

Solution to problem I
from practice midterm II

1) $y' = (y + 3)^2 (y + 1)(y - 3)$

y	$-\infty$	-3	-1	3	$+\infty$
y'	$+$	0	$+$	$-$	$+$

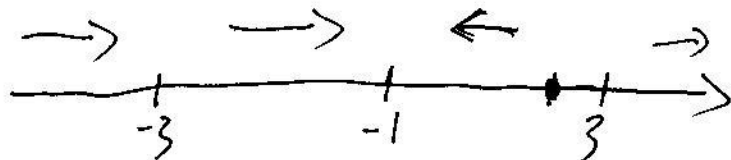


Equilibrium solutions:

$y = -3 \rightarrow$ stable from left, unstable from right (\Rightarrow unstable)

$y = -1 \rightarrow$ stable

$y = 3 \rightarrow$ unstable

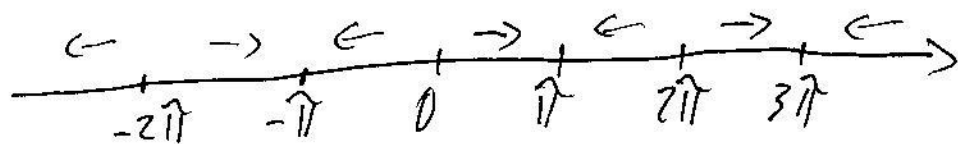
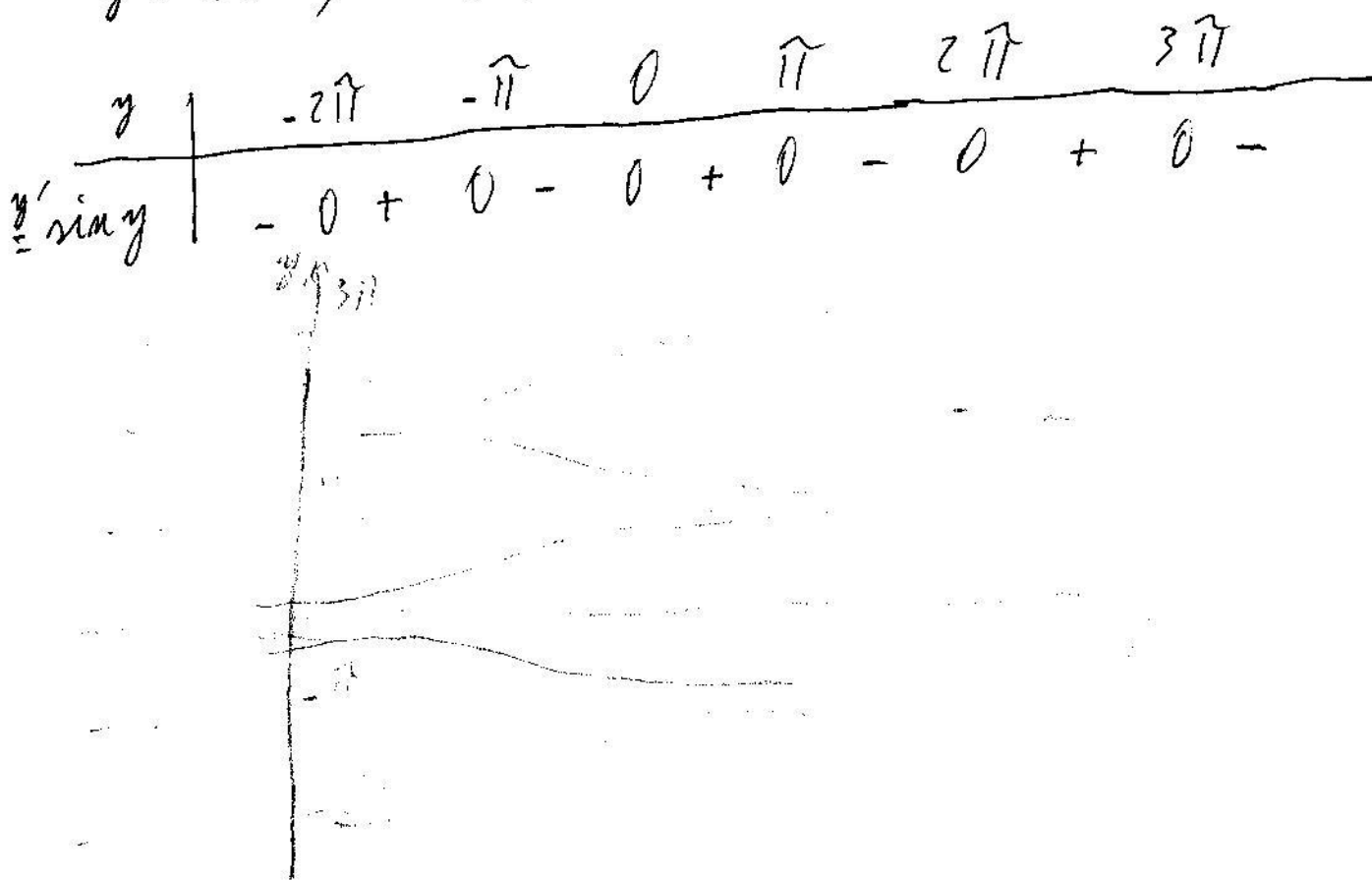


