

Exam 2 Review: Sections 2.1-2.5 and 3.1-3.4

Section 2.1. Consider a rabbit population satisfying the logistic equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 2P - (0.005)P^2.$$

If the initial population is 120 rabbits, how many months does it take for $P(t)$ to reach 95% of its limiting population M ?

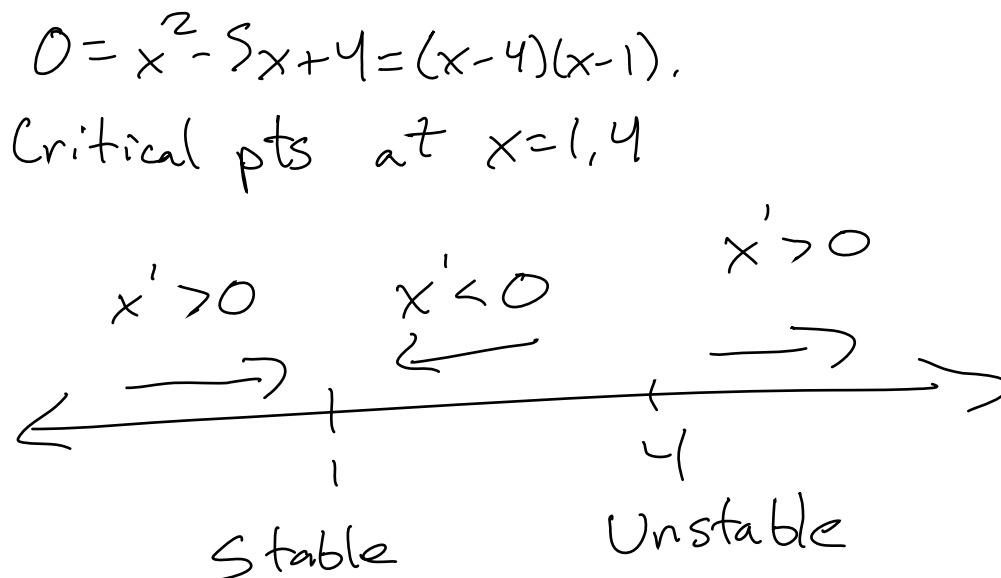
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 2P - 0.005P^2 = (0.005)P(400 - P)$$

So $P(t) = \frac{120 \cdot 400}{120 + 280e^{-2t}}$ $t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{\frac{4800}{95} - 120}{280}\right)}{-2} \approx 1.896$ yrs.
 See Quiz 3

Section 2.2 Draw the phase diagram for the autonomous differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 5x + 4$$

and determine which critical points are stable and unstable.



Section 2.3 Consider a body that moves horizontally through a medium whose resistance is proportional to the square of velocity so that

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -2v^2.$$

Assuming that $v(0) = 1$ and $x(0) = 1$, find the position $x(t)$ as a function of t .

$$-\frac{1}{v} = \int \frac{dv}{v^2} = \int -2 dt = -2t + C$$

$$-1 = \frac{-1}{v(0)} = C$$

Thus $-\frac{1}{v} = -2t - 1$

$$v = \frac{1}{2t+1}$$

and $x = \int \frac{1}{2t+1} dt = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2t+1) + C$

$$x(0) = 1 = C, \text{ so}$$

$$x(t) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2t+1).$$

Sections 2.4 Use the Euler method to find an approximation for $y(2)$ using a step size of $h = 0.5$ for the differential equation

$$yy' = 2x^3, \quad y(1) = 3.$$

$$y' = \frac{2x^3}{y}, \quad y(1) = 3. \quad \text{So } (x_0, y_0) = (1, 3)$$

$$x_1 = 1.5, \quad y_1 = 3 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot y'(1, 3) = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$x_2 = 2, \quad y_2 = \frac{10}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot y'(1.5, \frac{10}{3}) = \frac{1043}{240}.$$

$$\text{Thus } y(2) \approx \frac{1043}{240}.$$

Section 2.5 Use the Improved Euler method to find an approximation for $y(2)$ using a step size of $h = 0.5$ for the differential equation

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$$y' = \frac{2x^3}{y}, \quad y(1) = 3. \quad \text{So } (x_0, y_0) = (1, 3).$$

$$x_1 = 1.5, \quad K_1 = y'(1, 3) = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad u_1 = 3 + \frac{1}{2} K_1 = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$K_2 = y'(1.5, \frac{10}{3}) = \frac{81}{40}.$$

$$\text{Then } y_1 = 3 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{81}{40} \right) \approx 3.67.$$

$$x_2 = 2, \quad K_1 = y'(1.5, 3.67) \approx 1.84 \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = 3.67 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1.84 = 4.59$$

$$K_2 = y'(2, 4.59) \approx 3.49.$$

$$\text{Then } y_2 = 3.67 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (1.84 + 3.49) \approx 5.$$

$$\text{So } y(2) \approx 5.$$

Sections 3.1-3.3 Find the general form of the solution to the differential equation

$$6y^{(4)} + 5y^{(3)} + 25y'' + 20y' + 4 = 0$$

which has characteristic function

$$(r^2 + 4)(6r^2 + 5r + 1) = 0.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \swarrow & \searrow \\ r = \pm 2i & & (3r+1)(2r+1) = 0 \\ & & r = -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

Then $y = C_1 e^{-x/3} + C_2 e^{-x/2} + (a_1 \cos 2x + b_1 \sin 2x).$

Section 3.4 A 12-lb weight (mass $m=0.275$ slugs) is attached both to a vertically suspended spring that it stretches 6 in. and to a dashpot that provides 3 lb of resistance for every foot per second of velocity.

- (a) The weight is pulled down 1 ft below its static equilibrium position and then released from rest at time $t = 0$, find its position function $x(t)$.
- (b) Determine if the motion is over-damped, critically damped or under-damped.

$$m x'' + c x' + k x = 0$$

Use the formula

$$Lbs - k \cdot s_0 = 0 \text{ to get}$$

$$12 - k \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow k = 24.$$

$$\text{Also } c = 3.$$

So we have $0.375 x'' + 3 x' + 24 x = 0$

$$\text{or } x'' + 8 x' + 64 x = 0$$

$$\text{Char. Eqn} \equiv r^2 + 8r + 64 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 4 \pm i\sqrt{48}.$$

So $x(t) = e^{-4t} (A \cos\sqrt{48}t + B \sin\sqrt{48}t)$ and the motion is under-damped.

We also have $x(0) = -1$ and $v(0) = 0$.

So $x(0) = -1 = A$ and

$$v(0) = 0 = -4e^{-4t} (-\cos\sqrt{48}t + B \sin\sqrt{48}t) + e^{-4t} (\sqrt{48} \sin\sqrt{48}t + \sqrt{48} B \cos\sqrt{48}t) \text{ @ } 0$$

$$= 4 + \sqrt{48} B \Rightarrow B = \frac{-4}{\sqrt{48}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Thus $x(t) = -e^{-4t} \left(\cos\sqrt{48}t + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\sqrt{48}t \right).$