

(1) (10 pts) Consider the initial value problem  $y' = e^y$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ .

(a) Use Euler's method with step size  $h = 0.5$  to approximate  $y(1.5)$ .

$$y(t+h) \approx y(t) + y'(t) \cdot h$$

$$\text{so } y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \approx y(0) + y'(0) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0 + e^0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y(1) \approx y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + y'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{1/2}$$

$$y(1.5) \approx y(1) + y'(1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{1+1/2}$$

(b) Solve the IVP analytically.

Separate variables:  $e^{-y} dy = dt$

integrate  $-e^{-y} = t + C$

$$e^{-y} = d - t$$

$$-y = \ln(d-t) : \text{must have } d-t > 0$$

$$y = -\ln(d-t)$$

Since  $y(0) = 0 = -\ln(d-0)$ ,  $d = 1$ .

$$\text{So } y = -\ln(1-t) : \text{exists only for } t < 1$$

(c) How do you account for the discrepancy between your analytic solution from part (b) solution and your approximation in part (a)?

The real solution blows up at  $t=1$ . The slope  $y'$  is increasing too fast for Euler's method (which assumes that  $y'$  stays roughly constant) to give a reasonable approximation.

(2) Consider the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} tx + ty + 1 - t^2 \\ 2tx - 2t^2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (*)$$

(a) Show that both  $\mathbf{Y}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t + e^{t^2} \\ e^{t^2} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are solutions of (\*).

$$\mathbf{Y}_1'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2te^{t^2} \\ 2te^{t^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t^2 + te^{t^2} + te^{t^2} + 1 - t^2 \\ 2t^2 + 2te^{t^2} - 2t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} tx + ty + 1 - t^2 \\ 2tx - 2t^2 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_2'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t^2 + t \cdot 0 + 1 - t^2 \\ 2t^2 - 2t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} tx + ty + 1 - t^2 \\ 2tx - 2t^2 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

(b) Show that  $\mathbf{Y}_3(t) = e^{-t^2/2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution of the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} tx + ty \\ 2tx \end{pmatrix}. \quad (**)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_3'(t) = -t e^{-t^2/2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)t + 2t \\ 2(-1)t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} tx + ty \\ 2tx \end{pmatrix} \checkmark$$

(c) Find the solution  $\mathbf{Y}_0(t)$  of (\*\*) satisfying the initial condition  $\mathbf{Y}_0(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$\mathbf{Y}_1 - \mathbf{Y}_3 = e^{t^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a soln of (\*\*), the homogeneous eqn, associated to (\*). So  $e^{t^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + e^{-t^2/2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  form a basis for the solns of (\*\*). Plus in the initial condition, & get

$$\mathbf{Y}_0(t) = e^{t^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - e^{-t^2/2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) Solve the initial value problem

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + 2ty \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(HINT: The system partially decouples.)

First, solve for  $y$ :  $y' = dy$ , so  $y = Ce^{2t}$

$$\text{Now, } x: \quad x' = x + 2ty = x + 2Cte^{2t}$$

$$x' - x = 2Cte^{2t} \quad \text{integrating factor: } \mu(t) = e^{-t}$$

$$x'e^{-t} - xe^{-t} = 2Cte^t$$

$$(xe^{-t})' = 2Cte^t \quad \text{integrate both sides}$$

$$xe^{-t} = 2Cte^t - 2Ce^t + d$$

$$x = 2Cte^{2t} - 2Ce^{2t} + de^t$$

$$y(0) = 1 = Ce^0 \Rightarrow C = 1$$

$$x(0) = 1 = 2 \cdot 0 e^0 - 2e^0 + de^0$$

$$1 = -2 + d$$

$$3 = d$$

$$\text{So } x(t) = 2te^{2t} - 2e^{2t} + 3e^t$$

$$y(t) = e^{2t}$$

- (4) Let  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  be the populations (at time  $t$ ) of two species of animals. The behavior of the two populations is modeled by the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x + xy \\ -10y + 2xy \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) What happens to each species in the absence of the other? How do you know?

If  $y=0$ ,  $x' = -2x$ , so  $x = Ce^{-2t}$ : goes to 0 (dies out) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

If  $x=0$ ,  $y' = -10y$ , so  $y = de^{-10t}$ : goes to 0 (dies out) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

- (b) How do the two species get along? How do you know?

