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Math 211

Exam 2

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(1) Consider the system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= x + t,\end{aligned}$$

with initial conditions  $x(0) = 1$  and  $y(0) = 0$ .

(a) (16 pts) Use Euler's method with  $\Delta t = 0.1$  to find the approximate solution for  $x$  and  $y$  at  $t = 0.2$ .

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(b) (4 pts) If 2 different trajectory starting from  $t = 0$  with different initial conditions, can they intersect one another in the  $x_2$  versus  $x_1$  plane (phase plane)? Will that violate the existence and uniqueness theorem? Explanation is absolutely necessary.

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(c) (5 pts) Consider  $u'' - u = t$  with  $u(0) = 1$  and  $u'(0) = 0$ . Explain how you will find the approximate solution  $u$  at  $t = 0.2$  using  $\Delta t = 0.1$ . What is this approximate value for  $u(0.2)$ ? (Hint: part (c) is related to part (a)).

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(2) (a) (13 pts) Given the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of B.

$$B - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 3 \\ 5 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad (1-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 15 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 12 = 0, \quad \therefore (\lambda - 6)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\text{so, } \lambda_1 = 6 \quad \& \quad \lambda_2 = -2.$$

When  $\lambda_1 = 6$ ,  $(B - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  gives:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \therefore \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector for } \lambda_1 = 6.$$

When  $\lambda_2 = -2$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \therefore \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector for } \lambda_2 = -2$$

(b) (6 pts) Let  $A$  be another  $2 \times 2$  matrix, with eigenvalues  $-6$  and  $-1$ . Let the eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue  $-6$  be  $(2, 7)^T$ , and the eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue  $-1$  be  $(1, 1)^T$ .

Consider the first order linear system  $dx/dt = Ax$  with initial condition  $x(0) = (0, 5)^T$ . Find the solution  $x$ .

General soln:  $\vec{x} = c_1 e^{-6t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

At  $t=0$ ,  $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

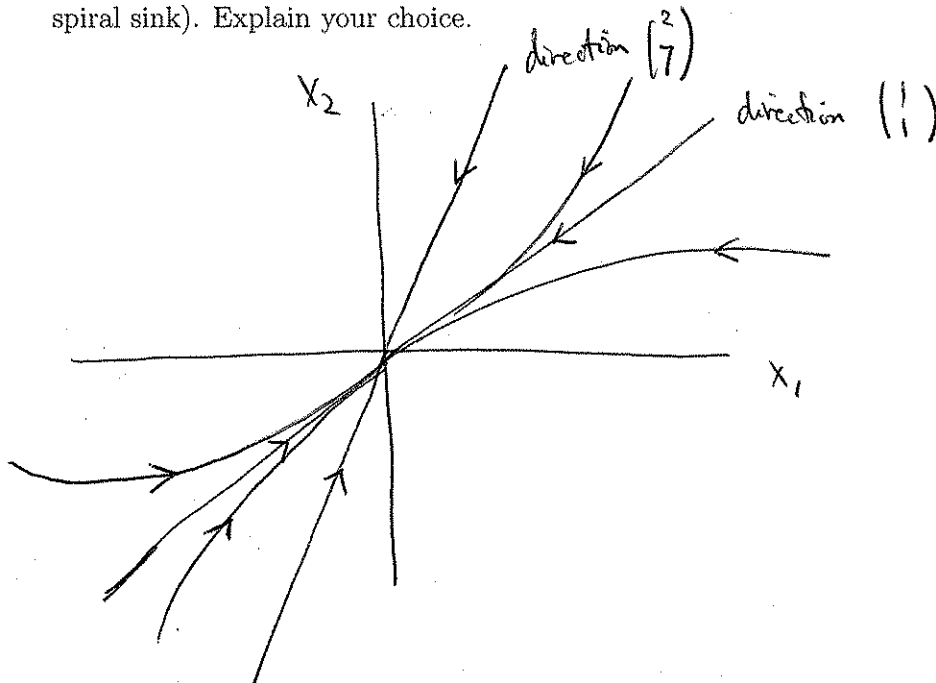
~~or~~  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

Solve it in any way you prefer, e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -7 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-5} \cdot 5 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \therefore \text{soln is: } \vec{x} = e^{-6t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} - 2e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) (6 pts) Sketch some solution curves for part (b) in the phase plane (i.e. the  $x_2$  versus  $x_1$  plane) for this system. Indicate the increasing time direction by an arrow. Classify the equilibrium solution at the origin. (i.e. is it a source, a sink, a saddle, a spiral source, or a spiral sink). Explain your choice.



Typical solution curves are tangential to direction  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

The equilibrium point  $(0, 0)$  is a sink, as both eigenvalues are negative.

