

1. Consider the differential equation:

$$(D + 1)^2(D^2 + 1)Dy = \sin(3t) + e^{-t} + t$$

Using the method of undetermined coefficients, find the general form of solutions to this, but do not find the actual coefficients.

2. Consider

$$x' = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} x := Ax$$

- (a) Sketch the phase-plane for this system and include the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues in your sketch.  
(b) Suppose  $x(0) = [1, c]$ . Choose  $c$  so that  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .  
(c) Use Fulmer's method to compute the matrix exponential  $e^{tA} = \Phi(t)$ .  
(d) Use variation of parameters to find the general solution to

$$x' = Ax + \begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Classify all the phase portraits of the system:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x - ay \\ y' &= 3x + (1 - a)y \end{aligned}$$

as the parameter  $a$  varies between  $-\infty$  and  $\infty$ .

4. Find the real general solutions to the systems

$$x' = Ax$$

where

- (a)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. Find the equilibrium points, determine their stability and sketch the phase-plane including the nullclines for the simple two species model below. You need only plot the behavior of the first quadrant. Sketch the trajectory starting at  $x(0) = 1$  and  $y(0) = 1/10$ . What is the limit as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  of  $(x(t), y(t))$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= 2x(3 - x - 2y) \\ y' &= y(2 - x - y) \end{aligned}$$

6. Consider the following differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -y - x^2 - 2x + a \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= y + 2x\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Find all the equilibria of this system and their stability.
- (b) For what values of  $a$  are there no equilibria?
- (c) For what values of  $a$  are there stable equilibria?
- (d) For what values of  $a$  are both equilibria unstable?

7. Suppose that  $a, b, c, d$  are all positive numbers and

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= ax - by \\ y' &= cx - dy\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Suppose that the slope of the  $x$ -nullcline is bigger than the slope of the  $y$ -nullcline. Prove that  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point.
- (b) Suppose that the slope of the  $y$ -nullcline is greater than the slope of the  $x$ -nullcline and that  $d > a$ . Prove that  $(0, 0)$  is asymptotically stable.
- (c) Suppose  $a < 0$ . Prove  $(0, 0)$  is asymptotically stable