

A Placement Test

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1. Let $f(x) = e^{-x} - x$. Show that there exists an $x_0 \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x_0) = 0$.
2. Define $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt$ for $x > 0$ and let $\gamma = \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$.
 - (a) Show that $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$, for $x > 0$.
 - (b) Show that $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = 2\gamma$ and find γ .
 - (c) Evaluate $\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})$.
3. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$.
 - (a) Find the characteristic polynomial of matrix A .
 - (b) Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of matrix A .
 - (c) What are the singular values of A ?
 - (d) Can the Cholesky algorithm be applied to decomposing A ? Explain.
4. Evaluate the following integrals:
 - (a) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin(kx)\sin(mx)dx$, where $k, m \geq 1$, $k \neq m$.
 - (b) $\int_0^{2\pi} \cos(kx)\cos(mx)dx$, where $k, m \geq 1$, $k \neq m$.
 - (c) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin(kx)\cos(mx)dx$, where $k, m \geq 1$.
 - (d) $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin(kx)\sin(kx)dx$, where $k \geq 1$.
 - (e) $\int_0^{2\pi} \cos(mx)\cos(mx)dx$, where $m \geq 1$.