

## MIDTERM #2 REVIEW PROBLEMS

If not otherwise specified, solve the following problems. If initial conditions are given, solve for all constants of integration. It is okay to leave answers in implicit form or with unsolved integrals if it is not possible to reduce the solution further.

1. **Eigenvalue solutions of ODEs** Solve the following system of ODEs.

(a)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** Compute the determinant  $A - \lambda I$ :

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 = 0$$

So we have one eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$ . We first compute the eigenvector associated with this eigenvalue:

$$\begin{aligned} (A - (1)I)\vec{\eta} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\eta} = 0 \\ \vec{\eta} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

From here, recall that we need to solve for the vector  $\vec{\rho}$  in the equation:

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{\rho} = \vec{\eta}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\rho} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{\rho} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this into the final solution for a repeated real eigenvalue:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^t + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t e^t + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix} e^t \quad \blacksquare$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** Compute the determinant  $A - \lambda I$ :

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - 4 = \lambda(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

So we have  $\lambda_1 = 5$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ . To find the first eigenvector:

$$\begin{aligned} (A - (5)I)\vec{\eta}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\eta}_1 = 0 \\ \vec{\eta}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

For the second eigenvector:

$$(A - (0)I)\vec{\eta}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\eta}_2 = 0$$

$$\vec{\eta}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, the solution to the ODE is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{5t} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \blacksquare$$

## 2. Nonlinear Second Order ODEs

(a)  $y'' + y'^3 \sin(y) = 0$

**Solution:** We use “missing-x” method here:

$$\begin{aligned} u(y) &= y' \\ uu' &= y'' \\ uu' + u^3 \sin(y) &= 0 \\ u' + u^2 \sin(y) &= 0 \\ \frac{1}{u^2} &= -\sin(y) \\ -\frac{1}{u} &= \cos(y) + C_1 \\ -1 &= \cos(y)u = (\cos(y) + C_1)y' \\ -x + C_2 &= \sin(y) + C_1 y \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $yy'' = 3y'^2$

**Solution:** We using missing-x method again:

$$\begin{aligned} yuu' &= 3u^2 \\ yu' &= 3u \\ \frac{u'}{u} &= \frac{3}{y} \\ u &= y' = C_1 y^3 \\ \frac{y'}{y^3} &= C_1 \\ -\frac{2}{y^2} &= C_1 x + C_2 \\ y &= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_2 - C_1 x}} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $y'' = 1 + y'^2$

**Solution:** This is a missing-x and missing-y ODE, so we have to choose which method to use first. Missing-y method is much easier to use than missing-x, so unless we're given in a hint that we should use missing-x or the ODE really looks like missing-x would be better (which is pretty hard to tell), we should try missing-y first:

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= u \\ y'' &= u' \\ u' &= 1 + u^2 \\ \frac{u'}{1 + u^2} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}(u) &= x + C_1 \\ u = y' &= \tan(x + C_1) \\ y(x) &= -\ln|\cos(x + C_1)| + C_2 \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

So missing-y method worked after all.

### 3. Second Order Linear ODEs

(a)

$$t^2 y'' - t(t+2)y' + (t+2)y = 2t^4, \quad y_1 = t$$

**Solution:** For second order ODEs, the most important part is pinning down which is the correct method to solve the given equation. There are only a few different methods we learn in this class, so be sure you are familiar with all of them, know the rules for using each, which are for the homogeneous vs. the particular solution, etc. (*Hint:* this would be a good thing to include on your cheat sheet, as well as commit to memory before the exam.) For all of these problems, we first identify the method, and from there the solution follows quite easily.

For this equation, the homogeneous problem is solved by reduction of order, and the inhomogeneous problem by variation of parameters. Whenever you are given one homogeneous solution, that is almost always an indicator that you should solve the homogeneous equation with reduction of order. Also recall that we only have two methods for solving linear inhomogeneous second order ODEs, and undetermined coefficients is not valid here, so we should resort to variation of parameters.

