

1. [2360/043022 (20 pts)] Solve the following initial value problem:  $y'' + 3t^2 = 5\delta(t-2) + 6(t-4)\text{step}(t-4)$ ,  $y(0) = 2$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ .

**SOLUTION:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{y'' + 3t^2 = 5\delta(t-2) + 6(t-4)\text{step}(t-4)\} \\ s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + \frac{6}{s^3} = 5e^{-2s} + \frac{6e^{-4s}}{s^2} \\ Y(s) = \frac{5e^{-2s}}{s^2} + \frac{6e^{-4s}}{s^4} - \frac{6}{s^5} + \frac{2}{s} \\ y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{5e^{-2s}\frac{1!}{s^{1+1}} + e^{-4s}\frac{3!}{s^{3+1}} - \frac{6}{4!}\frac{4!}{s^{4+1}} + \frac{2}{s}\right\} \\ y(t) = 5(t-2)\text{step}(t-2) + (t-4)^3\text{step}(t-4) - \frac{1}{4}t^4 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

2. [2360/043022 (15 pts)] Solve the system  $\begin{cases} x + 2z = 1 \\ y - 4z = 1 \\ x + z = 2 \end{cases}$  by using Gauss-Jordan elimination to find the inverse of an appropriate matrix.

No credit awarded if any other technique is used (e.g., RREF, Cramer's Rule).

**SOLUTION:**

The system can be written in the form  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that  $\vec{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\vec{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3. [2360/043022 (18 pts)] Write the word **TRUE** or **FALSE** as appropriate. No work need be shown. No partial credit given.

- (a) For invertible matrices  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$ , if  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{CA}$ , then  $|\mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{C}|$ .
- (b) The space of all solutions to the differential equation  $y'' - (\cos t^2)y' + y - 5t = 0$  forms a vector space (usual addition and scalar multiplication are assumed).
- (c)  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix. When the system of linear equations  $\mathbf{A}\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent, then we must have infinitely many solutions. Here  $\vec{x}$  is a  $4 \times 1$  column vector and  $\vec{b}$  is a  $3 \times 1$  column vector.
- (d) The equilibrium solution  $x = 1$  of the differential equation  $x'(t) = x(1-x)$  is unstable.
- (e) If  $f(t, y)$  is continuous everywhere, Picard's theorem guarantees that the differential equation  $y' = f(t, y)$  has a unique solution for any initial condition  $y(t_0) = y_0$ .
- (f) If 1 is an eigenvalue of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  must be invertible.

(g) The function  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t < 2 \\ e^t & 2 \leq t < 3 \\ 2 & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$  can be written as  $f(t) = 1 + (e^t - 1)\text{step}(t-2) + (2 - e^t)\text{step}(t-3)$ .

- (h) The set of all  $2 \times 2$  diagonal matrices is a dimension 4 subspace of  $\mathbb{M}_{22}$ .

- (i) If the functions  $\{y_1(t), y_2(t), y_3(t)\}$  are all solutions to a third order linear homogeneous differential equation and  $W[y_1, y_2, y_3](t) \equiv 0$ , then the functions cannot form a basis for the solution space.

**SOLUTION:**

(a) **TRUE** Since all of the matrices are invertible, their respective determinants are nonzero. Thus

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{CA} \implies |\mathbf{AB}| = |\mathbf{CA}| \implies |\mathbf{A}||\mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{C}||\mathbf{A}| \implies \cancel{|\mathbf{A}|}|\mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{C}|\cancel{|\mathbf{A}|} \implies |\mathbf{B}| = |\mathbf{C}|$$

(b) **FALSE** The differential equation is nonhomogeneous.

(c) **TRUE** The system is underdetermined. Underdetermined systems never have unique solutions.

(d) **FALSE** If  $x > 1$ ,  $x' < 0$ . If  $x < 1$ ,  $x' > 0$ . The equilibrium solution is stable.

(e) **FALSE** Uniqueness is guaranteed only if  $f_y(t, y)$  is continuous in a rectangle surrounding  $(t_0, y_0)$ .

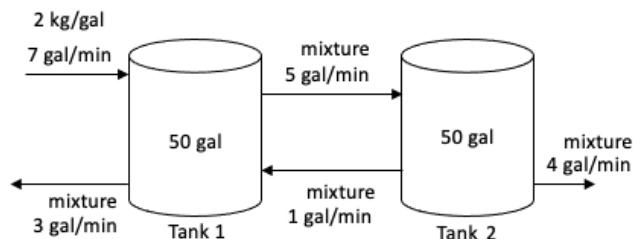
(f) **FALSE** 0 could be an eigenvalue in which case the matrix would be singular.

(g) **TRUE**

(h) **FALSE** The set is a subspace but its dimension is 2.

(i) **TRUE** The functions are linearly dependent.

