts.)  $S$  and  $T$  are self-adjoint  $\Rightarrow$  the product  $ST$  is self-adjoint.
- f. (4pts.)  $S$  and  $T$  are unitary  $\Rightarrow$  the product  $ST$  is unitary.

**Fall 2014 # 6.** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Suppose  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is a bounded linear operator such that  $\langle Tf, g \rangle = \langle f, Tg \rangle$  for all  $f$  and  $g$  in  $H$ .

- a. Show that all eigenvalues of  $T$  are real.
- b. Show that eigenvectors of  $T$  corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal with respect to the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

**Fall 2014 # 7.** For each continuous function  $f$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$ , define  $Tf$  on  $[0, 1]$  by  $(Tf)(x) = e^x + \lambda \int_0^x e^{x-t} f(t) dt$

- a. Find a range of values for the parameter  $\lambda$  for which the transformation  $T$  is a contraction with respect to the supremum norm  $\|f\|_\infty = \sup\{|f(t)| : t \in [0, 1]\}$ .
- b. Find a range of values for the parameter  $\lambda$  for which the transformation  $T$  is a contraction with respect to the  $L^2$  norm  $\|f\|_2 = \left(\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt\right)^{1/2}$ .
- c. Describe the iterative process for solving the integral equation  $f(x) = e^x + \lambda \int_0^x e^{x-t} f(t) dt$  specifying the transformation to be iterated and explaining how this leads to a solution. With  $f_0(x) = 0$  for all  $x$  as the starting function, compute the first three iterates,  $f_1(x)$ ,  $f_2(x)$ , and  $f_3(x)$ .

**End of Exam**