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 &= t \\ y_2 &= u(x)t \\ y_2' &= u't + u \\ y_2'' &= u''t + 2u'\end{aligned}$$

Plugging into the ODE:

$$\begin{aligned}t^2(u''t + 2u') - (t^2 + 2t)(u't + u) + (t+2)tu &= 0 \\ u''t^3 + 2u't^2 - t^3u' - 2t^2u' - t^2u - 2tu + t^2u + 2tu &= 0 \\ u''t^3 - t^3u' &= 0 \\ u'' &= u' \\ u &= e^t \\ y_2 &= te^t\end{aligned}$$

Now, we can calculate the Wronskian  $W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = t(e^t + te^t) - te^t = t^2 e^t$  and solve the equation using variation of parameters. First put the equation into standard form:

$$y'' - \frac{t+2}{t}y' + \frac{t+2}{t^2}y = 2t^2$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}y_p(t) &= -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 g(t)}{W} dt + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 g(t)}{W} dt \\ &= -t \int \frac{te^t(2t^2)}{t^2 e^t} dt + te^t \int \frac{t(2t^2)}{t^2 e^t} dt \\ &= -2t \int t dt + 2te^t \int te^{-t} dt \\ &= -t^3 + 2te^t(-te^{-t} - e^{-t}) \\ &= -t^3 - 2t^2 - 2t\end{aligned}$$

So, the final solution is given by:

$$y(t) = c_1 t + c_2 te^t - t^3 - 2t^2 \quad \blacksquare$$

(b)

$$(x-1)y'' - xy' + y = (x-1)^2, \quad x > 1; \quad y_1 = e^x$$

**Solution:** We are given one of homogeneous basis solutions, so we know right away that we solve the homogeneous problem with reduction of order. The ODE does not have constant coefficients, so we should use variation of parameters for the particular solution.

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= u(x)y_1 \\ &= ue^x \\ y_2' &= u'e^x + ue^x \\ y_2'' &= u''e^x + 2u'e^x + ue^x \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this into the ODE, we can solve for  $y_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (x-1)(u''e^x + 2u'e^x + ue^x) - x(u'e^x + ue^x) + ue^x &= 0 \\ (x-1)(u'' + 2u' + u) - x(u' + u) + u &= 0 \\ xu'' + 2xu' + xu - u'' - 2u' - u - xu' - xu + u &= 0 \\ xu'' + xu' - u'' - 2u' &= 0 \\ u'' &= \frac{2-x}{x-1}u' \end{aligned}$$

Notice that this is essentially a “missing- $y$ ” ODE, so we can make a substitution and solve:

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= e^{-x}x \\ u'' &= \frac{2-x}{x-1}u' \end{aligned}$$

Define  $v \equiv u'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} v' &= \frac{2-x}{x-1}v = \frac{1+1-x}{x-1}v = \frac{1}{x-1}v - \frac{x-1}{x-1}v = \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - 1\right)v \\ \ln|v| &= \ln|x-1| - x + C \\ v &= u' = Ce^{-x}(x-1) \\ u(x) &= C_1e^{-x}x + C_2 \end{aligned}$$

and since we're only interested in the part dependent on  $x$ , we discard the constants to find:

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= e^{-x}x \\ y_2 &= x \end{aligned}$$

We then use variation of parameters to find the particular solution. The Wronskian is  $W = e^x - xe^x$ , so we can find the particular solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(t) &= -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 g(x)}{W} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 g(x)}{W} dx \\ &= -e^x \int \frac{x(x-1)}{e^x(1-x)} dx + x \int \frac{e^x(x-1)}{e^x(1-x)} dx \\ &= e^x \int xe^{-x} dx - x \int dx \\ &= e^x(-e^{-x})(x+1) - x^2 \\ &= -x - 1 - x^2 \end{aligned}$$

So, the solution is:

$$y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 x - x^2 - 1 \quad \blacksquare$$

(c)

$$y'' - y' - 2y = -2t + 4t^2$$

**Solution:** The homogeneous problem has constant coefficients, so it is easily solved with the characteristic equation. The right hand side is also a “nice” function, so we can solve the inhomogeneous problem using undetermined coefficients.

To find the homogeneous solution:

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2, -1$$

So we have the homogeneous solution:

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t}$$

Note that there is no function in common with the homogeneous basis and the right hand side, so we do not need to employ the modification rule here when using undetermined coefficients. The right hand side is a second order polynomial in  $t$ , so we assume a solution  $y_p = At^2 + Bt + C$ :

$$y_p = At^2 + Bt + C$$

$$y'_p = 2At + B$$

$$y''_p = 2A$$

Plugging into the ODE:

$$2A - 2At - B - 2At^2 - 2Bt - 2C = -2t + 4t^2$$

$$2A - B - 2C = 0$$

$$-2A - 2B = -2$$

$$-2A = 4$$

$$A = -2$$

$$B = 3$$

$$C = -\frac{7}{2}$$

$$y_p(t) = -2t^2 + 3t - \frac{7}{2}$$

So, the final solution is:

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t} - 2t^2 + 3t - \frac{7}{2} \quad \blacksquare$$

(d)

$$y'' - 2y' + y = e^x$$

**Solution:** We can solve the homogeneous problem with characteristic equation, and undetermined coefficients for the inhomogeneous solution since the right hand side is a “nice” function.

