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Problem 1 In each case, solve the ODE for  $y(t)$ :

(a)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -ty^{1/2}$ , and  $y(0) = 1$

(b)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = a - \frac{1}{t}y$  and  $y(1) = 0$  (where  $a > 0$  is a constant).

(c)  $y'' + 2y' - 8y = 0$ , and  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2$

**Solution to Problem 1 V2:**

(a) This equation is nonlinear. We solve it using separation of variables  $\frac{dy}{y^{1/2}} = -tdt \Rightarrow \int y^{-1/2}dy = -\int tdt + C \Rightarrow \frac{y^{1/2}}{1/2} = -\frac{t^2}{2} + C \Rightarrow y^{1/2} = -(1/4)t^2 + C'$ . We can use the initial condition now to deduce that  $C' = 1$  so that  $y^{1/2} = -(1/4)t^2 + 1$  and finally  $y(t) = [1 - (t^2/4)]^2$ .

(b) We will use an integrating factor. Put in standard form  $\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{t} = a$ . Then the integrating factor is  $\mu(t) = \exp[\int 1/t dt] = \exp[\ln(t)] = t$ . So multiply both sides by  $t$  to get  $t[\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{y}{t}] = \frac{d(ty)}{dt} = at$ . Integrate to get  $ty = \int at dt + C = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + C$ . So then  $y(t) = \frac{1}{2}at + C\frac{1}{t}$ . Use the initial condition to get the constant  $C = -\frac{1}{2}a$ . The solution is thus  $y(t) = \frac{1}{2}a(t - \frac{1}{t})$

(c) The characteristic equation is  $r^2 + 2r - 8 = (r - 2)(r + 4) = 0$ . This has the roots  $r = 2, -4$  so the general solution is  $y(t) = C_1e^{2t} + C_2e^{-4t}$ . Then we use the initial conditions:  $1 = y(0) = C_1 + C_2$  and  $2 = (2C_1 - 4C_2)$ . Solving for the constants we find that  $C_2 = 0, C_1 = 1$  so the solution is  $y(t) = e^{2t}$ .

**Problem 2:** Match the direction fields in Fig 1 with the differential equations by circling a, b, c, or d in each case. Some of these differential equations do not match any of the direction fields - for those cases circle "None".

$y' = y(2 - y)^2$    a   **b**   c   d   None

$y' = y^2(2 - y)$    a   b   c   d   **None**

$y' = y(2 - y)$    **a**   b   c   d   None

$y' = y - t$    a   b   c   d   **None**

$y' = y - \sin(t)$    a   b   c   **d**   None

$y' = y + t^2$    a   b   **c**   d   None

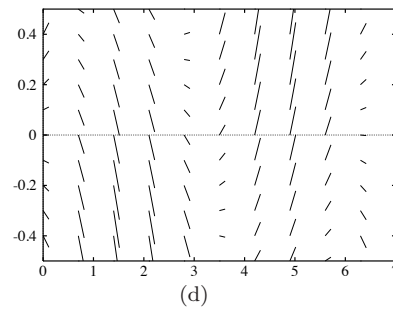
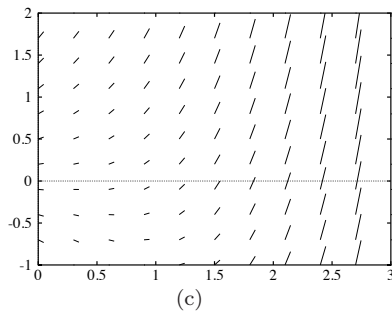
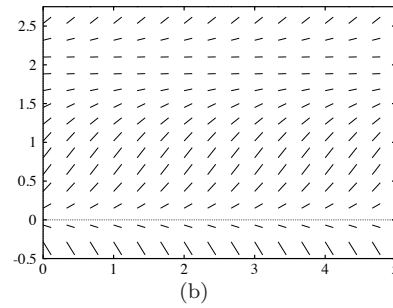
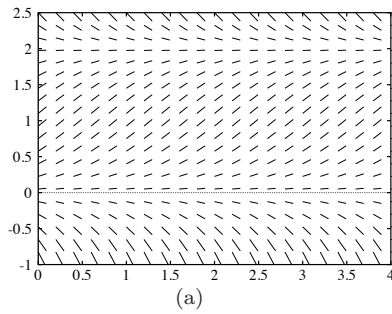


