
Second-Order Lab: Second-Order Linear DEs in MATLAB

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In this lab, you will learn how to use `iode` to plot solutions of second-order ODEs. You will also learn to classify the behaviour of different types of solutions.

Moreover, you will write your own Second-Order ODE system solver, and compare its results to those of `iode`.

Opening the m-file `lab5.m` in the MATLAB editor, step through each part using cell mode to see the results. Compare the output with the PDF, which was generated from this m-file.

There are seven (7) exercises in this lab that are to be handed in on the due date of the lab. Write your solutions in the template, including appropriate descriptions in each step. Save the m-files and submit them on Quercus.

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Iode for Second-Order Linear DEs with constant coefficients

In the `iode` menu, select the `Second order linear ODEs` module. It opens with a default DE and a default forcing function $f(t) = \cos(2t)$. The forcing function can be plotted along with the solution by choosing `Show forcing function` from the `Options` menu.

Use this module to easily plot solutions to these kind of equations.

There are three methods to input the initial conditions:

Method 1. Enter the values for t_0 , $x(t_0)$, and $x'(t_0)$ into the Initial conditions boxes, and then click Plot solution.

Method 2. Enter the desired slope $x'(t_0)$ into the appropriate into the Initial conditions box, and then click on the graph at the point $(t_0, x(t_0))$ where you want the solution to start.

Method 3. Press down the left mouse button at the desired point $(t_0, x(t_0))$ and drag the mouse a short distance at the desired slope $x'(t_0)$. When you release the mouse button, iode will plot the solution.

Growth and Decay Concepts

We want to classify different kinds of behaviour of the solutions. We say that a solution:

grows if its magnitude tends to infinity for large values of t , that is, if either the solution tends to $+\infty$ or $-\infty$,

decays if its magnitude converges to 0 for large values of t ,

decays while oscillating if it keeps changing sign for large values of t and the amplitude of the oscillation tends to zero,

grows while oscillating if it keeps changing sign for large values of t and the amplitude of the oscillation tends to infinity.

