

Math 23 Spring 2012  
Differential Equations  
Second Midterm Exam  
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Problem	Points	Score
1	36	
2	18	
3	11	
4	15	
5	15	
6	5	
Total	100	

1. (36 points) For each of the following, you are given the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ . You are to:

- Write down the general solution of the system  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- Indicate which of the phase portraits shown below is the correct phase portrait of the system.

(a)  $A$  has eigenvalues 3 and -1 and corresponding eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

General solution:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}$$

Phase portrait:  $\begin{pmatrix} \circ & \circ \\ | & | \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $A$  has eigenvalues 3 and 1 and corresponding eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

General solution:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

Phase portrait:  $\begin{pmatrix} \circ & \circ & \circ \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$

- (c)  $A$  has eigenvalues  $2i$  and  $-2i$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 General solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1+i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} [\cos 2t + i \sin 2t]$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2t - \sin 2t \\ \cos 2t \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} \sin 2t + \cos 2t \\ \sin 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

Real                      imag

$$\bar{X} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2t - \sin 2t \\ \cos 2t \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} \sin 2t + \cos 2t \\ \sin 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

Phase portrait:  $(iv)$

(d)  $A$  has eigenvalues  $1 + 2i$  and  $1 - 2i$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

General solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1+i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (\cos 2t + i \sin 2t) \\
 & = e^t \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2t - \sin 2t \\ \cos 2t \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2t + \sin 2t \\ \sin 2t \end{pmatrix} \right] \\
 \bar{X}(t) & = c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2t - \sin 2t \\ \cos 2t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2t + \sin 2t \\ \sin 2t \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Phase portrait:  $\begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ i \end{pmatrix}$

2. (15 + 3 points)

(a) Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$x' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} x \quad x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Note: you should get an eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity two. If not, please go back and redo your computation of the eigenvalues before proceeding with the rest of the problem.)

1st compute eigenvalues

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-1-\lambda)(-3-\lambda) + 1 \\ = \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + \lambda + 3 + 1 \\ = \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 = (\lambda + 2)^2 = 0$$

$\rightarrow \lambda = -2$  is an eigenvalue w/ multiplicity 2.

Now eigenvectors.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1-(-2) & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3-(-2) & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$\bar{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now Generalized eigenvector  $\bar{y} = t e^{-2t} (A - \lambda I) \bar{y} = \bar{w}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \bar{y}_1 = \bar{y}_2 = 1 \quad \text{let } \bar{y}_2 = 0 \rightarrow \bar{y}_1 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution is  $\bar{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t e^{-2t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \right]$

(b) What happens to the solution as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?

$$\bar{x}(0) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow c_1 = 1 \\ c_2 = 3 - c_1 = 2$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{x}(t) = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^{-2t}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \bar{x}(t) = \bar{0}$$

3. (11 points)

(a) Find a real number  $\alpha$  so that the three vectors given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

are linearly dependent.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 3 & 4 & \alpha \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & \alpha \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 3 & \alpha \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \alpha + 16 - 2(2\alpha + 12) + 8 - 3 = \alpha - 4\alpha + 16 - 24 + 5$$

$$= -3\alpha + 16 - 24 + 5 = -3\alpha - 3 \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \text{ when } \alpha = -1$$

(b) Find a linear relation among the three vectors in part (a), where  $\alpha$  is the real number that you found in part (a). (Note: if you need extra space, please use the back of the page or the extra paper and note where the additional work is located.)

Goal: Find  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  st

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 - 6 \\ 1 - 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 - 4 = -3 \\ -4 - 2 = -6 \\ 4 - 3 = 1 \\ -1 - 3 = -2 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\textcircled{2} = \textcircled{2} - 2\textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} = \textcircled{3} - 3\textcircled{1}}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\textcircled{2} = -\frac{1}{3}\textcircled{2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} = \textcircled{3} + 2\textcircled{2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow c_2 = -2c_3 \quad c_1 = 7c_2 - c_3 \quad \text{let } c_3 = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_2 = -2 \\ c_1 = 4 - 1 \\ \quad = 3 \end{array} \rightarrow 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

4. (15 points) Find the first four terms (i.e., up through and including the  $x^3$  term) in the general power series solution about  $x_0 = 0$  for the differential equation:

$$y'' + x^2y' + y = 0.$$

(Your solution will involve two arbitrary constants.)