4. [2360/043022 (12 pts)] Two fifty gallon tanks are full of Kool-Aid<sup>®</sup> solution. Initially, Tank 1 contains 5 kg of dissolved Kool-Aid<sup>®</sup> powder and Tank 2 has 3 kg of dissolved Kool-Aid<sup>®</sup> powder in it. The well-stirred solution is pumped between the tanks as shown in the figure below. Construct, but **DO NOT SOLVE**, a mathematical model for the number of kilograms of Kool-Aid<sup>®</sup> powder  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  at time  $t$  in Tanks 1 and 2, respectively. Write your final answer using matrices and vectors.



**SOLUTION:**

The initial conditions are  $x_1(t) = 5$  and  $x_2(t) = 3$ . Since the net flow into and out of each tank is zero, the volume of solution in the tanks remains constant at 50 gal. Using the relationship rate of change = rate in – rate out we have

$$x_1'(t) = \left(2 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{gal}}\right) \left(7 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) + \left(\frac{x_2 \text{ kg}}{50 \text{ gal}}\right) \left(1 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) - \left(\frac{x_1 \text{ kg}}{50 \text{ gal}}\right) \left(3 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) - \left(\frac{x_1 \text{ kg}}{50 \text{ gal}}\right) \left(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right)$$

$$x_2'(t) = \left(\frac{x_1 \text{ kg}}{50 \text{ gal}}\right) \left(5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) - \left(\frac{x_2 \text{ kg}}{50 \text{ gal}}\right) \left(1 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) - \left(\frac{x_2 \text{ kg}}{50 \text{ gal}}\right) \left(4 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right)$$

or

$$x_1'(t) = -\frac{4}{25}x_1(t) + \frac{1}{50}x_2(t) + 14$$

$$x_2'(t) = \frac{1}{10}x_1(t) - \frac{1}{10}x_2(t)$$

Using matrices and vectors,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{25} & \frac{1}{50} \\ \frac{1}{10} & -\frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. [2360/043022 (15 pts)] Use the integrating factor method to solve the initial value problem  $xy' + 3y = -4x^{-4}$ ,  $y(1) = -4$  on the interval  $x > 0$ .

**SOLUTION:**

$$xy' + 3y = -4x^{-4}$$

$$y' + \frac{3}{x}y = -4x^{-5} \quad \text{integrating factor } \mu(x) = e^{\int \frac{3}{x} dx} = x^3$$

$$(x^3y)' = -4x^{-2}$$

$$x^3y = -4 \int x^{-2} dx = 4x^{-1} + C \quad \text{apply initial condition}$$

$$(1)^3(-4) = 4(1)^{-1} + C \implies C = -8$$

$$y(x) = 4x^{-4} - 8x^{-3} = \frac{4}{x^4}(1 - 2x)$$

6. [2360/043022 (20 pts)] Solve the initial value problem  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write your final answer as a single vector.

**SOLUTION:**

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

so the eigenvalues are 2 with multiplicity 2 and  $-2$  with multiplicity 1.

$$\lambda = -2: \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \implies \begin{array}{l} v_1 + v_3 = 0 \\ v_2 = 0 \\ v_3 = r \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \implies \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 2: \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \implies \begin{array}{l} v_1 - v_3 = 0 \\ v_2 = r \in \mathbb{R} \\ v_3 = s \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \implies \vec{v} = r \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The general solution is thus

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying the initial condition gives

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Thus,

$$\vec{x}(t) = 2e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 4e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2e^{-2t} + 4e^{2t} \\ 2e^{2t} \\ 2e^{-2t} + 4e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

7. [2360/043022 (12 pts)] Convert  $t^2 y''' - (\cos t)y' = 2$ ,  $y(0) = 3$ ,  $y'(0) = -1$ ,  $y''(0) = 4$  with  $t > 0$  into a system of first order differential equations. Write your final answer using matrices, if possible.

**SOLUTION:**

Let  $u_1 = y$ ,  $u_2 = y'$ ,  $u_3 = y''$ . Then

$$u_1' = y' = u_2$$

$$u_2' = y'' = u_3$$

$$u_3' = y''' = \frac{2}{t^2} + \frac{\cos t}{t^2} y' = \frac{\cos t}{t^2} u_2 + \frac{2}{t^2}$$

Since the original equation is linear, we can write this system/initial value problem using matrices as

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \\ u_3' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{\cos t}{t^2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{2}{t^2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{u}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. [2360/043022 (20 pts)] Consider the linear system of differential equations given by  $\vec{x}' = \mathbf{A}\vec{x}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a-1 & 1 \\ a-2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $a$  is a real number) and with equilibrium solution  $\vec{x}_* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Is  $\vec{x}_*$  the only possible equilibrium solution? Justify your answer.
- For what value(s) of  $a$ , if any, will the equilibrium solution  $\vec{x}_*$  be a saddle?
- For what value(s) of  $a$ , if any, will the equilibrium solution  $\vec{x}_*$  be unstable?
- For what value(s) of  $a$ , if any, will the equilibrium solution  $\vec{x}_*$  be an attracting node?

