

Question 1 (Second Order Linear Differential Equations). Find the general solution $y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of

$$y'' + 4y' + 5y = 325e^t \sin 3t + t^2 - 2. \quad (1)$$

You will be given points for the following:

- [8 pts] Finding the general solution of the homogeneous equation $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$.
- [7 pts] Finding a particular solution to $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 325e^t \sin 3t$.
- [7 pts] Finding a particular solution to $y'' + 4y' + 5y = t^2 - 2$.
- [3 pts] Writing down the general solution of (1).

$$y'' + 4y' + 5y = 325e^t \sin 3t + t^2 - 2. \quad (1)$$

Therefore, the general solution of (1) is

$y(t) =$

Question 2 (Reduction of Order).

(a) [2 pts] Consider

$$(x - 1) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0, \quad x > 1. \quad (2)$$

Show that $y_1(x) = e^x$ is a solution of (2).

(b) [15 points] Using the method of reduction of order, find a second solution $y_2(x)$ of (2).

[HINT: Write $y_2(x) = v(x)y_1(x)$. Note that $\frac{x-2}{x-1} = 1 - \frac{1}{x-1}$ and $\int \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \log|x-1| + \text{constant}$.]

(c) [4 pts] Show that y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent.

(d) [4 pts] Solve

$$\begin{cases} (x-1)y'' - xy' + y = 0, & x > 1 \\ y(2) = 100 \\ y'(2) = 50. \end{cases}$$

Question 3 (Separable Equations). Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y - 4x}{x - y}. \quad (3)$$

(a) [2 pts] Show that this differential equation can be rewritten as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - 4}{1 - \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}. \quad (4)$$

(b) [2 pts] Let $v(x)$ be a new variable such that $v = y/x$ or $y(x) = xv(x)$. Differentiate $y = xv$ to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x , v , and $\frac{dv}{dx}$.

(c) [5 pts] By using (4), $y = xv$ and your answer to (b), show that

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 - 4}{1 - v}.$$

(d) [12 pts] The equation

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 - 4}{1 - v}.$$

is a separable differential equation. Solve this equation.

[HINT: $\frac{1-t}{t^2-4} = \frac{A}{(t-2)} + \frac{B}{(t+2)}$ for some $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$, and $\int \frac{1}{t+k} dt = \log|t+k| + \text{constant}$. You do not need to find an explicit solution; an implicit solution is good enough.]

(e) [4 pts] Now use $y(x) = xv(x)$ to find the solution of (3).

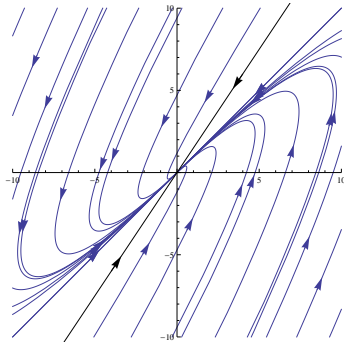
Question 4 (Systems of Equations).

(a) [11 pts] Solve

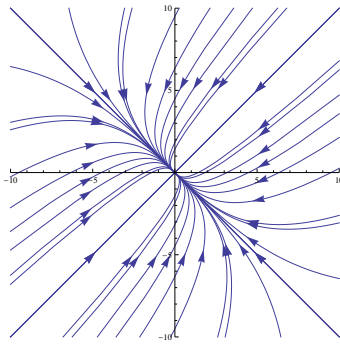
$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) [2 pts] How does the solution behave as $t \rightarrow \infty$?

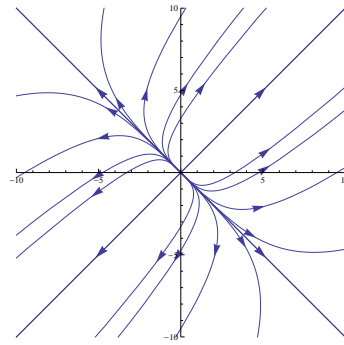
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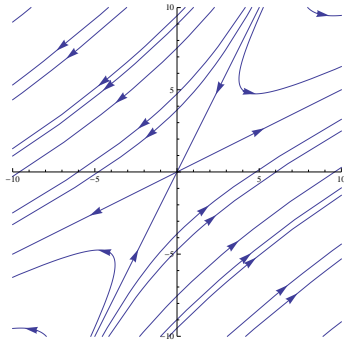
(i) Stable node



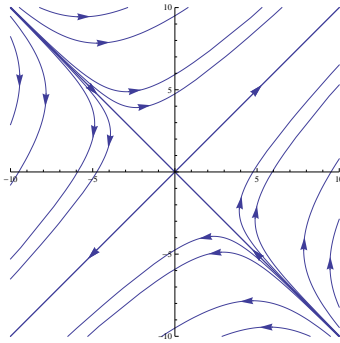
(ii) Stable node



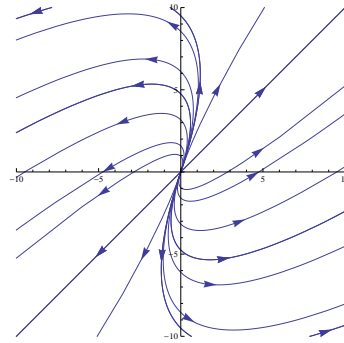
(iii) Unstable node



(iv) Saddle



(v) Saddle



(vi) Unstable node

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues of A are $r_1 = -1$ and $r_2 = 2$. The corresponding eigenvectors are $\xi^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\xi^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ respectively.

(c) [2p] Which of the graphs (above) is the phase plot of the equation $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$?

[Mark only one box.]

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(d) [10p] Justify (explain) your answer to part (c).

Question 5 (Convergence of Euler's Method). Consider the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y' = 1 - t + y \\ y(t_0) = y_0. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

(a) [3p] Show that the solution of (5) is

$$y = \phi(t) = (y_0 - t_0)e^{(t-t_0)} + t.$$

[HINT: Don't forget to check that this satisfies the initial condition as well as the differential equation.]

Recall that Euler's formula for the numerical approximation of the first order differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$ is

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + f_n h$$

where $t_{n+1} = t_n + h$ and $f_n = f(t_n, y_n)$.

(b) [2p] Using Euler's formula and (5), show that

$$y_k = (1 + h)y_{k-1} + h - ht_{k-1}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

[HINT: Our f is, of course, $f(t, y) = 1 - t + y$.]

$$y_k = (1 + h)y_{k-1} + h - ht_{k-1}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(c) [2p] Show that

$$y_1 = (1 + h)(y_0 - t_0) + t_1.$$

(d) [9p] Use *proof by induction* to show that

$$y_n = (1 + h)^n(y_0 - t_0) + t_n \tag{6}$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(e) [9p] Now let $t > t_0$ be fixed. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, choose $h = h(n) = \frac{t-t_0}{n}$. Note that $t_n = t_0 + nh = t_0 + n \left(\frac{t-t_0}{n}\right) = t$ for all n . Note also that $h \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Use (6) to show that $y_n \rightarrow \phi(t)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

[HINT: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^n = e^a$.]