Solution is on next page



Guess the solution is

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

Plug into DE

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + x^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0$$

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 $m=n-2$   $m=n+1$   $m=n$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (m+2)(m+1) a_{m+2} x^m + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m-1) a_{m-1} x^m + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^m = 0$$

take out  $m=0, m=1$  terms from 1st, 2nd series

$$2a_2 + a_0 + [3a_3 + a_1]x + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} [(m+2)(m+1)a_{m+2} + (m-1)a_{m-1} + a_m] x^m = 0$$

$$\rightarrow 2a_2 + a_0 = 0 \quad \rightarrow a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow 3a_3 + a_1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow a_3 = -\frac{a_1}{3}$$

$$(m+2)(m+1)a_{m+2} + (m+1)a_{m+1} + a_m = 0$$

$$a_{m+2} = - \left[ \frac{(m+1)a_{m+1} + a_m}{(m+2)(m+1)} \right]$$

Need 1<sup>st</sup> 4 terms.

$$y(x) = a_0 + a_1 x - \frac{a_0}{2} x^2 + \frac{-a_1}{6} x^3 + \dots$$

5. (15 points) Find the terms up through degree four (i.e., up through and including  $a_4x^4$ )

in a power series solution  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  for the initial value problem:

$$y'' + \cos(x)y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \quad y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$(\cos x)(y) = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots\right) (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + \dots)$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + \left(a_2 - \frac{1}{2}a_0\right)x^2 + \dots$$

$$y'' + \cos(x)y = 0$$

$$\left(2a_2 + 6a_3 x + 12a_4 x^2 + \dots\right) + a_0 + a_1 x + \left(a_2 - \frac{1}{2}a_0\right)x^2 + \dots = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow a_0 = 1 \quad y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = 0$$

$$\left(2a_2 + 6a_3 x + 12a_4 x^2 + \dots\right) + \left[1 + \left(a_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)x^2 + \dots\right] = 0$$

$$2a_2 + 1 = 0 \quad a_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \quad 12a_4 + a_2 - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$6a_3 + 0 = 0 \quad a_3 = 0 \quad 12a_4 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$y = 1 - \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{12} x^4 + \dots$$

Method 2

$$y'' = (-\cos x) y$$

$$y''(0) = -1 y(0) = -1$$

$$y''' = (\sin x) y - \cos x y'$$

$$y'''(0) = 0$$

$$y^{(4)} = (\cos x) y + (\sin x) y' + (\sin x) y' - (\cos x) y''$$

$$y^{(4)}(0) = 1 - y''(0) = 1 - (-1) = 2$$

$$a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 0 \quad a_2 = \frac{y''(0)}{2!} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_3 = 0 \quad a_4 = \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{4!} = \frac{2}{24} = \frac{1}{12}$$

6. (5 points) Determine a lower bound for the radius of convergence of power series solutions about the point  $x_0 = 0$  for the differential equation

$$(1 + 4t^4)y'' + y' + y = 0.$$

Rewrite  $y'' + \frac{1}{1+4t^4}y' + \frac{1}{1+4t^4}y = 0$   
By Thm 5.3.1, the radius of convergence for the series solution is at least as large as the radius of convergence for the series representation of  $\frac{1}{1+4t^4}$

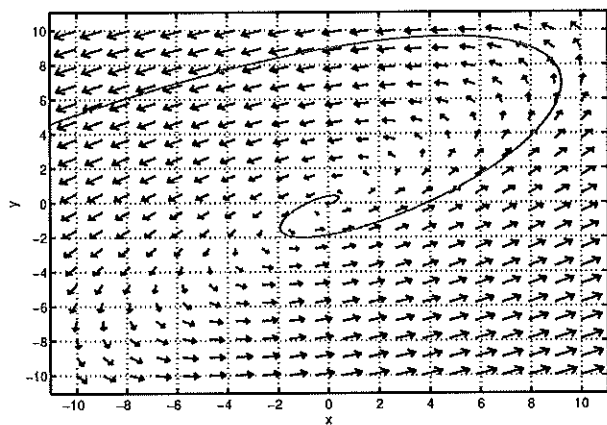
$$\text{Well } \frac{1}{1+4t^4} = \frac{1}{1-(-4t^4)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-4t^4)^n \quad (\text{Geometric series})$$