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = (\lambda - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

So,

$$y_h(x) = e^x(c_1 + c_2 x)$$

The right hand side appears in the homogeneous basis for this problem, so we need to apply the modification rule (twice in this case) to assume the correct solution.

$$y_p = Ax^2 e^x$$

$$y_p' = 2Axe^x + Ax^2e^x$$

$$y_p'' = 2Ae^x + 4Axe^x + Ax^2e^x$$

Plugging into the ODE:

$$2Ae^x + 4Axe^x + Ax^2e^x - 2(2Axe^x + Ax^2e^x) + Ax^2e^x = e^x$$

$$2A + 4Ax + Ax^2 - 4Ax - 2Ax^2 + Ax^2 = 1$$

$$2A = 1$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y_p(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2e^x$$

The final solution is then:

$$y(x) = e^x(c_1 + c_2x) + \frac{1}{2}x^2e^x \quad \blacksquare$$

(e)

$$y'' + 4y = 4 \csc(2t)$$

**Solution:** We have constant coefficients, so the homogeneous solution can be solved with the characteristic equation. The right hand side is not a “nice” function, so we need to use variation of parameters to solve for the particular solution.

Note that this is an equation of the form  $y'' = -\omega^2 y$ , which is the equation for an undamped massive spring system, so we automatically know the solution will be

$$y_h(t) = c_1 \sin(2t) + c_2 \cos(2t)$$

This problem has Wronskian  $W = -2 \sin^2(2t) - 2 \cos^2(2t) = -2$ .

$$y_p(t) = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 g(x)}{W} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 g(x)}{W} dx$$

$$= -\sin(2t) \int \frac{\cos(2t)(4 \csc(2t))}{(-2)} dt + \cos(2t) \int \frac{\sin(2t)(4 \csc(2t))}{(-2)} dt$$

$$= 2 \sin(2t) \int \cot(2t) dt - 2 \cos(2t) \int dt$$

$$= \sin(2t) \ln(\sin(2t)) - 2t \cos(2t)$$

So, the final solution is:

$$y(t) = c_1 \sin(2t) + c_2 \cos(2t) + \sin(2t) \ln(\sin(2t)) - 2t \cos(2t) \quad \blacksquare$$

(f)

$$t^2 y'' - 2y = 3t^2 - 1$$

**Solution:** The homogeneous problem is clearly a Euler-Cauchy equation, so we use that method to solve the homogeneous problem and then variation of parameters for the particular solution.

Assume the solution  $y(t) = t^m$ :

$$t^2(m)(m-1)t^{m-2} - 2t^m = 0$$

$$m^2 - m - 2 = 0$$

$$(m-2)(m+1) = 0$$

$$m = 2, -1$$

$$y_h(t) = c_1 t^2 + c_2 \frac{1}{t}$$

This system has Wronskian  $W = t^2 \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\right) - 2t \left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = -3$ . The particular solution is then:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(t) &= -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 g(t)}{W} dt + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 g(t)}{W} dt \\ &= -t^2 \int \frac{\frac{1}{t} \left(3 - \frac{1}{t^2}\right)}{-3} dt + \frac{1}{t} \int \frac{t^2 \left(3 - \frac{1}{t^2}\right)}{-3} dt \\ &= \frac{t^2}{3} \int \frac{1}{t} \left(3 - \frac{1}{t^2}\right) dt - \frac{1}{3t} \int (3t^2 - 1) dt \\ &= \frac{t^2}{3} \int \left(\frac{3}{t} - \frac{1}{t^3}\right) dt - \frac{1}{3t} \int (3t^2 - 1) dt \\ &= \frac{t^2}{3} \left(3 \ln(t) + \frac{1}{2t^2}\right) - \frac{1}{3t} (t^3 - t) \\ &= t^2 \ln(t) - \frac{t^2}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So, the solution is:

$$y(t) = c_1 t^2 + c_2 \frac{1}{t} + t^2 \ln(t) + \frac{1}{2} \quad \blacksquare$$

(g)

$$x^2 y'' + 4xy' - 4y = \ln(x)$$

**Solution:** At first glance, this appears to be a very difficult problem. The homogeneous problem is an Euler-Cauchy equation, so we will need to solve for the particular solution using variation of parameters. However,  $\frac{\ln(x)}{x^2}$  is a *very* bad function to integrate against, so variation of parameters will also probably be too hard or even break down. So, there must be a better way to go about this.

