## Problem 1

(a) Consider the following system of equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
 (1)

$$= M \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

Let's compute the eigenvalues of the matrix:

$$\det\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -5\\ 2 & -5 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = (\lambda + 5)(\lambda - 1) + 10 \tag{3}$$

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

Therefore,  $\lambda = -2 + i$  is an eigenvalue.

Moreover,  $w = \begin{pmatrix} 3+i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is a corresponding eigenvector, since

$$(M - \lambda I)w = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - i & -5 \\ 2 & -3 - i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 + i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 10 - 10 \\ 2(3 + i) - 2(3 + i) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) Note that  $\overline{\lambda} = -2 i$  is also a solution of the Equation 4, implying that  $\overline{\lambda}$  is also an eigenvalue. Moreover, since  $\overline{(M-\lambda I)w} = (\overline{M}-\overline{(\lambda I)})\overline{w} = (M-\overline{\lambda I})\overline{w}$ , then  $\overline{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-i\\2 \end{pmatrix}$  is another eigenvector of M.
- (c) Now, consider the change of coordinates matrix  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , so that  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = C \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ .

Note that  $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = C \begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix}$ , and thus

$$C\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = MC\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix},\tag{5}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = C^{-1}MC \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \tag{7}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

$$=\frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2\\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} u\\ v \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \tag{10}$$

(d) Consider the following equation:

$$\dot{z} = \lambda z. \tag{11}$$

Set z = u + iv for real differentiable functions u and v. Similarly, suppose that  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$  for real scalars  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Note that

$$\dot{u} + i\dot{v} = (\alpha + i\beta)(u + iv) \tag{12}$$

$$= \alpha u - \beta v + i(\beta u + \alpha v), \tag{13}$$

so the equation 11 becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -\beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \tag{14}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \tag{15}$$

- (e) Equation 15 coincides with Equation 10.
- (f) Notice that all solutions of Equation 11 are in the form  $z = z(0) \exp(\lambda t)$ .
- (g) Let's find the real and imaginary components of the solution above. Note the following:

$$z = u + iv = (u(0) + iv(0)) \exp((\alpha + i\beta)t)$$

$$\tag{16}$$

$$= \exp(\alpha t)(u(0) + iv(0))(\cos(\beta t) + i\sin(\beta t)) \tag{17}$$

$$= \exp(\alpha t)(u(0)\cos(\beta t) - v(0)\sin(\beta t) + i(u(0)\sin(\beta t) + v(0)\cos(\beta t)))$$
(18)

Hence, 
$$u(t) = \exp(\alpha t)(u(0)\cos(\beta t) - v(0)\sin(\beta t)) = \exp(\alpha t)\left(\cos(\beta t) - \sin(\beta t)\right)\begin{pmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
, and  $v(t) = \exp(\alpha t)\left(\sin(\beta t) - \cos(\beta t)\right)\begin{pmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{pmatrix}$ 

(h) Since we have shown already that real solutions of Equation 10 coincide with the real and imaginary components of complex solutions to Equation 15, then, given that  $\alpha = -2$  and  $\beta = 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} u(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix} = \exp(\alpha t) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\beta t) & -\sin(\beta t) \\ \sin(\beta t) & \cos(\beta t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
(19)

$$= \exp(-2t) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
 (20)

(i) To find the solutions to Equation 2, we return to the original coordinates:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = C \begin{pmatrix} u(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix}$$
 (21)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \exp(-2t) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
 (22)

$$= \exp(-2t) \begin{pmatrix} 3\cos(t) - \sin(t) & -3\sin(t) - \cos(t) \\ 2\cos(t) & -2\sin(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
(23)

(j) Set w = a + ib, where  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Note the following:

$$w \exp(\lambda t) = w \exp((-2+i)t) \tag{24}$$

$$= \exp(-2t)(a+ib)(\cos(t)+i\sin(t)) \tag{25}$$

$$= \exp(-2t)(a\cos(t) - b\sin(t) + i(a\sin(t) + b\cos(t))), \tag{26}$$

so

$$\Re(w\exp(\lambda t)) = \exp(-2t)(a\cos(t) - b\sin(t)) \tag{27}$$

$$\Im(w\exp(\lambda t)) = \exp(-2t)(a\sin(t) + b\cos(t)) \tag{28}$$

Then Equation 23 can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \exp(-2t) \begin{pmatrix} 3\cos(t) - \sin(t) & -3\sin(t) - \cos(t) \\ 2\cos(t) & -2\sin(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
(29)

$$= u(0)\exp(-2t)\left(\cos(t)\begin{pmatrix}3\\2\end{pmatrix} - \sin(t)\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix}\right) \tag{30}$$

$$-v(0)\exp(-2t)\left(\sin(t)\begin{pmatrix}3\\2\end{pmatrix}+\cos(t)\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix}\right)$$
(31)

$$= u(0)\Re(w\exp(\lambda t)) - v(0)\Im(w\exp(\lambda t))$$
(32)

(k) See the notebook.