This converges for  $|4t^4| < 1$

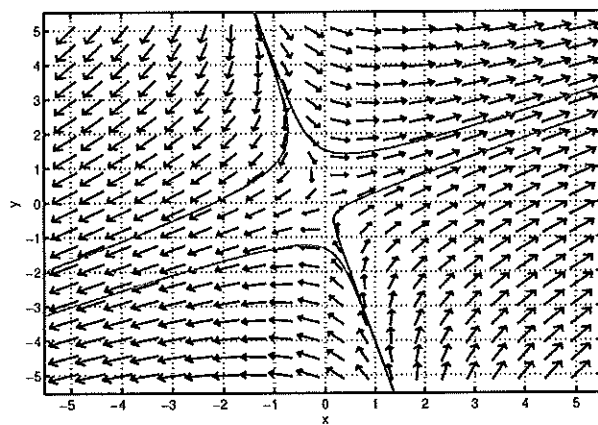
$$\Rightarrow |t|^4 < \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow |t| < \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{1/4}$$

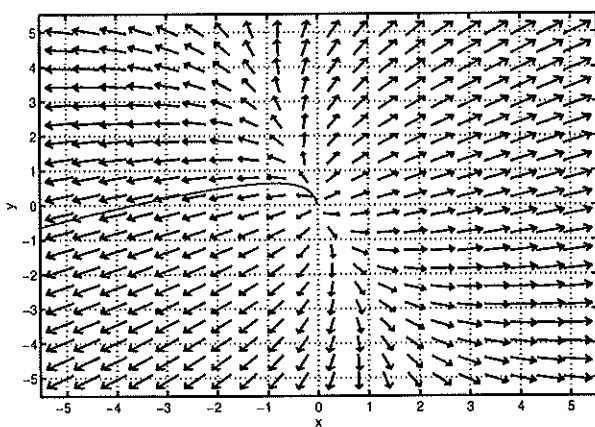
$\Rightarrow$  The min radius of convergence is  $\rho = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{1/4}$ .



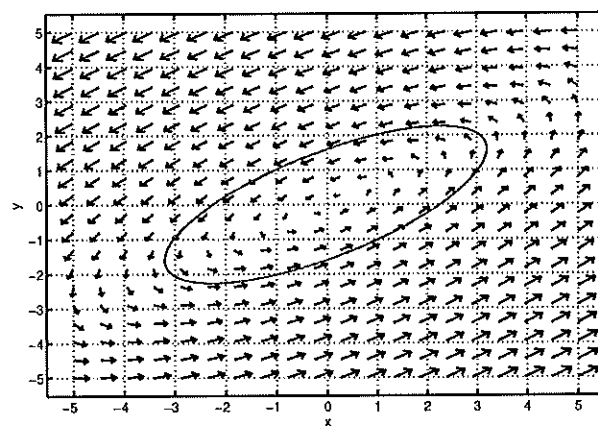
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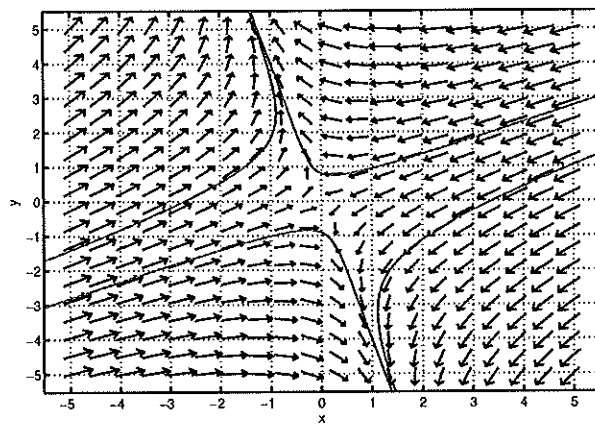
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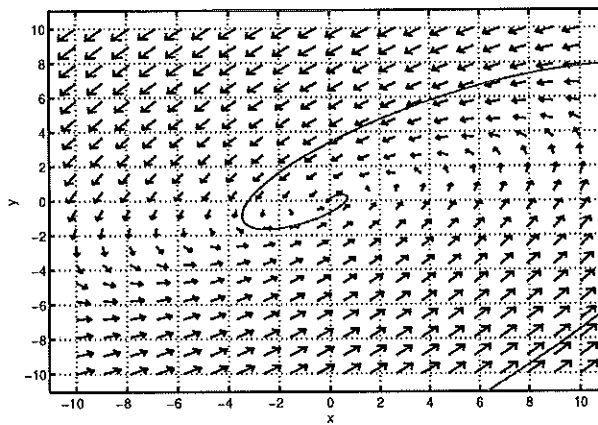
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