

**2023-24 First Semester**  
**MATH2043 Ordinary Differential Equations (1002)**

Assignment 9

Due Date: **14/Dec/2023(Thursday), on or before 16:00, in tutorial class.**

- Write down your **CHN name** and **student ID**. Write neatly on **A4-sized** paper (*staple if necessary*) and **show your steps**.
- **Late submissions or answers without details will not be graded.**

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In each of Problem 1 and 2,

- (a) Draw a phase portrait with direction field and a few trajectories.
- (b) Find out the general solution in terms of real-valued functions.
- (c) Described the behavior of the solutions as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

1.  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

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

3. Use the result of Q1(b) to solve the following initial value problem

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. Consider the system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

Given that  $\lambda = 1$  is a triple eigenvalue of the coefficient matrix  $A$ .

- (a) Show that there is only one linearly independent eigenvector  $\vec{\xi}_1$ , and then write down the first solution.
- (b) Assume a second solution is in the form of

$$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}(t) = [t\vec{\xi} + \vec{\eta}]e^t$$

determine  $\vec{\xi}$  and  $\vec{\eta}$ , then find  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}(t)$ .

(c) Assume a third solution is in the form of

$$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}(t) = \left[ \frac{t^2}{2} \vec{\xi} + t \vec{\eta} + \vec{\zeta} \right] e^t$$

Determine the relationship among  $\vec{\xi}$ ,  $\vec{\eta}$  and  $\vec{\zeta}$ , then find  $\mathbf{x}^{(3)}(t)$ .

(d) Write down a fundamental matrix  $\Psi(t)$  for the system.

5. (Optional!) **Variation of Parameters**

Solve

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -2e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Solve the given boundary value problem or else show that it has no solution.

$$y'' + 2y = x, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(\pi) = 0.$$

7. Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the given boundary value problem. Assume that all eigenvalues are real.

(a)

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0, \quad y'(0) = y'(\pi) = 0.$$

(b)

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0, \quad y'(0) = y(L) = 0.$$