

## MAT 22B Problem Set 3 (Due 7/8)

1. Using the appropriate theorem for first order differential equations, determine the region in which a unique solution of the differential equation exists.

(a)  $\frac{dy}{dt} + \tan(t)y = \sin(t)$

(b)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \sqrt{1 - t^2 - y^2}$

(c)  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1+t^2}{3y-y^2}$

2. Consider the first order nonlinear differential equation of the form

$$y' + p(t)y = q(t)y^n$$

called a Bernoulli equation.

- (a) Solve the equation for  $n = 0$ ,  $n = 1$ .  
(b) Consider the substitution  $v = y^{1-n}$ . Transform the differential equation into an equation involving  $v$  and  $t$ .  
(c) Solve the transformed differential equation.  
(d) Use the method you have developed to solve

$$y' = \epsilon y - \sigma y^3$$

where  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\sigma > 0$ .

3. Consider the initial value problem

$$y' + p(t)y = g(t), \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

where

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} g_1, & t_0 \leq t \leq t_1, \\ g_2, & t > t_1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} p_1, & t_0 \leq t \leq t_2, \\ p_2, & t > t_2. \end{cases}$$

Take  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$ ,  $p_1$ , and  $p_2$  to be constants, and assume  $t_1 < t_2$ . Solve the differential equation by solving it separately over intervals where  $g(t)$  and  $p(t)$  are continuous.

4. Consider the autonomous differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y).$$

For the following, sketch  $f(y)$  vs  $y$ , determine and classify equilibria, draw the phase line, and sketch solution trajectories in the  $ty$ -plane.

(a)  $f(y) = y^2(y^2 - 1)$

(b)  $f(y) = y^2(4 - y^2)$

5. The Monterey Bay was one of the world's most productive sardine fisheries until the fishing industry collapsed in the mid-1950's due overfishing and other factors. To prevent this from happening to other fisheries, let's explore the Schafer model

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = r \left( 1 - \frac{y}{K} \right) y - Ey$$

and develop a sustainable harvest plan for the fishery. Here  $y$  is the fish population,  $Ey$  represents the rate at which fish are harvested, and  $E$  represents the effort expended in harvesting fish.

- (a) Show that if  $E < r$ , then there are two equilibrium points and classify the equilibria.
- (b) A sustainable yield  $Y$  is the rate at which fish may be caught indefinitely. Determine  $Y$  as a function of  $E$ .
- (c) Determine the value of  $E$  which maximizes  $Y$ . This maximum is called the maximum sustainable yield.

6. Consider the following initial value problem

$$y' = 0.5 - t + 2y, \quad y(0) = 1$$

- (a) Use Euler's method with  $h = 0.1$  to approximate the solution for  $t \in [0, 0.4]$ .
- (b) Use implicit Euler's method with  $h = 0.1$  to approximate the solution for  $t \in [0, 0.4]$ .
- (c) Use Euler's method with  $h = 0.025$  to approximate the solution for  $t \in [0, 0.4]$ .
- (d) Solve the initial value problem to find  $y(t)$ . Compare the values of the solution to the approximate values you found in parts (a), (b), and (c).

7. Consider the initial value problem

$$y' = 1 - t + y, \quad y(t_0) = y_0.$$

- (a) Find the exact solution.
- (b) Using the Euler scheme, show that

$$y_k = (1 + h)y_{k-1} + h - ht_{k-1}$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

- (c) Inductively show that

$$y_n = (1 + h)^n(y_0 - t_0) + t_n.$$

- (d) Show that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow y(t)$ . That is the Euler scheme converges to the exact solution. Recall the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{a}{n} \right)^n = e^a$ .