

AME 561

Examination 2

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1. (25) Given $x \in \mathcal{R}^1$, $f : \mathcal{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^1$,

$$f(x) = e^x, \quad x \in [0, 3],$$

find the first two terms in a Fourier-Legendre expansion of $f(x)$.
The first two Legendre polynomials are $P_0(s) = 1$, $P_1(s) = s$,
 $s \in [-1, 1]$.

2. (25) Consider the curve on the unit sphere, $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ for
which $y = x^2$. Find the curvature κ and torsion τ of the curve at
the point $(x, y, z) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{11}}{4})$.
3. (25) For $\mathbf{A} : \mathcal{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2$, find the vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^3$ of minimum $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2$
which minimizes $\|\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$ when

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. (25) Find the Jordan decomposition of \mathbf{A} where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

that is find \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{J} such that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{-1}$, where \mathbf{J} is in Jordan
canonical form.