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**a.**

$$u_0(t) = x_0 = 2$$

$$u_1(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t F(u_0(s))ds = 2 + \int_0^t F(2)ds = 2 + 4t$$

Induction:

$$u_{n+1}(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t F(u_n(s))ds = 2 + \int_0^t \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{4t^i}{i!} dt = 2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{4t^i}{i!} = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{4t^i}{i!} - 2$$

Thus, we see that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$u_n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{4t^i}{i!} - 2 \rightarrow 4e^t - 2$$

Domain is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**b.**

$$u_0(t) = x_0 = 0$$

$$u_1(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t F(u_0(s))ds = \int_0^t F(0)ds = 0$$

$$u_{n+1}(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t F(u_1(s))ds = \int_0^t F(0)ds = 0$$

Thus, we see that

$$u_n(t) = 0$$

Domain is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**e.**

$$u_0(t) = x_0 = 1$$

$$u_1(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t F(u_0(s))ds = 1 + \int_0^t F(1)ds = 1 + t/2$$

$$u_2(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t F(u_1(s))ds = 1 + \int_0^t \frac{1}{2+s} ds = 1 + \ln|t+2| - \ln(2)$$

## 2.

We have that

$$u_0(t) = u_0 = X_0$$
$$u_1(t) = X_0 + \int_0^t f(X_0)ds = X_0 + AX_0 \int_0^t ds = X_0 + AX_0 t$$

Induction:

$$u_{n+1}(t) = X_0 + \int_0^t f(u_n(s))ds = X_0 + \int_0^t A \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{s^i A^i}{i!} ds = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \frac{(tA)^i}{i!}$$

Thus as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$u_n(t) = X_0 \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(tA)^i}{i!} \rightarrow \exp(tA)X_0$$

**4.**

If  $Y(t)$  and  $Z(t)$  are solutions of

$$X' = AX$$

Then

$$(\alpha Y(t) + \beta Z(t))' = \alpha Y'(t) + \beta Z'(t) = \alpha AY(t) + \beta AZ(t) = A(\alpha Y(t) + \beta Z(t))$$

Thus also satisfied

$$X' = AX$$

## 6.

In the cases of  $a \notin \mathbb{Q}$  or irreducible  $a = p/q \in \mathbb{Q}$  with even  $q$ , the domain of  $f(x) = x^a$  is  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . Thus  $f(x)$  is continuously differentiable everywhere in the domain. Hence, the solution would then be unique in the domain and not unique in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

In case of odd  $q$ , the domain for  $f(x)$  would be  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $a \geq 1$ , then  $f(x)$  is continuously differentiable everywhere thus the solution is unique. If  $a < 1$ , then  $f(x)$  is not continuously differentiable at 0 thus not unique solution.

## 7.

We have the solution

$$P(t) = P_0 \exp \left( \int_0^t A(s) ds \right)$$

Thus

$$\det(P(t)) = \det(P_0) \det \left( \exp \left( \int_0^t A(s) ds \right) \right)$$

Now let  $T(t)$  be the matrix that transform  $\int_0^t A(s) ds$  to its normal jordan form  $J(t)$ , we have that

$$\det \left( \exp \left( \int_0^t A(s) ds \right) \right) = \det(\exp(T(t)J(t)T^{-1}(t))) = \det(\exp(J(t)))$$

Since  $J(t)$  is an upper-triangular matrix we have that

$$\det(\exp(J(t))) = \exp(\text{Tr}(J(t))) = \exp \left( \text{Tr} \left( \int_0^t A(s) ds \right) \right) = \exp \left( \int_0^t \text{Tr}(A(s)) ds \right)$$

Thus

$$\det(P(t)) = \det(P_0) \exp \left( \int_0^t \text{Tr}(A(s)) ds \right)$$