They get along well - they're good for each other

Coeff. of  $xy$  in  $x'$  is  $1 > 0$  | interaction  $\rightarrow$  increased growth  
" " " " in  $y'$  is  $2 > 0$  (xs) for both species

- (c) What are the equilibrium population levels?

$$x' = 0 = -2x + xy = x(-2 + y) \quad x=0 \text{ or } y=2$$

$$y' = 0 = -10y + 2xy = y(-10 + 2x). \quad (\text{If } x=0, y=0)$$

$$(\text{If } y=2, x=5)$$

Equilibrium:  $(x=0, y=0)$  &  $(x=5, y=2)$

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(d) Classify each equilibrium point. What does that mean, practically, about the population levels?

Jacobian is  $\begin{pmatrix} -d+g & x \\ dg & -10+d \end{pmatrix}$

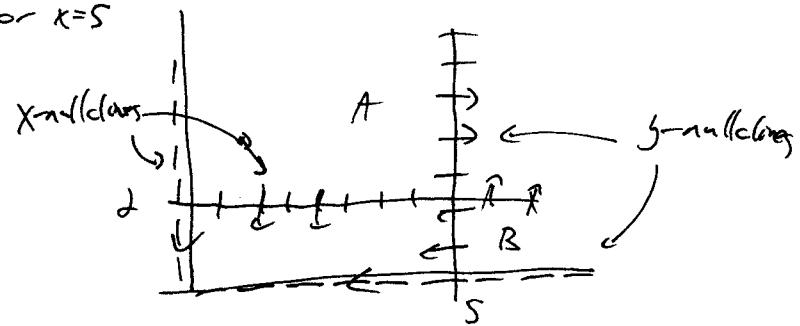
$$Df(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} -d & 0 \\ 0 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad d = -d, -10 : \text{ sink. If initial popns. are small, both species die out.}$$

$$Df(S,d) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & S \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad d^2 - 10 = 0, \quad d = \pm\sqrt{10} : \text{saddle. This is an unstable equilibrium. If initial popns. are near this pt., they will almost certainly move away.}$$

(e) Sketch the  $x$ - and  $y$ -nullclines of the system. (Be sure that I can tell which is which.)

$$x\text{-nullcline: } x' = 0 : x = 0 \text{ or } y = d$$

$$y\text{-nullcline: } y' = 0 : y = 0 \text{ or } x = S$$



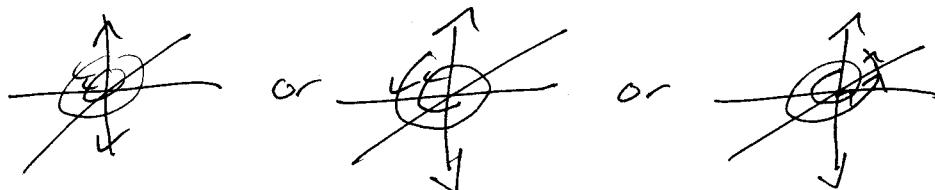
(f) Describe all the possible long-term behaviors of the system. Which of these behaviors might you actually see in nature? Why?

If  $x$  pop. starts below  $S$  &  $y$  pop. below  $d$ , both will die off. Some other initial conditions also lead to extinction. If  $x$  starts above  $S$  and  $y$  above  $d$ , both will grow without bound. A one-dimensional set of initial conditions is attracted to the saddle point  $(S, d)$ , but you won't observe this in nature, since it is unstable. If no initial popns are in  $A$  or  $B$  (above), they'll do one of these three things, but it's hard to say which.

- (5) Consider the nonlinear system  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{F} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $\mathbf{p}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is an equilibrium point and  $d\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}_0)$  (the Jacobian matrix at  $\mathbf{p}_0$ ) has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 2i$ , and  $\lambda_3 = -2i$ , what can you say about the behavior of the system near the point  $\mathbf{p}_0$ ?

The linear system has one repelling direction ( $d_r=1$ ), and is a center in the other two dimensions.

The actual system will have one repelling direction for sure. In the other two dimensions, it could be a center, spiral source, or spiral sink.



- (6) (a) Explain why the solutions of a linear homogeneous system of ordinary differential equations form a vector space.

Because: ~~By definition~~  $\boxed{\vec{Y}' = A(t)\vec{Y}}$

If  $\vec{Y}_1$  &  $\vec{Y}_2$  are solns, so is any linear combination,  $a\vec{Y}_1 + b\vec{Y}_2$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2)' &= a\vec{Y}_1' + b\vec{Y}_2' = aA(t)\vec{Y}_1 + bA(t)\vec{Y}_2 \\ &= A(t)(a\vec{Y}_1 + b\vec{Y}_2) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Give an example of a first-order ordinary differential equation whose solutions do not form a vector space. (Be sure to justify your answer, that is, show that they don't form a vector space.)

