Show all work, including mental steps, in a clearly organized way that speaks for itself. Use proper mathematical notation, identifying expressions by their proper symbols (introducing them if necessary), and use arrows and equal signs when appropriate. Always simplify expressions. BOX final short answers. LABEL parts of problem. Keep answers EXACT (but give decimal approximations for interpretation). Indicate where technology is used and what type (Maple, GC). You may use technology for row reductions and root finding.

1. Express the vector $\langle 3, 2, -2 \rangle$ in terms of the vectors $\{\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 2, 4 \rangle\}$ and then check that the linear combination that you find evaluates to the original vector. Be sure to state clearly all steps in the process.

2. $y''' - 3y'' + 2y' = 0,\quad y(0) = 3, y'(0) = 2, y''(0) = -2$.
a) Find the general solution $y(x)$ of this differential equation by hand.
b) Find the particular solution $y(x)$ which satisfies the initial conditions, by hand.
c) Your solution should have a single local (and global) maximum for some $x > 0$. Make an *appropriately* chosen window to plot your solution and estimate the location of this peak. Then find its (x, y) values exactly using calculus and give accurate approximate numerical values; if you cannot find it exactly, at least find accurate numerical values. Do your numbers look right compared to your plot? Make a completely labeled sketch that conveys this information.

3. It is known that the three functions $\{\cos(x), \cos(3\,x), \cos(x)^3\}$ satisfy a triple angle identity which enables $\cos(3\,x)$ to be expressed in terms of the remaining two powers of $\cos(x)$.
a) Evaluate the Wronskian matrix of these three functions (which form the first row, their derivatives the second row, and their second derivatives the third row), and then evaluate this result at $x = 0$ to obtain a matrix A.
b) Find the general solution of the linear system $A\,x = 0$ for the coefficients $x = \langle x1, x2, x3 \rangle$ of a linear relationship among these three functions.
c) Use it to express $\cos(3\,x)$ in terms of the other two functions.
d) Check that it actually holds for $x = \pi/6$ where you know the exact values of these functions.

Optional Bonus:
If you finish early and are sure of all of your work, and have checked it with Maple, answer the question:
Am I enjoying this course? :-) Have I sought out help if I am not getting it? :-(If not, why not?

► solution

▼ pledge

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