

Test 1

Each question is worth 20 points. Please show all your work.

1. A falling 3 kg object meets air resistance equal to twice its velocity. Assume it is falling straight down and the only other force acting is gravity.

a.) Write a differential equation to describe the the velocity of the object at time t . Assume force is mass times acceleration and write the gravitational constant as g .

b.) Assume the object is dropped, so $v(0) = 0$. Find the solution of differential equation.

2. Consider a system of two tanks, the first holding a 200l of salt solution, the second holding 100l of salt solution. A solution of 4 g/l of salt solution flows into the first tank at a rate of 2 l/min; thoroughly mixed solution flows to the second tank at a rate of 4 l/min. For the second tank, 3 l/min of 2 g/l of salt solution flows in, 2 l/min of solution flows out to the first tank and 5 l/min flows away.

a.) Write a system of differential equations for the amount of salt in the two tanks.

b.) Find the equilibrium solution of the system in part (a).

3. Suppose $\mathbf{z}' = \begin{pmatrix} a & -1 \\ 1 & a \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}$.

a.) Give a condition on a so that all solutions go to 0 as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

b.) Solve the equation with $a = -1$ subject to $\mathbf{z}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

4. In this problem we will study a population y subject to the harvested logistic equation

$$y' = 6y - y^2 - 8.$$

a.) Draw the phase portrait, indicating the equilibrium solutions and where the population will be rising or falling.

b.) Suppose $y(0) = 1$. Use the phase portrait to predict whether the population survives.

c.) Solve the differential equation subject to $y(0) = 1$.

Extra credit: Your answer to 4.c.) should show $y \rightarrow 4$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Why does this not contradict your answer to 4.b.)?

Answers

1. If down is positive, $v' = g - (2/3)v$ where g is the gravitational constant.

b.) $v = \frac{3g}{2}(1 - e^{-(2/3)t})$.

2.a.) $\mathbf{z}' = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{50} & \frac{1}{50} \\ \frac{1}{50} & -\frac{7}{100} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{z} + \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$

b.) $\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 680 \\ 280 \end{pmatrix}$.

3.a.) We need $a < 0$ as the eigenvalues are $a \pm i$.

b.) $\mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos t \\ e^{-t} \sin t \end{pmatrix}$.

4.a.) The equilibrium solutions are $y = 2, 4$, with y rising for $2 < y < 4$ and falling otherwise.

b.) The population goes to zero.

c.) $y = \frac{4 - 6e^{-2t}}{1 - 3e^{-2t}}$

d.) The graph of y has a vertical asymptote when the denominator is zero; that is, at $t = (1/2)\ln(3)$. (The population is zero at $(1/2)\ln(3/2)$.) For this reason, the long-term behavior of y is irrelevant to the original initial value problem.