Example

```
t = 0:0.1:10;

% Example 1
figure();
y1 = exp(t);
plot(t,y1)

% Annotate the figure
xlabel('t');
ylabel('f_1(t)');
title('The function e^t grows');
legend('f_1(t)=e^t');

% Example 2
figure();
y2 = -exp(-t);
plot(t,y2)

% Annotate the figure
xlabel('t');
ylabel('f_2(t)');
title('The function -e^{-t} decays');
legend('f_2(t)=-e^{-t}');
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% Example 3
figure();
y3 = exp(-t);
plot(t,y3)

% Annotate the figure
xlabel('t');
ylabel('f_3(t)');
title('The function  $e^{-t}$  decays');
legend('f_3(t)= $e^{-t}$ ');

% Example 4
figure();
y4 = exp(-t).*cos(t);
plot(t,y4)

% Annotate the figure
xlabel('t');
ylabel('f_4(t)');
title('The function  $e^{-t}\cos(t)$  decays while oscillating');
legend('f_4(t)= $e^{-t}\cos(t)$ ');

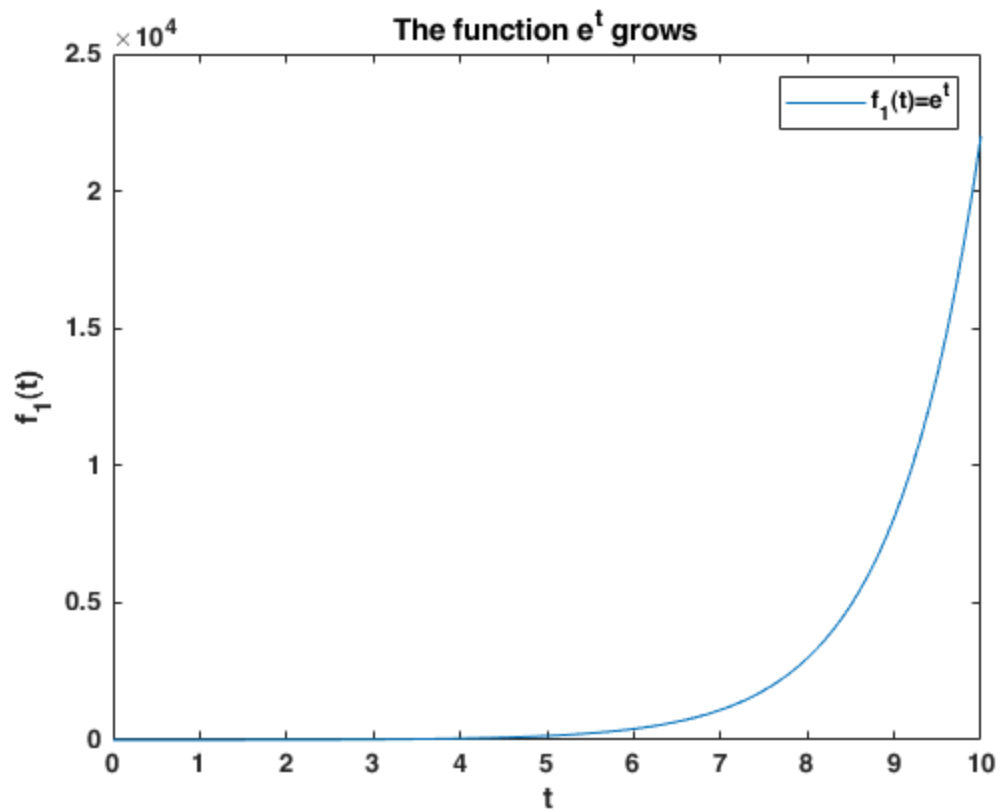
% Example 5
figure();
y5 = exp(t).*sin(2*t);
plot(t,y5)

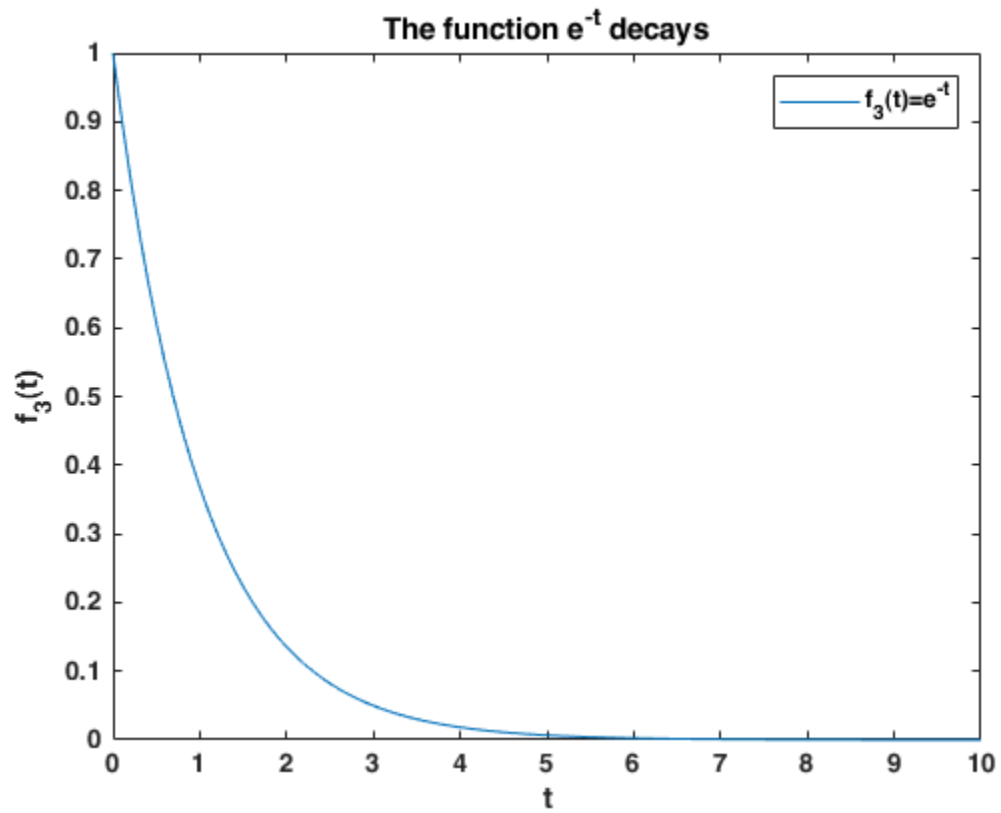
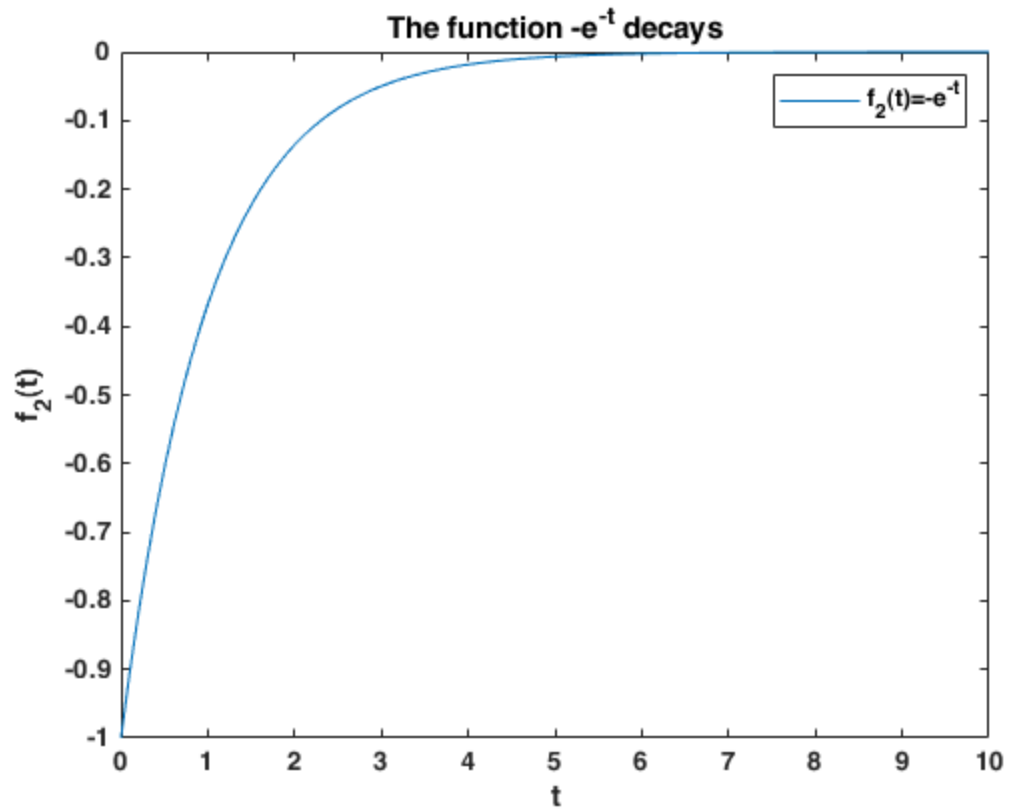
% Annotate the figure
xlabel('t');
ylabel('f_5(t)');
title('The function  $e^t\sin(2t)$  grows while oscillating');
legend('f_5(t)= $e^t\sin(2t)$ ');

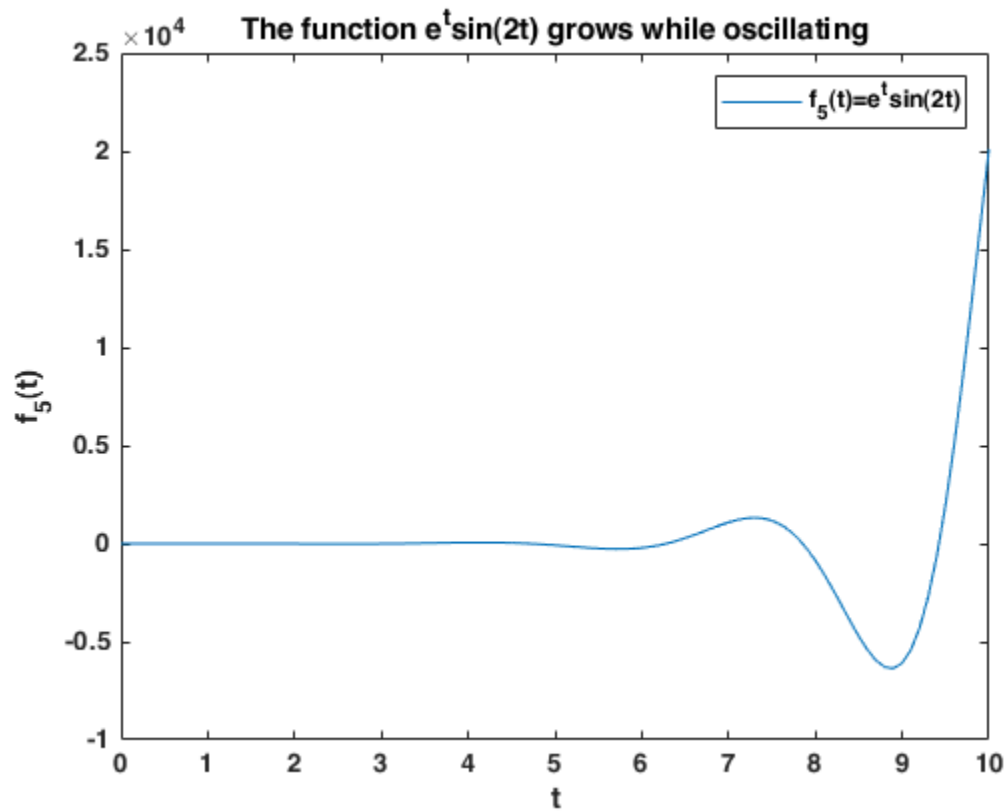
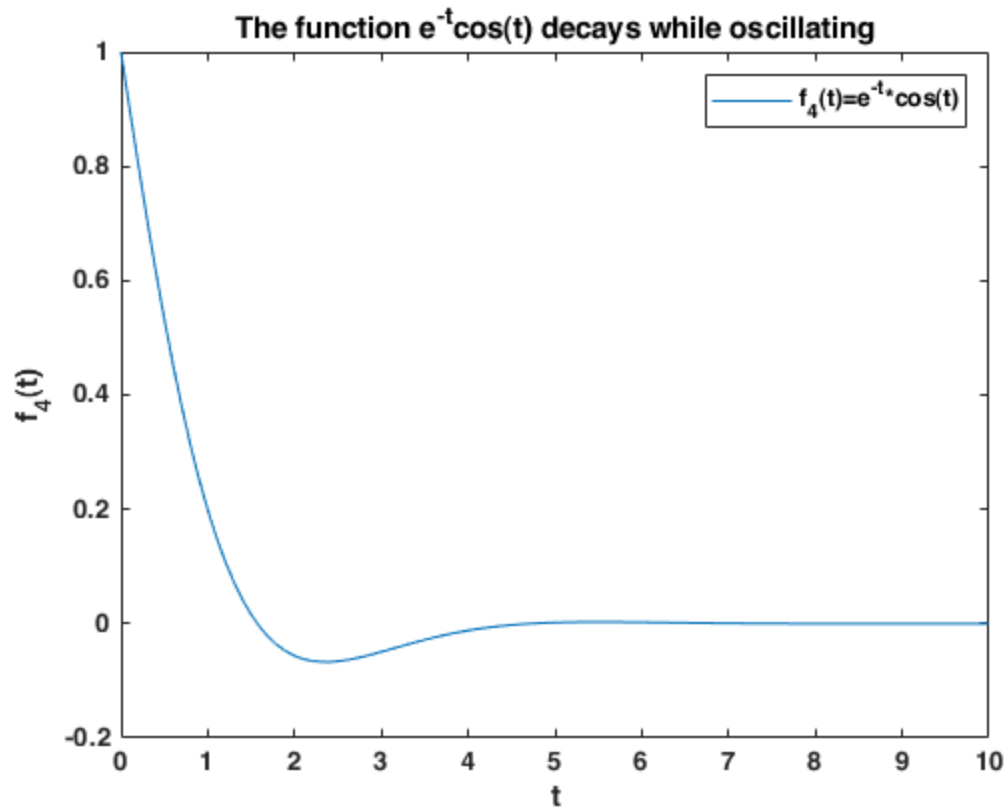
% Example 6
figure();
y6 = sin(3*t);
plot(t,y6)