- (3) Consider the equation  $y'' + 6y' + 10y = 26e^{2t}$ .  
 (a) (14 pts) Find its general solution.

$$y = y_c + y_p \quad \leftarrow \text{particular soln.}$$

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where  $y_c'' + 6y_c' + 10y_c = 0$ .  $\therefore y_c = e^{\alpha t}$  if  $\alpha^2 + 6\alpha + 10 = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 40}}{2} = -3 \pm i$$

$\therefore y_c = e^{(-3+i)t} = e^{-3t} (\cos t + i \sin t)$  is a soln.

general soln for the homogeneous eqn is:

$$y_c = c_1 e^{-3t} \cos t + c_2 e^{-3t} \sin t$$

Since the forcing term  $26e^{2t}$  does not match the complementary soln, so, we can assume:

$$y_p = A e^{2t}$$

Put into the non-homogeneous eqn,

$$A \{ 2^2 + 6 \cdot 2 + 10 \} = 26$$

$$26A = 26, \quad \therefore A = 1 \quad \& \quad y_p = e^{2t}$$

Hence,  $y = y_c + y_p = c_1 e^{-3t} \cos t + c_2 e^{-3t} \sin t + e^{2t}$ .

is the general soln to the non-homogeneous eqn.

(b) (7 pts) If  $y(0) = 2$ , and  $y'(0) = -1$ , what is the solution for this problem.

$$y = c_1 e^{-3t} \cos t + c_2 e^{-3t} \sin t + e^{2t}$$

$$y' = c_1 \{-3e^{-3t} \cos t - e^{-3t} \sin t\} + c_2 \{-3e^{-3t} \sin t + e^{-3t} \cos t\} + 2e^{2t}$$

$$\therefore y(0) = 2 = c_1 + 1 \quad , \quad \therefore c_1 = 1$$

$$y'(0) = -1 = -3c_1 + c_2 + 2 \quad , \quad \therefore c_2 = 0$$

Thus,  $y = e^{-3t} \cos t + e^{2t}$ .

(c) (4 pts) Suppose that  $y_1(t)$  is a solution of the equation  $y'' + ay' + by = g(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  is a solution of another equation  $y'' + ay' + by = h(t)$ . Show that  $y_1(t) + y_2(t)$  is a solution of the equation  $y'' + ay' + by = g(t) + h(t)$ .

Define  $y = y_1 + y_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y'' + ay' + by &= (y_1 + y_2)'' + a(y_1 + y_2)' + b(y_1 + y_2) \\ &= (y_1'' + ay_1' + by_1) + (y_2'' + ay_2' + by_2) \\ &= g(t) + h(t). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y = y_1 + y_2$  is a soln to  $y'' + ay' + by = g(t) + h(t)$

(4) Given the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) (13 pts) Find its eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

$$B - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 4 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad (2 - \lambda)^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 2 \pm 2i$$

When  $\lambda = 2 + 2i$ ,  $(B - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  gives:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2i & 4 \\ -1 & -2i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

set  $x_2 = 1$ ,

$$\therefore x_1 = -2i$$

so  $\begin{pmatrix} -2i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 2 + 2i$ .

When  $\lambda = 2 - 2i$ , its eigenvector is always the conjugate of the above eigenvector.

$$\therefore \text{the eigenvector is: } \overline{\begin{pmatrix} -2i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) (8 pts) Let  $A$  be another  $2 \times 2$  matrix with complex eigenvalues  $4 + i$  and  $4 - i$ . Assume the eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue  $4 + i$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 - i \end{pmatrix}$ .

Consider the first order linear system  $dx/dt = Ax$ . Find its general solution.

$$\text{A soln is } \vec{x} = e^{(4+i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= e^{4t} e^{it} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= e^{4t} (\cos t + i \sin t) \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= e^{4t} \left\{ \left[ \cos t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \sin t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + i \left[ \sin t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \cos t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right\}$$

$$= e^{4t} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2 \cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ 2 \sin t - \cos t \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$\therefore$  general soln is:

$$\vec{x} = c_1 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2 \cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ 2 \sin t - \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) (4 pts) Continue from part (b), sketch the trajectory starting from  $(x_1, x_2) = (1, 0)$  in the phase plane. Indicate the increasing time direction by an arrow. (Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

in part (b), this may help you to determine the increasing time direction.)

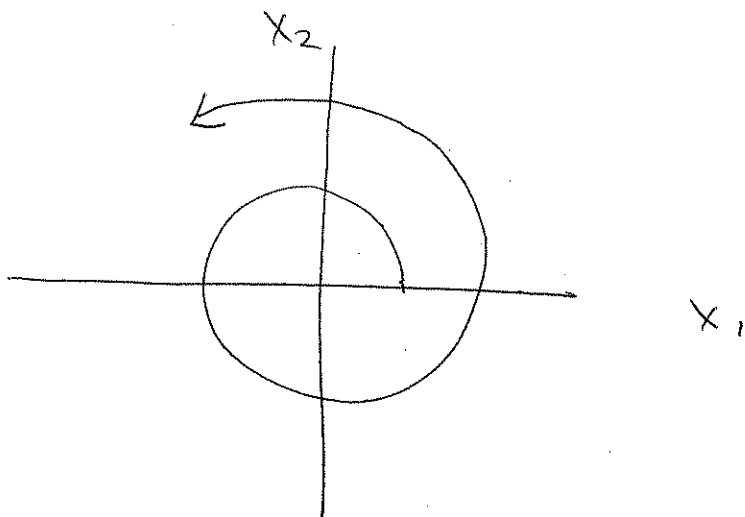
One can determine the spiral direction even without the hint that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  & the eqns are  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}$ .

But we'll use the hint. At  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = A\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dx_2}{dt} = 5 > 0.$$

Hence it is anti-clockwise spiral.



It is a spiral source because of the term  $e^{4t}$ .