Figure 1: Direction fields

**Solution to Problem 2 V2:**

- 1(a)  $y' = y(2 - y)$ ,
- 1(b)  $y' = y(2 - y)^2$
- 1(c)  $y' = y + t^2$ ,
- 1(d)  $y' = y - \sin(t)$ .

**Problem 3** Newton's law of cooling states that the temperature of an object changes at a rate proportional to the difference between its temperature and that of the environment. The ODE for temperature  $T(t)$  can be written as

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(E - T),$$

where  $E$  is the temperature of the environment, and  $k$  is a constant.

(a) Is the constant  $k$  positive or negative? Explain why.

(b) Find the temperature  $T(t)$  given the initial condition  $T(0) = 0$  in the case that  $E$  is constant. (Your answer will be in terms of  $E$  and  $k$ .)

(c) Now suppose that  $E(t) = E_0 e^{-t}$  and  $T(0) = 0$ . Find  $T(t)$  for  $t > 0$ . (**You may assume that  $k \neq 1$  in this question.**)

### Solution to Problem 3

(a)  $k > 0$ : a hot object in a cool environment should lose heat (cool down) so if  $T > E$  we expect that  $dT/dt < 0$ , which is true if  $k > 0$ .

(b)

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(E - T), \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dT}{dt} + kT = kE$$

Integrating factor  $\mu(t) = \exp[kt] = e^{kt}$  leads to

$$e^{kt} \left( \frac{dT}{dt} + kT \right) = \frac{d}{dt} [e^{kt} T] = kE e^{kt}$$

Integrate to get  $e^{kt} T = \int kE e^{kt} dt + C = \frac{kE}{k} e^{kt} + C = E e^{kt} + C$  so then  $T(t) = E + C e^{-kt}$ . Now use the initial condition:  $T(0) = 0$  to get  $0 = T(0) = E + C$  so  $C = -E$  and the solution is  $T(t) = E - E e^{-kt} = E(1 - e^{-kt})$ .

(c)  $E(t) = E_0 e^{-t}$  and  $T(0) = 0$ . Then we have a similar integrating factor and get to the equation  $\frac{d}{dt} [e^{kt} T] = kE_0 e^{-t} e^{kt} = kE_0 e^{(k-1)t}$ . Integrating leads to

$$[e^{kt} T] = kE_0 \int e^{(k-1)t} dt + C$$

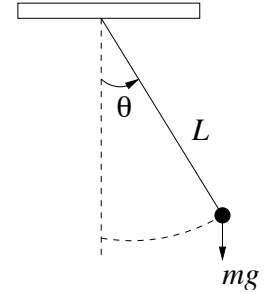
$[e^{kt} T] = \frac{kE_0}{k-1} e^{(k-1)t} + C$  so  $T(t) = \frac{kE_0}{(k-1)} e^{-t} + C e^{-kt}$ . Using the initial condition  $T(0) = 0$  leads to  $0 = T(0) = \frac{kE_0}{(k-1)} + C$  so  $C = -\frac{kE_0}{(k-1)}$ . Thus the solution is  $T(t) = \frac{kE_0}{(k-1)} e^{-t} - \frac{kE_0}{(k-1)} e^{-kt} = \frac{kE_0}{(k-1)} (e^{-t} - e^{-kt})$

Problem 4:

The angle that an oscillating pendulum of length  $L$  makes with the vertical direction (see Figure) approximately satisfies the equation

$$L \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + g\theta = 0, \quad (PEND)$$

where  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity. Assume  $L > 0$ , and  $g > 0$  are constant. Answer the following questions.



