

**MATH 425b    SAMPLE MIDTERM EXAM 2**  
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The midterm will again be open book. You can use Rudin, your lecture notes, your homework and solutions, but no other books or published materials.

(1)(25 points) Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $f$  is differentiable at a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $h_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $k_n \rightarrow 0$ . Show that

$$f(x + h_n + k_n) - f(x) = [f(x + h_n) - f(x)] + [f(x + k_n) - f(x)] + o(|h_n| + |k_n|).$$

HINT:  $f(x + h) - f(x)$  can be approximated—by what? Also, any quantity expressed as  $o(|h_n + k_n|)$  can also be expressed as  $o(|h_n| + |k_n|)$ —why?

(2)(25 points) Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $\|A\| < 1$ .

(a) Show that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n$  converges. (Here the convergence of the series is in the matrix norm  $\|B\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{|Bx|}{|x|}$ .) HINT: Show that the partial sums  $S_N = \sum_{n=0}^N A^n$  form a Cauchy sequence.

(b) Show that  $I - A$  is invertible and  $(I - A)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n$ . HINT: Given two matrices, what calculation do you do to show they are inverses of each other?

(3)(25 points) Suppose  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$ ,  $(a, b) \in E$ , and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a  $\mathcal{C}'$  map which satisfies the hypotheses of the Implicit Function Theorem (9.28 p. 224) with  $a = 0$ :  $f(0, b) = 0$  and  $A = f'(0, b)$  has  $A_x$  invertible. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation. Show that provided  $\|T\|$  is sufficiently small (say,  $0 < \|T\| < \epsilon_0$ ), there exist open sets  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  and  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , with  $(0, b) \in U$  and  $b \in W$ , having the following property:

For each  $y \in U$  there is a unique  $x$  such that  $(x, y) \in U$  and  $f(x, y) = T(x)$ .

HINT: For  $T \equiv 0$  this is just the Implicit Function Theorem. The proof is quite short—you don't need to do a proof like the proof of the Implicit Function Theorem. Instead, find a way to USE that theorem, that is, figure out what function to apply it to.

(4)(30 points) Let us associate a  $2 \times 2$  matrix to each vector  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4$  by putting the coordinates in the arrangement  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix}$ . For example,  $(1, 0, 0, 1)$  corresponds to the identity matrix.

We can then define a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  by specifying that the coordinates of  $f(\mathbf{x})$

are the entries of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix}^2$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , in the order shown above. (Don't overlook the square on the matrix here!) For example, the first coordinate of  $f(x)$  is  $x_1^2 + x_2x_3$ .

Use this  $f$  to show that there are neighborhoods  $U, V$  of the identity matrix  $I$  such that for each matrix  $B \in V$  there is a unique matrix  $C \in U$  which is a square root of  $B$ , that is,  $C^2 = B$ , and this  $C$  is a continuously differentiable function of  $B$ .