

**Problem Set #13 – Math E-21c – Fall 2024**

[60 points total]

**Problem 1:** (10 pts) Solve the system  $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -7x + 9y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -4x + 5y \end{cases}$  with initial conditions  $x(0) = 1, y(0) = -1$ . Express your

solution in terms of real-valued functions. Sketch the general flow of this system and, in particular the solution for the given initial conditions.

**Problem 2:** (20 pts)

a) For the system  $\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$ , find the evolution matrix  $[e^{t\mathbf{B}}]$ .

Refer to Problems 6, 7, and 8 from PS12 for ideas on how to solve this. Under what conditions will the zero state be a stable equilibrium?

b) The system  $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -2x + y + 5z \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x + 2y + 3z \\ \frac{dz}{dt} = -x + 3z \end{cases}$  with corresponding matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 5 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  has a repeated eigenvalue

with algebraic multiplicity 3 but only one independent eigenvector. Find the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and an eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1$  as well as *generalized eigenvectors*  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  to form a basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda\mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda\mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_2 + \lambda\mathbf{v}_3 \end{cases}.$$

c) Use the basis in part (b) and the result of part (a) to find the unique solution to the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -2x + y + 5z \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x + 2y + 3z \\ \frac{dz}{dt} = -x + 3z \end{cases} \text{ with initial conditions } x(0) = 1, y(0) = 1, z(0) = 2.$$

**Problem 3:** (15 pts) Solve the system  $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -x - 2y + 3 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x - y + 4 \end{cases}$  with initial conditions  $x(0) = 1, y(0) = -1$ . Express

your solution in terms of real-valued functions. Sketch the general flow of this system and, in particular the solution for the given initial conditions. [*Hint:* Find the equilibrium and translate axes.]

**Problem 4:** (15 pts.) Find the general solution of the nonautonomous system  $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = x + y + e^{-2t} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 4x - 2y - 2e^t \end{cases}$  by relating it

to a linear system. [**Reference:** Lectures Notes #13, pgs 4-9. Use either Undetermined Coefficients or Variation of Parameters to find particular solution.]