Recall that an Euler-Cauchy equation with the transformation  $x = e^u$  will change the problem into a characteristic equation problem. So, we can apply this variable transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{du} \\ \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{du} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{du^2} \end{aligned}$$

Plugging the change of variables into the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{du} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{du^2} \right) + 4x \left( \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{du} \right) - 4y &= u \\ -\frac{dy}{du} + \frac{d^2 y}{du^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{du} - 4y &= u \\ \frac{d^2 y}{du^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{du} - 4y &= u \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic equation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 4 &= 0 \\ (\lambda + 4)(\lambda - 1) &= 0 \\ \lambda &= 1, -4 \end{aligned}$$

So, the homogeneous solution is

$$y_h(u) = c_1 e^u + c_2 e^{-4u}$$

Because the transformed problem has constant coefficients and a “nice” right hand side function, we can solve using undetermined coefficients. We do not need the modification rule, so we assume  $y_p = Au + B$ .

$$3A - 4Au - 4B = u$$

$$3A - 4B = 0 - 4A = 1$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$B = -\frac{3}{16}$$

$$y_p(u) = -\frac{1}{4}u - \frac{3}{16}$$

The solution in terms of  $u$  is:

$$y(u) = c_1 e^u + c_2 e^{-4u} - \frac{1}{4}u - \frac{3}{16}$$

Transforming back to  $x$ , we have the final solution:

$$y(x) = c_1 x + c_2 \frac{1}{x^4} - \frac{1}{4} \ln(x) - \frac{3}{16} \quad \blacksquare$$

#### 4. Higher Order ODEs and MATLAB

- a) A system of couple pendulums could be modeled by the following system of equations:

$$\theta_a'' + \theta_b'' + \frac{g}{\ell} \theta_a + \frac{K}{M} (\theta_a - \theta_b) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\theta_a'' + 2\theta_b'' + \frac{g}{\ell} \theta_b + \frac{K}{M} (\theta_b - \theta_a) = 0 \quad (2)$$

- (i) Rewrite this as a coupled system of first-order ODEs.

**Solution:** We first need to introduce our “dummy variables” and define our state vector for the system. When converting a higher order system into a first order system, this is the most important and often trickiest part.

Every variable in the system (in this case,  $\theta_a$  and  $\theta_b$ ) has *as many states as its highest derivative*. That is, if the second derivative exists in the system, we need to put that variable and its first derivative in the state vector. (You can think of this as each derivative creating a degree of freedom in the system, so we need to solve for both the function and its lower derivatives when finding a solution to the ODE in order to eliminate these extra degrees of freedom and have a unique solution.)

The given system is second order in both  $\theta_a$  and  $\theta_b$ , so our state vector must include  $\theta_a$ ,  $\theta_a'$ ,  $\theta_b$ , and  $\theta_b'$ . So, let  $v_1 = \theta_a$ ,  $v_2 = \theta_b$ ,  $v_3 = \theta_a'$ , and  $v_4 = \theta_b'$  for our state vector  $\vec{v}$ .

Substitute these into the system, and algebraically manipulate the system to find  $\vec{v}' = f(\vec{v})$ :

$$0 = v_3' + v_4' + \frac{g}{\ell} v_1 + \frac{K}{M} (v_1 - v_2) \quad (1)$$

$$0 = v_3' + 2v_4' + \frac{g}{\ell} v_2 + \frac{K}{M} (v_2 - v_1) \quad (2)$$

(2) – (1):

$$0 = v_4' + \frac{g}{\ell} (v_2 - v_1) + 2\frac{K}{M} (v_2 - v_1)$$

$$v_4' = \frac{g}{\ell} (v_1 - v_2) + 2\frac{K}{M} (v_1 - v_2)$$



(2) - 2 × (1):

$$0 = -v_3' + \frac{g}{\ell}(v_2 - 2v_1) + 3\frac{K}{M}(v_2 - v_1)$$

$$v_3' = \frac{g}{\ell}(v_2 - 2v_1) + 3\frac{K}{M}(v_2 - v_1)$$

Then the trivial relations:

$$v_1' = v_3$$

$$v_2' = v_4$$

Combining these into matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1' \\ v_2' \\ v_3' \\ v_4' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2\frac{g}{\ell} - 3\frac{K}{M} & \frac{g}{\ell} + 3\frac{K}{M} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{g}{\ell} + 2\frac{K}{M} & -\frac{g}{\ell} - 2\frac{K}{M} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \blacksquare$$

- (ii) Write a MATLAB function to evaluate the derivative such that the system could be solved with `ode45()`. Pass in  $g$ ,  $\ell$ ,  $K$ , and  $M$  as parameters.