## Problem 2

See the notebook for phase portraits.

(a) Consider the following system of equations M:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
 (33)

Notice that the matrix is a Jordan block corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = -2$ . Then the solution is in the form of a matrix exponent, which we compute as follows:

$$z(t) = \exp(Mt)z_0 \tag{34}$$

$$= \exp\left(\left(-2I + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1\\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)t\right)z_0 \tag{35}$$

$$= \exp(-2tI) \left( I + \frac{1}{1!} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) z_0 \tag{36}$$

$$= \exp(-2t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} z_0 \tag{37}$$

Hence, the solutions are in the form

The stationary point is a stable district node.

(b) Consider the following system of equations M:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 12 \\ -9 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
 (39)

Note that it is degenerate, so there exist no non-degenerate critical points. Let's compute the characteristic polynomial of M:

$$(12 - \lambda)(-9 - \lambda) + 9 \cdot 12 = 0 \tag{40}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda = 0 \tag{41}$$

Therefore,  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda = 3$  are eigenvalues, with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$  as corresponding eigenvectors.

Changing the coordinates, we obtain the following system of equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}, \tag{42}$$

which has solutions in the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{pmatrix} \tag{43}$$

Changing the coordinates back, we obtain:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} \tag{44}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4\exp(3t) \\ 0 & -3\exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4\exp(3t) & 4\exp(3t) \\ -3\exp(3t) & -3\exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(45)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4\exp(3t) & 4\exp(3t) \\ -3\exp(3t) & -3\exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tag{46}$$

$$= \exp(3t) \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} \tag{47}$$

(c) Consider the following system of equations M:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -13 \\ 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
 (48)

Let's compute the characteristic polynomial:

$$(-2 - \lambda)(8 - \lambda) + 26 = 0 \tag{49}$$

$$(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 8) + 26 = 0 \tag{50}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 10 = 0 \tag{51}$$

Then the eigenvalues are 3 + i and 3 - i.

Set  $\lambda = 3 + i$ . Now we find the eigenvector  $v = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 - i & -13 \\ 2 & 5 - i \end{pmatrix} v = 0 \tag{52}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -5a - 13b - ai \\ 2a + 5b - bi \end{pmatrix} v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (53)

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{-2(5+i)a - 26b}{2(5+i)a + 26b}\right)v = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{54}$$

Therefore,  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -5 - i \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector. By the derivation in Problem 1, the real solutions are in the following form (for  $\alpha = 3$  and  $\beta = 1$ ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \exp(3t) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\exp(3t)}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 13\cos(t) & 13\sin(t) \\ -5\cos(t) + \sin(t) & 5\sin(t) + \cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\exp(3t)}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 13\cos(t) + 65\sin(t) & 169\sin(t) \\ 26\sin(t) & 65\sin(t) + 13\cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \exp(3t) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) + 5\sin(t) & 13\sin(t) \\ 2\sin(t) & 5\sin(t) + \cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
(58)

$$= \frac{\exp(3t)}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 13\cos(t) & 13\sin(t) \\ -5\cos(t) + \sin(t) & 5\sin(t) + \cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
(56)

$$= \frac{\exp(3t)}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 13\cos(t) + 65\sin(t) & 169\sin(t) \\ 26\sin(t) & 65\sin(t) + 13\cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
(57)

$$= \exp(3t) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) + 5\sin(t) & 13\sin(t) \\ 2\sin(t) & 5\sin(t) + \cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}$$
 (58)

The critical point is an unstable focus.

(d) Consider the following system of equations M:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 7 \\ -14 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \tag{59}$$

Let's compute the characteristic polynomial:

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda + (-110 + 98) = 0 \tag{60}$$

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda + -12 = 0 \tag{61}$$

Then -4 and 3 are eigenvalues. For  $\lambda = -4$ , the eigenvector u is such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 14 & 7 \\ -14 & -7 \end{pmatrix} u = 0. \tag{62}$$

Set  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 3$ , the eigenvector v is such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 7 \\ -14 & -14 \end{pmatrix} u = 0. \tag{63}$$

Set  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Changing the basis to that of eigenvectors, we obtain the following system of equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ r \end{pmatrix}, \tag{64}$$

which has solutions in the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} q \\ r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \exp(-4t) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_0 \\ r_0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{65}$$