$$y' = 1.$$

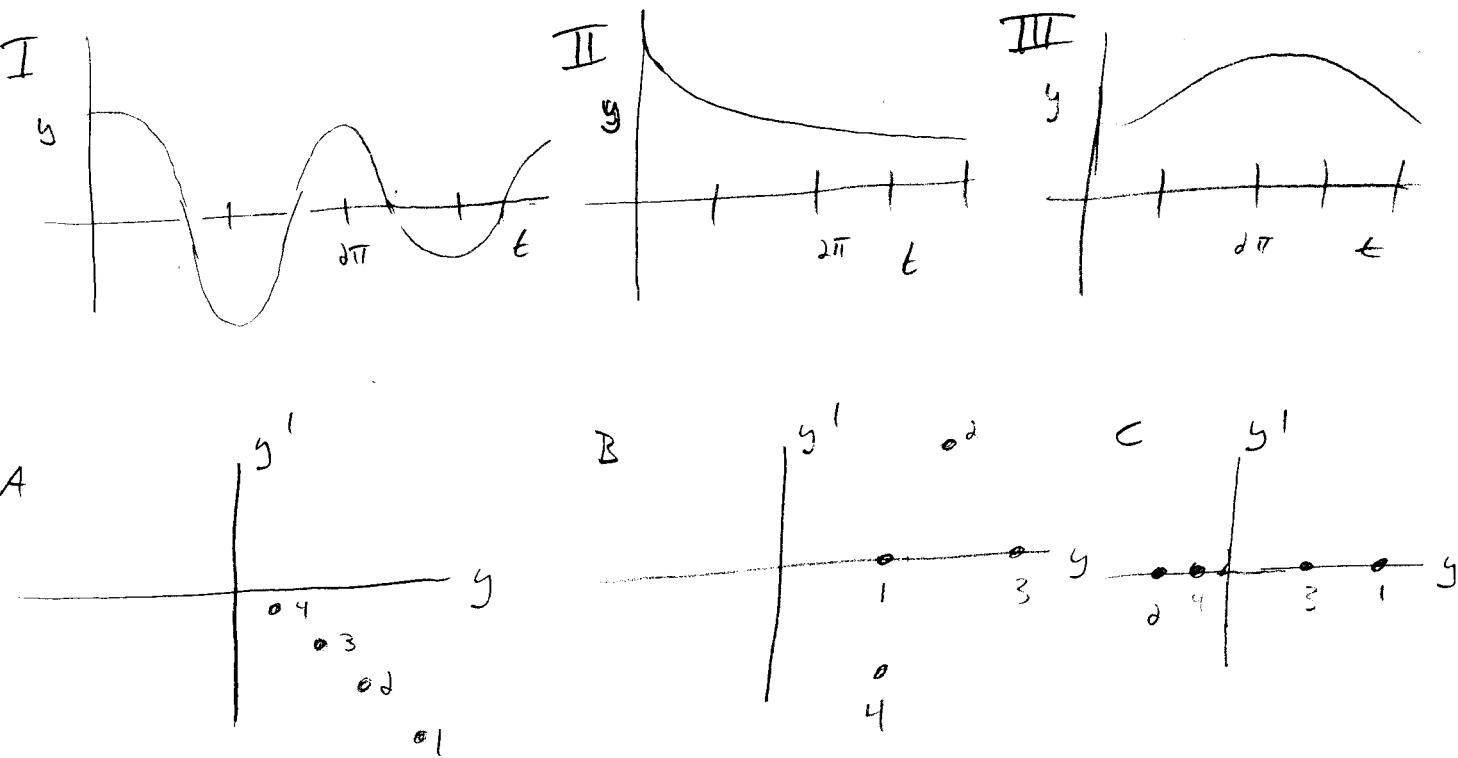
Then  $y_1(t) = t$  &  $y_2(t) = t+1$  are solns,

but  $y_1(t) + y_2(t)$  is not, since

$$(y_1 + y_2)' = 2 \neq 1.$$

- (7) In the figures below, Poincaré map pictures are given for orbits of three different systems, each with a periodic forcing term of period  $\pi$ . Also, three  $y(t)$ -graphs for solutions of the systems are given.

Match the Poincaré return map picture with the  $y(t)$ -graph. ~~Describe briefly the qualitative behavior of the solution~~



I - C

II - A

III - B

(8) Find the general solution of the system

$$\mathbf{Y}' = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y}.$$

Find eigenvalues/vectors:  $\det \begin{pmatrix} -2-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -4-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8 + 1 = \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 9$

$$(\lambda + 3)^2 \quad \lambda = -3 \text{ - only eigenvalue}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{array}{l} -2x + y = -3x \\ -x - 4y = -3y \end{array} \Rightarrow y = -x \text{ use } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- only eigenvector

So  $e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is one soln.