Solution to problem 2 from
practice midterm

$$y' = \sin y$$

Equilibrium solutions correspond to the zeros of $\sin y$:

$$y = n\pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$



$y = 2k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$ unstable

$y = (2k+1)\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$ stable

Solution to problem 4
from practice midterm II



If the solution curve is concave up, we see from the picture above that Euler's method would give an underestimate.

• Improved Euler:

$$y' = x y$$

$$y(1) = 2$$

$$\underline{h=1}$$

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$y_0 = 2$$

$$k_1 = f(1, 2) = 2$$

$$u_1 = y_0 + h k_1 = 2 + 1 \cdot 2 = 4$$

$$k_2 = f(x_1, u_1) = f(2, 4) = 8$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{h}{2} (k_1 + k_2)$$

$$= 2 + \frac{1}{2} (2 + 8)$$

$$y_1 = 7$$

So improved Euler's method gives
 $y(2) \approx 7$

Solution to problem 6
from practice midterm II

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$$1) \quad y'' - 2y' + y = -x e^x \quad (*)$$

$$y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0 \quad (\Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 1)^2 = 0)$$

$$\lambda = 1 \quad (\text{mult. } 2)$$

The RHS of (*) corresponds to $\lambda = 1$, which is a characteristic root, with multiplicity 2. So we take:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= x^2 (A x e^x + B e^x) \\ &= A x^3 e^x + B x^2 e^x \end{aligned}$$

We want (from *):

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx} - 1 \cdot \text{Id} \right)^2 y_p = -x e^x$$

proposition: $\left(\frac{d}{dx} - 1 \cdot \text{Id} \right) x^n e^x = n x^{n-1} e^x$

proof: by direct computation. \square

Solution to 6 (continued)

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$$\left(\frac{d}{dx} - 1 \times \text{Id}\right)^2 y_p$$

$$= \left(\frac{d}{dx} - 1 \times \text{Id}\right) \circ \left(\frac{d}{dx} - 1 \times \text{Id}\right) (Ax^3e^x + Bx^2e^x) \quad (0 \rightarrow \text{composition})$$

$$= \left(\frac{d}{dx} - 1 \times \text{Id}\right) (3Ax^2e^x + 2Bxe^x)$$

$$= 6Ax e^x + 2B e^x \stackrel{\text{Want}}{=} -x e^x$$

$$\text{So } \begin{cases} 6A = -1 & \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{6} \\ 2B = 0 & \Rightarrow B = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = -\frac{1}{6} x^3 e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_c + y_p$$

$$y = a e^x + b x e^x - \frac{1}{6} x^3 e^x$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^x + b x e^x - \frac{1}{6} x^3 e^x$$

$$\cancel{y'(0)} \Rightarrow y' = e^x + b e^x + b x e^x - \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^x - \frac{1}{6} x^3 e^x$$

$$y'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = 1 + b \Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^x - \frac{1}{6} x^3 e^x$$

Solution to 6 (continued)

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b) 2.

$$y'' + 4y = -\cos(2x) \quad (**)$$

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = 0 \\ y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

char. eq. : $\lambda^2 + 4 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 2i$$

$$\Rightarrow y_c = A \cos(2x) + B \sin(2x)$$

The RHS of (**), $-\cos(2x)$, corresponds to the pair of roots $\pm 2i$, which ~~is~~ ^{also} a characteristic pair of roots with multiplicity 1. So we take:

$$y_p = x(c \cos(2x) + d \sin(2x))$$

$$y_p = c x \cos(2x) + d x \sin(2x)$$

$$y_p' = -2c x \sin(2x) + 2d x \cos(2x) + c \cos(2x) + d \sin(2x)$$

$$y_p'' = -4c x \cos(2x) - 4d x \sin(2x) - 2c \sin(2x) + 2d \cos(2x) - 2c \sin(2x) + 2d \cos(2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p'' + 4y_p = -4c \sin(2x) + 4d \cos(2x) \stackrel{\text{Want}}{=} -\cos(2x)$$

Solution to 6 (continued)

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so we get the following system:

$$\begin{cases} 4d = -1 \\ -4c = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} d = -\frac{1}{4} \\ c = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_P = -\frac{1}{4} x \sin(2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_c + y_P$$

$$y = A \cos(2x) + B \sin(2x) - \frac{1}{4} x \sin(2x)$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = B \sin(2x) - \frac{1}{4} x \sin(2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = 2B \cos(2x) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x) - \frac{1}{2} x \cos(2x)$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 2B \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{4} x \sin(2x)$$

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