Problem 1

The definition of "Unstable" is as follows,

 $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that $\forall \delta > 0$, $\exists t_1 \geq t_0$ s.t. even if $|\phi(t_0) - y_0| < \delta$, $|\phi(t_1) - y(t_1)| \geq \epsilon$

Problem 2

c) Write the original equation into the matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{1}$$

The eigenvalues of A(t) is given by

$$det|\lambda I - A(t)| = det \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ 4 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
 (2)

 $\lambda_1 = 2i$, $\lambda_2 = -2i$. Though the real parts are non-negative, the eigenvalues with real part zero are complex numbers. So there's still polynomial growth with respect to t. The solution is unstable.

- d) As is proved in class, the stability of the same equation does not depend on initial condition. So the solution is unstable.
- e) Write the equation into the matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}$$

The eigenvalues of A(t) is given by

$$det|\lambda I - A(t)| = det \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ 4 & \lambda + 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{4}$$

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 = 0 \tag{5}$$

 $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -2$ Both real parts of the eigenvalues are negative, so the solution is asymptotically stable.

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Problem 3

Write the equation into the matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -6 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{6}$$

The eigenvalues of A(t) is given by

$$det|\lambda I - A(t)| = det \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ 6 & \lambda + 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{7}$$

$$\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 6 = 0 \tag{8}$$

 $\lambda_1 = -2$, $\lambda_2 = -3$ Both real parts of the eigenvalues are negative, so the solution is asymptotically stable.

Problem 4

Write the equation into the matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix}$$
(9)

The eigenvalues of A(t) is given by

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda * \det \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} - \det \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \tag{10}$$

$$\lambda^3 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0 \tag{11}$$

 $\therefore \lambda = 1 > 0$ is an eigenvalue, $\therefore y = 0$ is unstable

Problem 5

The eigenvalues of A(t) is given by

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda + 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 (\lambda + 1)^2 = 0 \tag{12}$$

The eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$, $\lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = -1$ All eigenvalues are non-negative and both eigenvalues with real part zero is simple. So the solution is stable (but not asymptotic stable).

Problem 6

Using the variation of constant formula, we have

$$\psi(t) = e^{A(t-t_0)}y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-s)B(s)\psi(s)ds}$$
(13)

Take the norm on both side of the equation

$$|\psi(t)| = |e^{A(t-t_0)}||y_0| + \int_{t_0}^t |e^{A(t-s)}||B(s)||\psi(s)|ds$$

$$\leq Ke^{\rho(t-t_0)}|y_0| + Ke^{\rho t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\rho s}|B(s)||\psi(s)|ds$$

$$e^{-\rho t}|\psi(t)| \leq Ke^{-\rho t_0}|y_0| + K \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\rho s}|B(s)||\psi(s)|ds$$

$$(14)$$

Use Gronwall inequality,

$$e^{-\rho t}|\psi(t)| \le Ke^{-\rho t_0}|y_0|e^{K\int_{t_0}^t |B(s)|ds}$$
 (15)

$$|\psi(t)| \le K e^{\rho(t-t_0)} |y_0| e^{K \int_{t_0}^t |B(s)| ds} \tag{16}$$

Note that $\rho \in (\max\{Re\lambda_j\}, 0)$ is strictly negative. $\int_{t_0}^t |B(s)| ds < \int_0^\infty |B(s)| ds$ is bounded. The right hand side of the inequality approaches zero when t goes to infinity. Hence the solution is asymptotically stable.

Problem 7

Solve the set of equations,

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = -y_1 + e^{2t}y_2 \\ y_2' = -y_2 \end{cases}$$
 (17)

Apparently by separation of variables, $y_2 = C_2 e^{-t}$

$$y_1' + y_1 = C_2 e^t (18)$$

This is a first-order non-homogeneous linear equation. Using integration factor, we have

$$y_1 = e^{-\int 1ds} \left[\int C_2 e^t e^{\int 1ds} dt + C_1 \right]$$
 (19)

$$y_1 = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^t (20)$$

Although the eigenvalues, calculated by $|\lambda I - A(t)| = 0$ are $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -1$

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \left\{ C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^t \right\} = \infty \tag{21}$$

Hence the solution is unstable.

Problem 8

- a) If the modulus of all the multipliers are smaller than 1, zero solution is asymptotically stable;
- b) If the modulus of all the multipliers are less or equal to 1, and all the multipliers with modulus 1 are simple, then zero solution is stable;
- c) If there exists at least one multiplier with modulus bigger than 1, then the zero solution is unstable.