To find another, find a generalized eigenvector:  $A\vec{v} = -3\vec{v} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3x + 1 \\ -3y - 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{array}{l} -2x + y = -3x + 1 \\ -x - 4y = -3y - 1 \end{array} \Rightarrow y = -x + 1 \\ \text{use } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

so  $e^{-3t} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$  is another soln.

Gen. soln:  $C e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + d e^{-3t} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$

(9) Consider the one-parameter family of differential equations  $y' = y^2 - ay + 1$ .

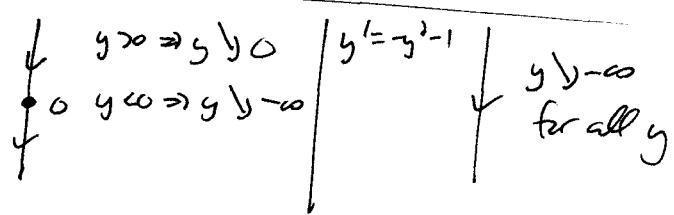
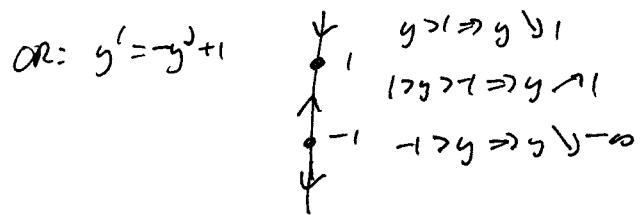
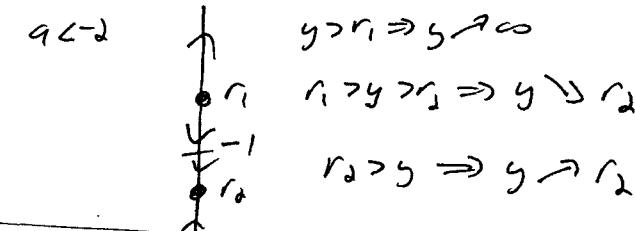
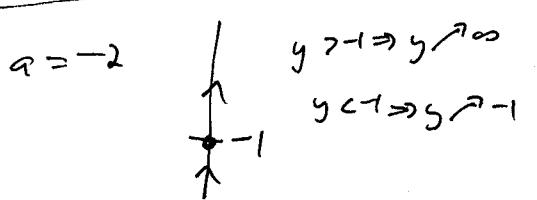
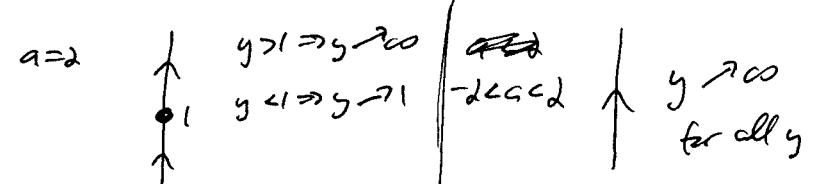
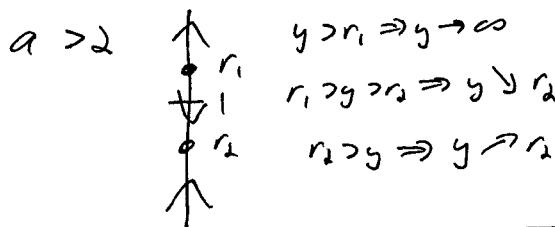
(a) Locate the bifurcation value (or values) of  $a$ .

Find equilibria:  $y' = 0 = y^2 - ay + 1$ ,  $y = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2}$

2 roots if  $-2 < a < 2$ , 1 if  $a = \pm 2$ , 0 if  $|a| > 2$ .

So the bifurcation values are  $\pm 2$

- (b) Draw the phase lines for values of  $a$  slightly smaller than, slightly larger than, and at the bifurcation value (or values), and describe the long-term behavior of each system.  
 (If you couldn't do part (a), draw the phase lines and describe the behavior of  $y' = -y^2 + 1$ ,  $y' = -y^2$ , and  $y' = -y^2 - 1$ .)



EXTRA CREDIT (10 pts) The butterfly effect has been described as the idea that if a butterfly flaps its wings in Brazil on Tuesday, it can set off a tornado in Texas on Friday. Briefly explain this idea in mathematical terms.

Sensitive dependence on initial conditions: In a nonlinear system, a small ~~change~~ difference in solutions can lead to completely different behavior after a short time.