% Annotate the figure
xlabel('t');
ylabel('f_6(t)');
title('The function  $\sin(3t)$  neither decays nor grows, it just  
oscillates');
legend('f_6(t)= $\sin(3t)$ ');
```

```
% |Remark.| A function which |grows while oscillating| doesn't |grow|,  
% because it keeps changing sign, so it neither tends to  $+\infty$  nor  
% to  
%  $-\infty$ .
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Exercise 1

Objective: Use `ode` to solve second-order linear DEs. And classify them.

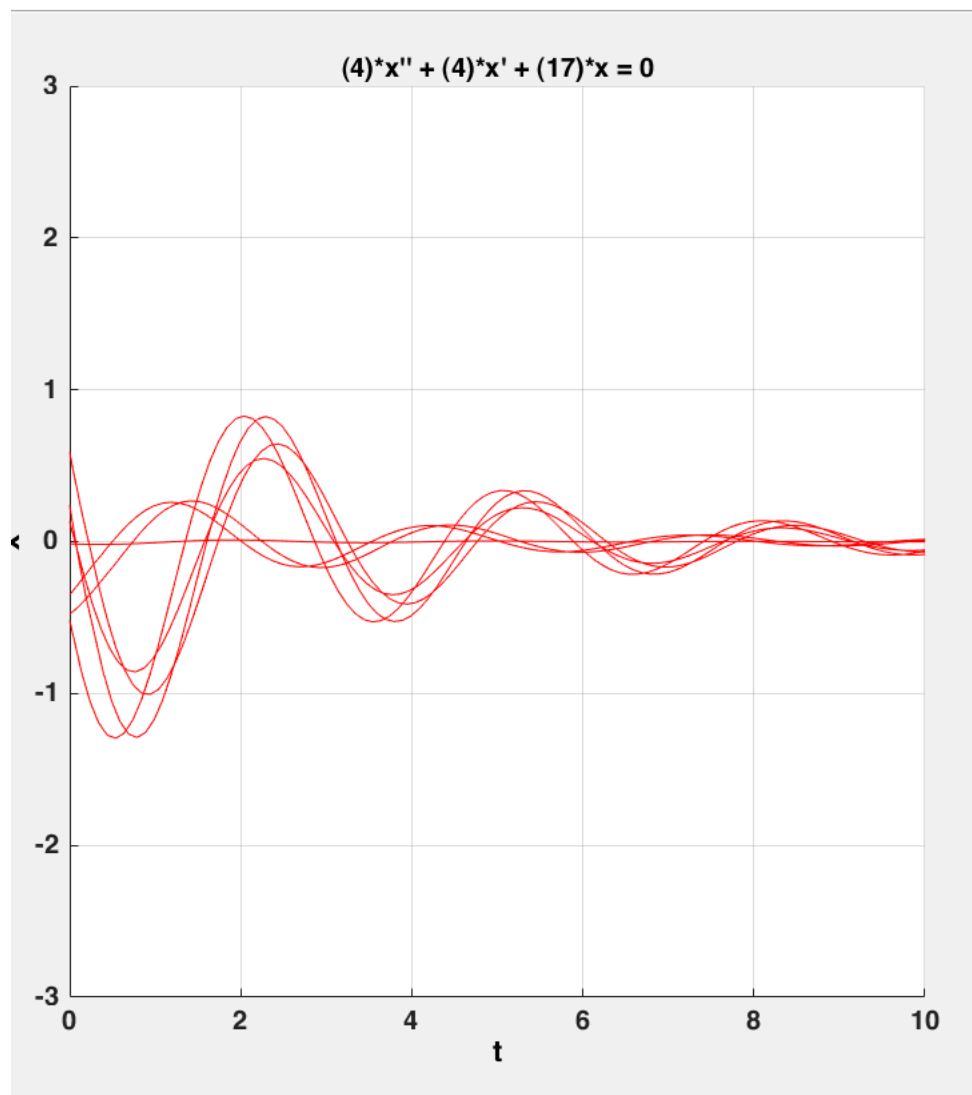
Details: Consider the ODE:

$$4y'' + 4y' + 17y = 0$$

(a) Use `ode` to plot six (6) numerical solutions of this equation with "random" initial data (use Method 3 above) and press-and-drag at various initial points, with some of the slopes being positive and some negative)

Use only initial points in the part of the window where $0 < t < 1$ and $-1 < x < 1$ and take all initial slopes between -3 and $+3$.

Change the window to $[0, 10] \times [-3, 3]$. Save a cropped screenshot with the filename `ex1_<UTORid>.png` Changing "UTORid" below will result in the image being included when you "Publish".



(b) Based on the results of (a), state what percentage of solutions decay, grow, grow while oscillating, or decay while oscillating.