Changing the coordinates back, we obtain:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \exp(-4t) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \exp(-4t) & \exp(3t) \\ -2\exp(-4t) & -\exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\exp(-4t) + 2\exp(3t) & -\exp(-4t) + \exp(3t) \\ 2\exp(-4t) - 2\exp(3t) & 2\exp(-4t) - \exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(68)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \exp(-4t) & \exp(3t) \\ -2\exp(-4t) & -\exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (67)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\exp(-4t) + 2\exp(3t) & -\exp(-4t) + \exp(3t) \\ 2\exp(-4t) - 2\exp(3t) & 2\exp(-4t) - \exp(3t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(68)

The critical point is a saddle.

(e) Consider the following system of equations M:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
 (69)

Consider the characteristic polynomial of M:

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \tag{70}$$

Then 1 and 2 are eigenvalues.

For  $\lambda = 1$ , the corresponding eigenvector u satisfies the following:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} u = 0. \tag{71}$$

Set  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 2$ , the corresponding eigenvector v satisfies the following:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} v = 0. \tag{72}$$

Set 
$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

Changing the basis to that of eigenvectors, we obtain the following system of equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ r \end{pmatrix}, \tag{73}$$

which has solutions in the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} q \\ r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \exp(t) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(2t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_0 \\ r_0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{74}$$

Changing the coordinates back, we obtain:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \exp(t) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(2t) \end{pmatrix} (-1) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(75)

$$= -\begin{pmatrix} \exp(t) & 4\exp(2t) \\ \exp(t) & 3\exp(2t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\begin{pmatrix} 3\exp(t) - 4\exp(2t) & -4\exp(t) + 4\exp(2t) \\ 3\exp(t) - 3\exp(2t) & -4\exp(t) + 3\exp(2t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(76)

$$= -\begin{pmatrix} 3\exp(t) - 4\exp(2t) & -4\exp(t) + 4\exp(2t) \\ 3\exp(t) - 3\exp(2t) & -4\exp(t) + 3\exp(2t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(77)

The critical point is an unstable node.

## Problem 3

(a) Consider the following system of equations parametrised by  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & -7 \\ s & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}. \tag{78}$$

Notice that the corresponding characteristic polynomial is

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + (-24 + 7s) = 0. (79)$$

Now, the discriminant of the quadratic is  $\Delta = 4 - 4(7s - 24) = 100 - 28s$ .

If  $s = \frac{25}{7}$ , then there is only one eigenvalue ( $\lambda = -1$ ), and since the corresponding matrix is not diagonal, then the critical point is a stable degenerate node.

If  $s > \frac{25}{7}$ , then  $\Delta < 0$ , and thus the critical value is a stable focus (since  $\operatorname{tr} M < 0$ )  $0, \det M > \frac{(\operatorname{tr} M)^2}{2}),$  and the matrix has two complex eigenvalues having a negative real component.

If  $s < \frac{25}{7}$ , but  $\sqrt{\Delta} < 2$ , which is equivalent to  $s > \frac{24}{7}$ , then det M > 0, and the critical point is a stable node, with the matrix having two real negative eigenvalues.

If, on the other hand,  $\sqrt{\Delta} > 2$ , so that  $s < \frac{24}{7}$ , then the critical point is a saddle, with the matrix having two real eigenvalues of opposite sign.

Otherwise, if  $s = \frac{24}{7}$ , then the matrix is degenerate. There are no non-degenerate critical points, and the matrix has two real eigenvalues, one zero and one negative.

- (b) If  $s < \frac{24}{7}$ , then the critical point (0,0) is neither asymptotically nor Lyapunov stable. If  $s = \frac{24}{7} \approx 3.4286$ , then the critical point is unstable as well, since in this case the phase space consists of straight lines, which do not 'concentrate' around (0,0). If  $s > \frac{24}{7}$ , then the critical point is both Lyapunov and asymptotically stable, since the real components of eigenvalues are negative.
- (c) See the notebook for phase portraits.

## Problem 4

Consider the following system of equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(x) + \exp(y) - 1 \\ \sin(x - y) \end{pmatrix}$$
 (80)

- (a) See the notebook.
- (b) Let's compute the Jacobian matrix at (0,0):

$$J(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} |_{(0,0)}$$
(81)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(x) & \exp y \\ \cos(x-y) & -\cos(x-y) \end{pmatrix}|_{(0,0)}$$
(82)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{83}$$

The corresponding linear system of equations is thus:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \tag{84}$$

- (c) See the notebook.
- (d) See the notebook.