**Solution:** Since the ODE is linear and we've already put it into matrix form, this function is very easy to write. The only thing we must keep in mind is that `ode45()` requires that the derivative be output as a column vector. However, because we have formulated this as a matrix mapping a column vector to another column vector, this requirement is already satisfied. The code below will be compatible with `ode45()`:

```
function yp = derivative(x,y, g, l, K, M)
    A = [0, 0, 1, 0; ...
         0, 0, 0, 1; ...
         -2*g / l - 3*K / M, g / l + 3 * K / M, 0, 0; ...
         g / l + 2*K / M, -g / l - 2 * K / M, 0, 0];
    yp = A*y;
end
```

Note that there are many correct ways to write this function, this is just one example.

- (iii) Write a script to call `ode45()` to solve this ODE over the domain  $0 \leq t \leq 10$  with initial conditions:

$$\theta_a = \pi, \theta_b = 0, \theta_a'(0) = 0, \theta_b'(0) = 0$$

Include code to plot the solution for  $\theta_b$  as a function of  $t$ . Use the values  $g = \ell = K = M = 1$  and pass these in as parameters to your `yp()` function.

**Solution:** One example of a script that would do this:

```
clear all; close all

g = 1; l = 1; K = 1; M = 1;
[t, y] = ode45(@(t,y) yp(t,y, g, l, K, M), [0, 10], [pi, 0, 0, 0])
plot(t, y(:,2))
```

- b) For the following initial value problem

$$y'' + x^2 y' + y = 1, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

write a piece of MATLAB code to numerically solve the system using Backward Euler method. Use step size  $h = 0.1$ , solve over interval  $x \in [0, 1]$ , and include code to plot your solution.

**Solution:** We first must rewrite this as a system of first-order ODEs. Introduce “dummy variables”  $v_1 = y$  and  $v_2 = y'$ . The ODE then becomes:

$$v_2' + x^2 v_2 + v_1 = 1$$

We can then rewrite this as a first order (nonlinear) system for  $\vec{v}' = f(\vec{v})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} v_1' &= v_2 \\ v_2' &= 1 - v_1 - x^2 v_2 \end{aligned}$$

Now, recall the equation for the backward Euler method:

$$\vec{y}_{i+1} = \vec{y}_i + h\vec{y}'(x_{i+1}, \vec{y}_{i+1})$$

We can plug our expression for  $\vec{v}'$  into this equation then algebraically solve for  $\vec{v}_{i+1}$  to find the final expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{i+1} &= \vec{v}_i + h \begin{bmatrix} v_{2,i+1} \\ 1 - v_{1,i+1} - x_{i+1}^2 v_{2,i+1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,i+1} \\ v_{2,i+1} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,i} \\ v_{2,i} \end{bmatrix} + h \begin{bmatrix} v_{2,i+1} \\ 1 - v_{1,i+1} - x_{i+1}^2 v_{2,i+1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Plugging the first equation into the second:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{2,i+1} &= v_{2,i} + h(1 - (v_{1,i} + h v_{2,i+1}) - x_{i+1}^2 v_{2,i+1}) \\ &= v_{2,i} + h - h v_{1,i} - h^2 v_{2,i+1} - h x_{i+1}^2 v_{2,i+1} \\ v_{2,i+1} + h^2 v_{2,i+1} + h x_{i+1}^2 v_{2,i+1} &= v_{2,i} + h - h v_{1,i} \\ v_{2,i+1} &= \frac{1}{1 + h^2 + h x_{i+1}^2} (v_{2,i} + h - h v_{1,i}) \end{aligned}$$

We can then plug this into the equation for  $v_{1,i+1}$  to find our final system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_{1,i+1} \\ v_{2,i+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,i} + \frac{h}{1 + h^2 + h x_{i+1}^2} (v_{2,i} + h - h v_{1,i}) \\ \frac{1}{1 + h^2 + h x_{i+1}^2} (v_{2,i} + h - h v_{1,i}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Now that we have our system solved for  $\vec{v}_{i+1}$  in closed form, we can easily implement the numerical solution in MATLAB:

```
h = 0.1;
x = 0;
xmax = 10;
v(1,1) = 1;
v(2,1) = 1;
i = 1;

while x < xmax
    x(i+1) = x(i) + h;
    v(1,i+1) = v(1,i) + (h/(1 + h^2 + h(x(i+1)^2)))*(v(2,i) + h - h*v(1,i));
    v(2,i+1) = (1/(1 + h^2 + h(x(i+1)^2)))*(v(2,i) + h - h*v(1,i));
    i = i+1;
end

plot(x,v(1,:))
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