All of the solutions plotted decay while oscillating.

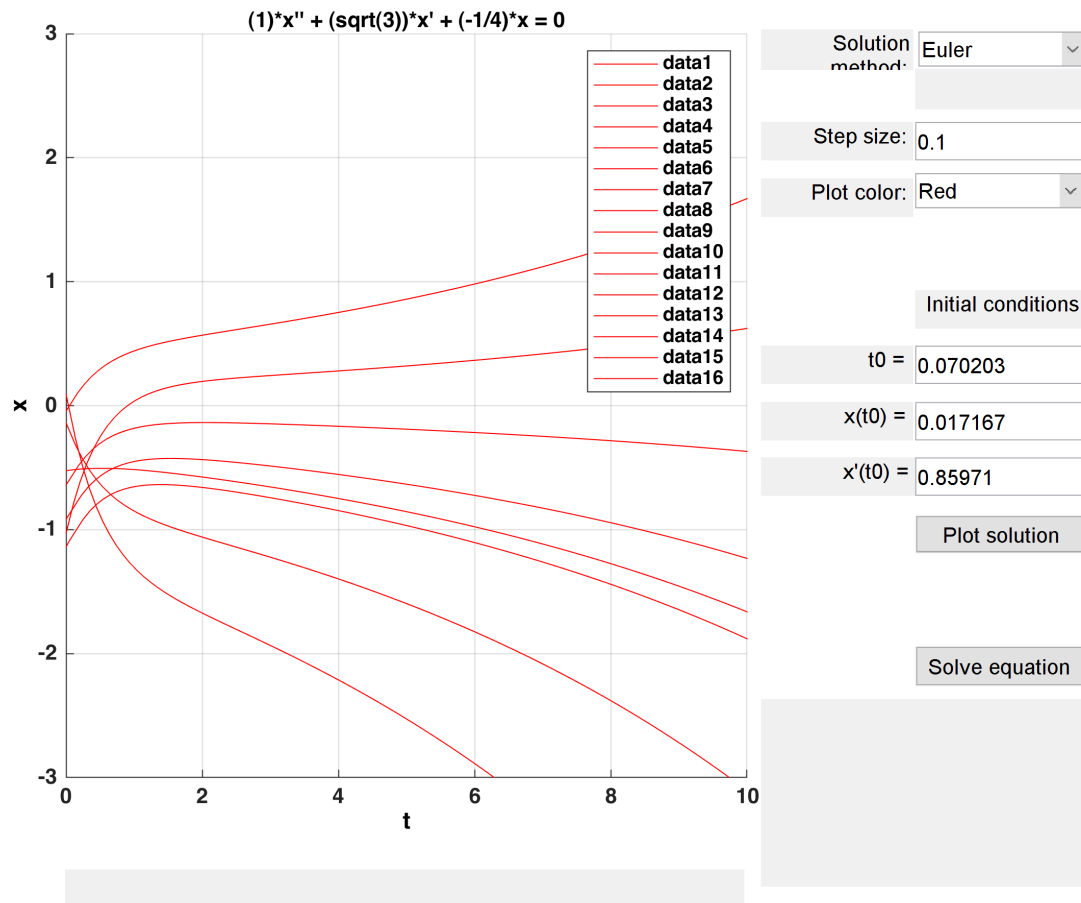
(c) Solve the DE and write the exact solution. Explain why this justifies your answer in (b). The solution to this ODE is $y = e^{-(t/2)}(c_1 \cos(2t) + c_2 \sin(2t))$. As $t \rightarrow \infty$, the $e^{-(t/2)}$ term approaches 0 which means the value of the entire solution will too. Because this solution is some combination of $\sin(2t)$ and $\cos(2t)$ (depending on ICs), the solution will oscillate.

Exercise 2

Consider the ODE:

$$y'' + \sqrt{3} y' - y/4 = 0$$

Repeat (a), (b), (c) from Exercise 1 with this DE.



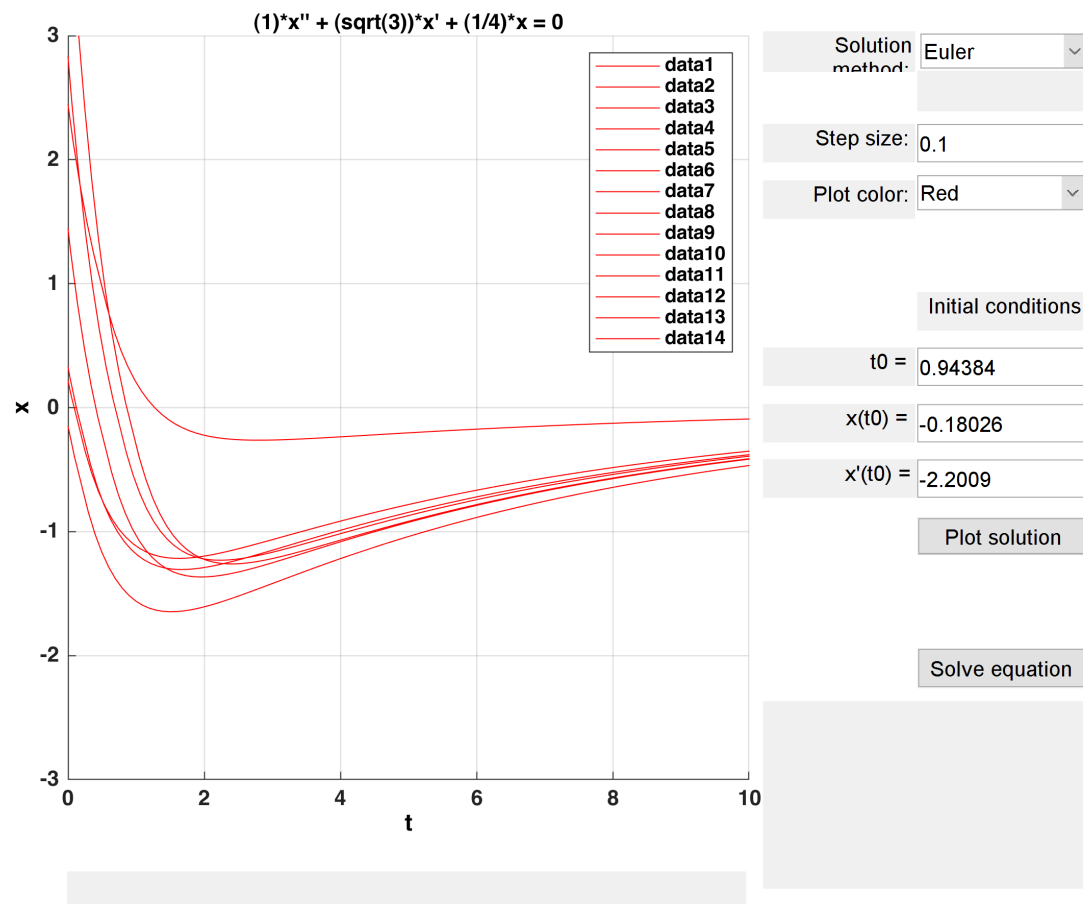
(b) 100% of the solutions grow (c) The solution to this ODE is $y = c_1 e^{((-\sqrt{3}+2)t/2)} + c_2 e^{(-(\sqrt{3}+2)t/2)}$ which explains the behaviour of the solutions because the value of y will continue to grow with t because of the e^t and e^{-t} terms. Also, the constants c_1 and c_2 are determined by the ICs. These constants determine whether the solution will grow towards $-\infty$ or $+\infty$.

Exercise 3

Consider the ODE:

$$y'' + \sqrt{3} y' + y/4 = 0$$

Repeat (a), (b), (c) from Exercise 1 with this DE.