**SOLUTION:**

Note that  $|\mathbf{A}| = a - 1 - (a - 2) = 1$  and  $\text{Tr}\mathbf{A} = a - 1 + 1 = a$

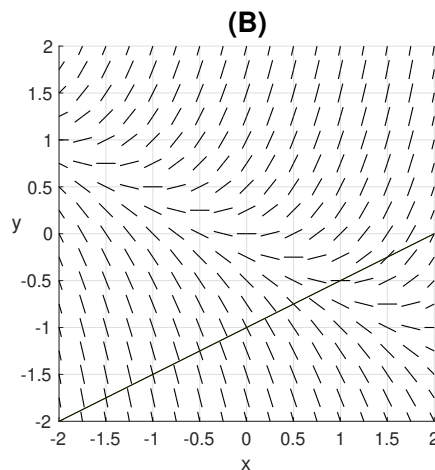
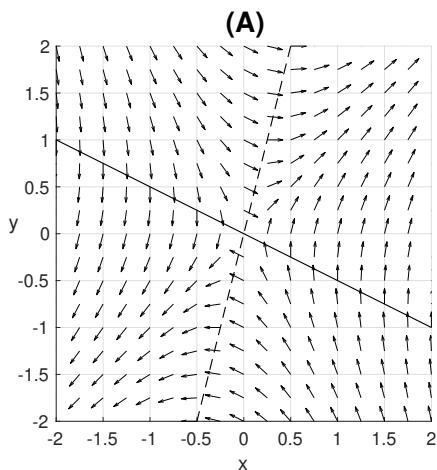
- Yes, since  $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ , the only equilibrium solution is  $\vec{x}_*$ .
- For a saddle we need  $|\mathbf{A}| < 0$ . No values of  $a$  result in a saddle.
- To be unstable, since  $|\mathbf{A}| > 0$  we need  $\text{Tr}\mathbf{A} > 0 \implies a > 0$ .
- To be an attracting node, we need  $\text{Tr}\mathbf{A} < 0$  and  $(\text{Tr}\mathbf{A})^2 - 4|\mathbf{A}| > 0 \implies a^2 - 4 > 0 \implies |a| > 2 \implies a > 2$  or  $a < -2$ . For an attracting node, we need  $\text{Tr}\mathbf{A} < 0$  so  $a < -2$ .

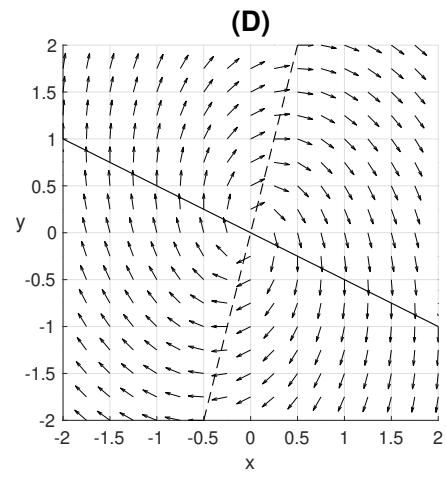
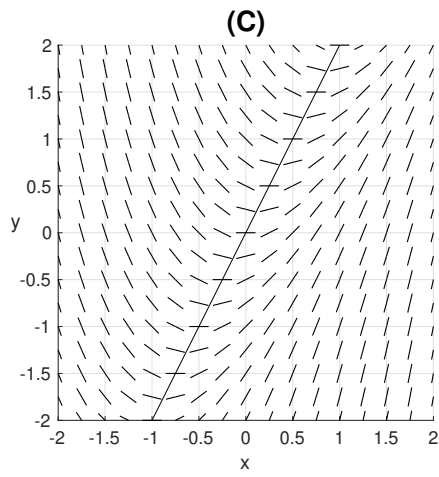
9. [2360/043022 (18 pts)] The following parts of this problem are related.

- In your bluebook, write the letters A-D. Next to each letter, write the Roman numeral corresponding to the equation or system depicted in each figure. Each letter corresponds to exactly one Roman numeral.

I.  $\begin{cases} x' = x - 2y \\ y' = 4x - y \end{cases}$     II.  $\begin{cases} x' = x + 2y \\ y' = -4x + y \end{cases}$     III.  $y' = x + 2y$     IV.  $\begin{cases} x' = x + 2y \\ y' = 4x - y \end{cases}$     V.  $y' = x - 2y$     VI.  $y' = 2x - y$

- What do the lines in graph A represent? Be sure to differentiate between solid and dashed in your answer.
- What does the line in graph C represent?





**SOLUTION:**

(a) (A) IV      (B) III      (C) VI      (D) II

(b) The solid line is the  $v$  nullcline and the dashed line is the  $h$  nullcline.

(c) The line is the isocline depicting where the slope of the solution curve is zero (the solution curve is horizontal)