- (a) Describe the motion of this pendulum starting from rest at a small deflection (You are asked to find the solution to (PENDING) for  $\theta(0) = \theta_0, \theta'(0) = 0$ .)

- (b) When the pendulum becomes rusty, the motion is damped so that the ODE describing the motion becomes

$$L \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + D \frac{d\theta}{dt} + g\theta = 0, \quad (DAMP)$$

for what value of  $D$  would the oscillation stop? (You are only asked to find the value of  $D$  for critical damping. You do not need to solve the equation.)

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- (c) The *undamped* pendulum is connected to a motor that applies a periodic force to it. The new equation describing its deflection is

$$L \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + g\theta = \sin(\omega_0 t), \quad (\text{FORCED})$$

Write down the form of the solution to equation (*FORCED*) and explain how that form depends on the value of  $\omega_0$ . (**You do not need to solve for any constants in your solution.**)

- (d) The actual (unapproximated) ODE for the motion of a pendulum is

$$L \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + g \sin(\theta) = 0, \quad (\text{TRUE})$$

Briefly explain (1 sentence) under what conditions the differential equation (*TRUE*) is approximated well by (*PEND*). (**You do not need to solve this equation.**)

#### Solution to Problem 4

- (a) We solve

$$L \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + g\theta = 0, \quad \theta(0) = \theta_0, \theta'(0) = 0 \quad (\text{PEND})$$

This is a linear second order ODE with constant coefficients. The characteristic equation is  $Lr^2 + g = 0$ , so the roots are pure imaginary,  $r = \pm i\sqrt{g/L}$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Thus the solution is  $\theta(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t)$  where  $\omega = \sqrt{g/L}$ . To find the constants, use the initial conditions. First note that  $\theta'(t) = -c_1 \sin(\omega t) + c_2 \cos(\omega t)$ . Use  $\theta(0) = \theta_0, \theta'(0) = 0$  to get:

$$\theta_0 = \theta(0) = c_1 \cos(0) + c_2 \sin(0) = c_1$$

$$0 = \theta'(0) = -c_1 \sin(0) + c_2 \cos(0) = c_2.$$

So  $c_1 = \theta_0$  and  $c_2 = 0$ . and so the solution is  $\theta(t) = \theta_0 \cos(\omega t) = \theta_0 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}t\right)$

- (b) The equation (*DAMP*) is  $L \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + D \frac{d\theta}{dt} + g\theta = 0$ . The characteristic equation is  $Lr^2 + Dr + g = 0$  and the roots are  $r = \frac{-D \pm \sqrt{D^2 - 4Lg}}{2L}$ . Critical damping occurs when the roots are real and repeated. This is when  $D^2 = 4Lg$  or  $D = 2\sqrt{Lg}$ .

- (c) The equation of the forced undamped pendulum (*FORCED*) is  $L\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + g\theta = \sin(\omega_0 t)$ . The solution is  $\theta(t) = c_1\theta_1(t) + c_2\theta_2(t) + \theta_p(t)$  where  $\theta_1(t), \theta_2(t)$  are solutions to the homogeneous ODE (*PEND*) and  $\theta_p(t)$  is a particular solution to (*FORCED*).

If  $\omega_0 \neq \sqrt{g/L}$  then the form of the solution is  $\theta(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t) + A \cos(\omega_0 t) + B \sin(\omega_0 t)$

If  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{g/L}$  then the form of the solution is  $\theta(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t) + t[A \cos(\omega_0 t) + B \sin(\omega_0 t)]$

- (d) The actual (unapproximated) ODE, (*TRUE*) is  $L\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + g \sin(\theta) = 0$ , whereas (*PEND*) is  $L\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + g\theta = 0$ . The approximation made is  $\sin(\theta) \approx \theta$  which holds for small values of  $\theta$ , i.e. for small deflections of the pendulum.