(b) 100% of the solutions decay (c) The solution to this ODE is $y(x) = c_1 e^{-1/2 (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})t} + c_2 e^{1/2 (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})t}$ which explains the behaviour of the solutions because both of the parts of the solution are of the form e^{-t} which tends to 0 as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Also, the constants c_1 and c_2 are determined by the ICs.

Example

Consider the ODE:

$$y'' + 2y' + 10y = 0$$

The solution is

$$y(t) = e^{-t} (c_1 \cos(3t) + c_2 \sin(3t))$$

From this, it is easy to see that all solutions decay while oscillating.

Similarly, for the equation

$$y''' - 2y' + 10y = 0$$

The solution is

$$y(t) = e^{-t} (c_3 \cos(3t) + c_4 \sin(3t))$$

which grows while oscillating.

Exercise 4

Consider the fourth-order ODE:

$$y'''' + 2y''' + 6y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$$

(a) Find the general solution for this problem. You can use MATLAB to find the roots of the characteristic equation numerically with `roots` or symbolically with `solve`. The general solution to this ODE is $y(x) = c_1 e^{-x} \sin(2x) + c_2 e^{-x} \cos(2x) + c_3 \cos(x) + c_4 \sin(x)$

(b) Predict what percentage of solutions with random initial data will grow, decay, grow while oscillating, and decay while oscillating. Explain. The solutions to this ODE will oscillate, but they will neither grow nor decay. The oscillation is caused by the $c_3 \cos(x) + c_4 \sin(x)$ terms and the first two terms approach 0 around $t=10$ and don't have much of an effect on the overall solution as it approaches inf.

Exercise 5

Objective: Classify equations given the roots of the characteristic equation.

Details: Your answer can consist of just a short sentence, as `grows` or `decays while oscillating`.

Consider a second-order linear constant coefficient homogeneous DE with r_1 and r_2 as roots of the characteristic equation.

Summarize your conclusions about the behaviour of solutions for randomly chosen initial data when.

(a) $0 < r_1 < r_2 \rightarrow$ grows

(b) $r_1 < 0 < r_2 \rightarrow$ grows

(c) $r_1 < r_2 < 0 \rightarrow$ decays

(d) $r_1 = \alpha + \beta i$ and $r_2 = \alpha - \beta i$ and $\alpha < 0 \rightarrow$ oscillates with decreasing amplitude

(e) $r_1 = \alpha + \beta i$ and $r_2 = \alpha - \beta i$ and $\alpha = 0 \rightarrow$ oscillates with constant amplitude

(f) $r_1 = \alpha + \beta i$ and $r_2 = \alpha - \beta i$ and $\alpha > 0 \rightarrow$ oscillates with increasing amplitude

Numerical Methods for Second-Order ODEs

