



**FIGURE 7.6.5** A solution of the system (25) satisfying the initial condition  $\mathbf{y}(0) = (-1, 4, 1, 1)^T$ . (a) A plot of  $y_1$  versus  $t$ . (b) The projection of the trajectory in the  $y_1y_3$ -plane. As stated in the text, the actual trajectory in four dimensions does not intersect itself.

## Problems

In each of Problems 1 through 4:

- Draw a direction field and sketch a few trajectories.
- Express the general solution of the given system of equations in terms of real-valued functions.
- Describe the behavior of the solutions as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

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

2.  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

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

4.  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$