One way to create a numerical method for second-order ODEs is to approximate derivatives with finite differences in the same way of the Euler method.

This means that we approximate the first derivative by:

$$y'(t[n]) \sim (y[n] - y[n-1]) / h$$

and

$$y''(t[n]) \sim (y'(t[n+1]) - y'(t[n])) / h \sim (y[n+1] - 2y[n] + y[n-1]) / (h^2)$$

By writing these approximations into the ODE, we obtain a method to get $y[n+1]$ from the previous two steps $y[n]$ and $y[n-1]$.

The method for approximating solutions is:

1. Start with $y[0]=y_0$
2. Then we need to get $y[1]$, but we can't use the method, because we don't have two iterations $y[0]$ and $y[-1]$ (!!). So we use Euler to get

$$y[1] = y_0 + y_1 h$$

y_1 is the slope given by the initial condition

3. Use the method described above to get $y[n]$ for $n=2, 3, \dots$

Exercise 6

Objective: Write your own second-order ODE solver.

Details: Consider the second-order ODE

$$y'' + p(t) y' + q(t) y = g(t)$$

Write a second-order ODE solver using the method described above.

This m-file should be a function which accepts as variables (t_0, t_N, y_0, y_1, h) , where t_0 and t_N are the start and end points of the interval on which to solve the ODE, y_0, y_1 are the initial conditions of the ODE, and h is the stepsize. You may also want to pass the functions into the ODE the way `ode45` does (check MATLAB lab 2). Name the function `DE2_<UTORid>.m`.

Note: you will need to use a loop to do this exercise.

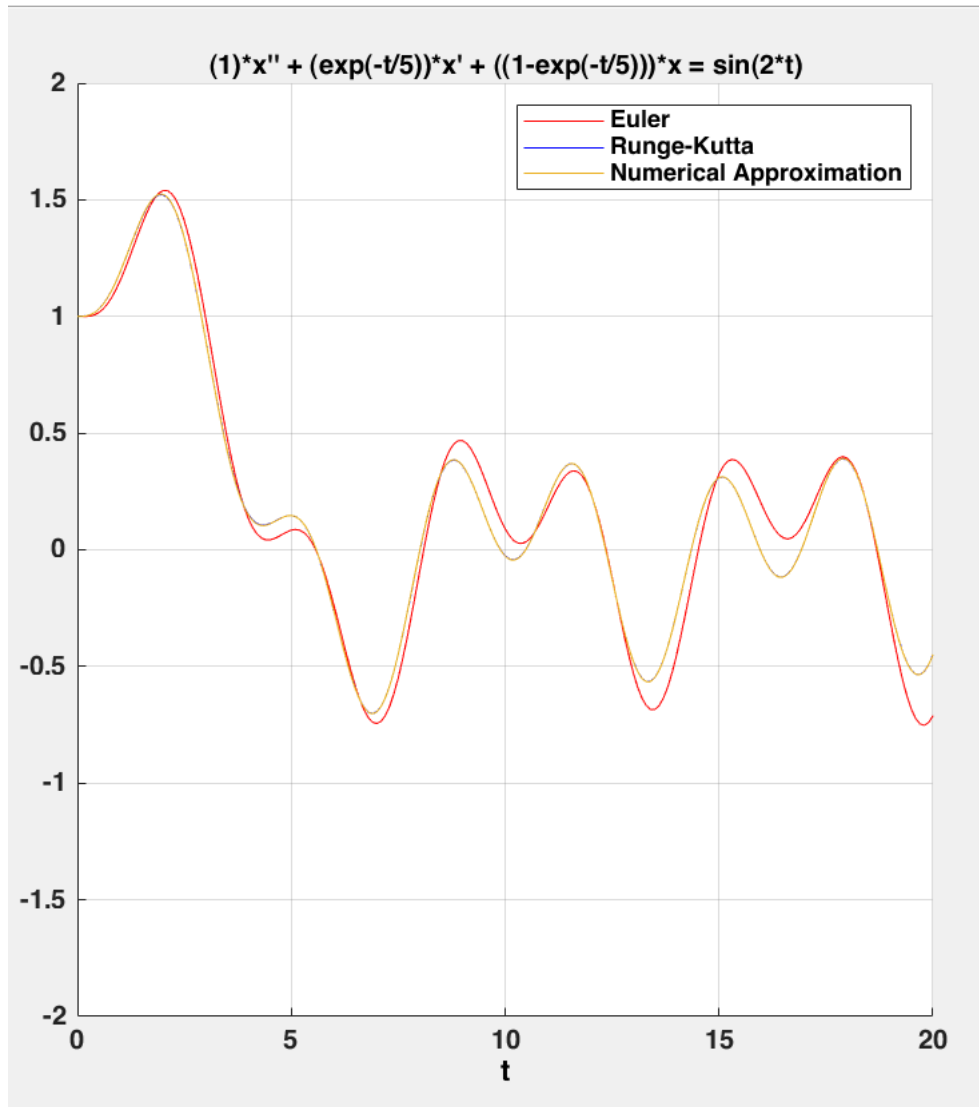
Exercise 7

Objective: Compare your method with `ode`

Details: Use `ode` to plot the solution of the ODE $y'' + \exp(-t/5) y' + (1 - \exp(-t/5)) y = \sin(2t)$ with the initial conditions $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$

Use the window to $[0, 20] \times [-2, 2]$ Without removing the figure window, plot your solution (in a different colour), which will be plotted in the same graph.

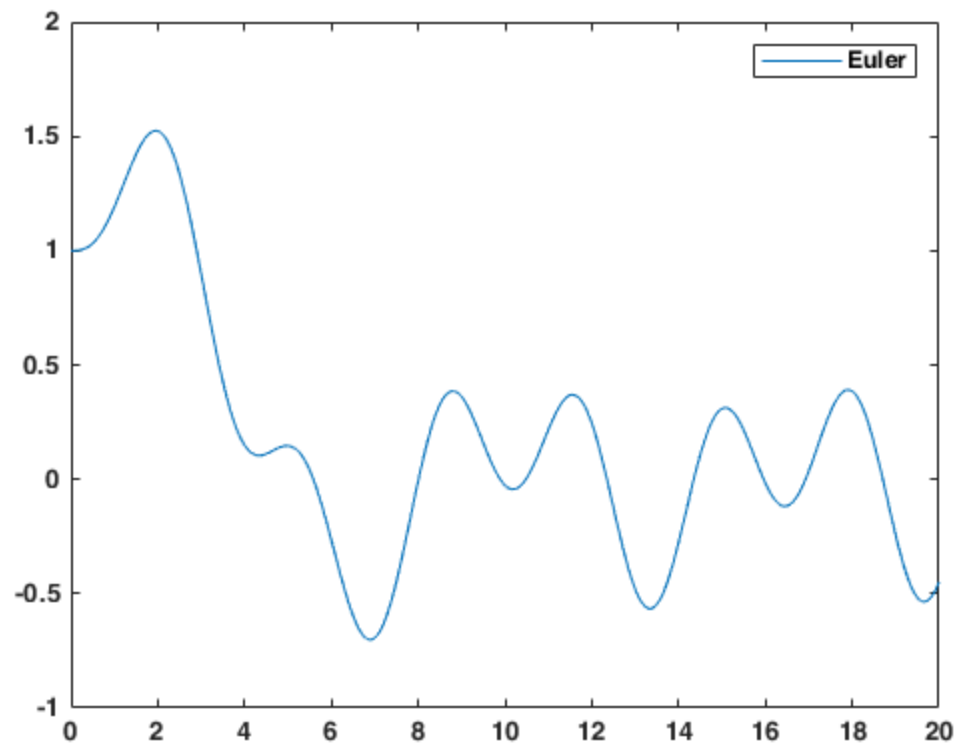
Comment on any major differences, or the lack thereof.



```
f = @(t,y,yp) sin(2*t) - exp(-t/5)*yp - (1-exp(-t/5))*y;
t0 = 0;
tN = 20;
h = 0.01;
y0 = 1;
y1 = 0;

[t,y] = DE2_seabro13(t0,tN,y0,y1,h,f);
plot(t,y);
legend('Euler', 'Runge-Kutta', 'Numerical Approximation');
% My approximation fit the runge-kutta approximation so well that I
% have to
% zoom in a lot just to see the difference between the two. These two
% are a
% much closer fit than the iode Euler approximation.
```

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