

1. [6 points] A matrix  $M$  is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & * & 5 & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix},$$

where as usual the \*'s denote unknown and possibly different real numbers. Given that  $M$  is in row-reduced echelon form, find all possible  $M$ , and explain why there are no other possibilities. For each of the  $M$  that you have found, determine its rank, image, and kernel.

Given  $M$  is  $2 \times 4$ . with  $a_{11} = 0$  and  $a_{13} = 5$ . and  $M$  in row-reduced form.

Since the first row is not all zeroes, it must have a leading 1 before the non-zero entry.

Hence  $a_{12} = 1$ .

Every other entry in a column with a leading 1 must be zero.

Hence  $a_{22} = 0$ .

If  $a_{21}$  were non-zero, then we could divide the second row by that entry and have a leading 1, but it would be below and left of  $a_{12}$ , which is not row-reduced form.

Hence  $a_{21} = 0$ .

If  $a_{23}$  were non-zero, then it must be a leading 1 since it would be the first non-zero entry of the second row. But then  $a_{13}$  would be zero since it is in the same column as a leading 1.

Hence  $a_{23} = 0$ .

Thus far, we have  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{bmatrix}$

- If  $a_{24}$  is a leading 1, then  $a_{14}$  is zero, and we have our first possibility:

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(M_1) = 2 \quad \text{image}(M_1) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\text{ker}(M_1) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- If  $a_{24}$  is zero, then  $a_{14}$  may be anything, say  $n$ . This is our second possibility:

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 & n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(M_2) = 1 \quad \text{image}(M_2) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{ker}(M_2) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -n \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(If  $a_{24}$  is anything non-zero, then it must be a leading 1. Thus we have all possibilities.)

2. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

a) [4 points] Construct an orthonormal eigenbasis for  $A$ .

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda - 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\lambda I - A) &= (\lambda - 2)^3 - 1 - 1 - 3(\lambda - 2) \\ &= \lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 9\lambda - 4 \\ &= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4) \\ &= (\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda - 4) \end{aligned}$$

$A$  has eigenvalues 1 (alg. mult. 2) and 4 (alg. mult. 1).

$$\text{rref}(1 \cdot I - A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_1 = \ker(1 \cdot I - A) = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{w}_1}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{w}_2} \right\}$$

$$\text{rref}(4 \cdot I - A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_4 = \ker(4 \cdot I - A) = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{w}_3} \right\}$$

Then  $\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3\}$  is an ~~orthonormal~~ eigenbasis for  $A$ , but it is not orthonormal.

Since  $A$  is symmetric, it will have an orthonormal eigenbasis. Let  $\vec{v}_1 = \frac{\vec{w}_1}{\|\vec{w}_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

b) [2 points] Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Why or why not?

Yes, since we have constructed an (orthonormal) eigenbasis. Let  $S = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$ .

$$\text{Then } S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(All symmetric matrices are diagonalizable.) <sub>2</sub>

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \vec{x}_2 &= \vec{w}_2 - \text{proj}_{\vec{v}_1} \vec{w}_2 \\ &= \vec{w}_2 - (\vec{w}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1) \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{v}_2 = \frac{\vec{x}_2}{\|\vec{x}_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  is an ONB for  $E_1$ .

Since  $A$  is symmetric, we know that

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{w}_3 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{w}_3 = 0.$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{v}_3 = \frac{\vec{w}_3}{\|\vec{w}_3\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  is an orthonormal eigenbasis for  $A$ .

c) [4 points] Using parts (a) and (b), compute  $A^{2000}$ .

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^{2000} = (S^{-1}AS)^{2000} = S^{-1}A^{2000}S$$

$$A^{2000} = SB^{2000}S^{-1}$$

$$= SB^{2000}S^T \quad (\text{since } S \text{ is orthogonal})$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2^{4000} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 2^{4000} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 2^{4000} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 2^{4000} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} & -\frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} & -\frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} \\ -\frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} & -\frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} & \frac{4}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{4000} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Let  $B$  be the matrix

$$\det B = \det(C) \cdot \det(F)$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & -0.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1.3 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.2 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 0 & -2.6 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} C & \\ \hline & F \end{array} \right]$$

a) [3 points] Find all eigenvalues of  $B$ .

$$\lambda I - B = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} \lambda - 1.2 & 0.4 & & \\ -1.3 & \lambda - 0.4 & & \\ \hline & & \lambda - 1.2 & -0.4 \\ & & 2.6 & \lambda - 0.8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\lambda I - B) &= \left[ (\lambda - 1.2)(\lambda - 0.4) + (0.4)(1.3) \right] \left[ (\lambda - 1.2)(\lambda - 0.8) + (0.4)(2.6) \right] \\ &= \left[ \lambda^2 - 1.6\lambda + 0.48 + 0.52 \right] \left[ \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 0.96 + 1.04 \right] \\ &= (\lambda^2 - 1.6\lambda + 1)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eigenvalues: } \lambda_{1,2} &= \frac{1.6 \pm \sqrt{2.56 - 4}}{2} = 0.8 \pm 0.6i \\ \lambda_{3,4} &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = 1 \pm i \end{aligned}$$

b) [3 points] Does the dynamical system

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = B\vec{x}(t)$$

have a point of stable equilibrium? Why or why not?

This is a discrete dynamical system.  
Stable equilibria ~~may~~ occur when the  
moduli of all eigenvalues are less than 1.

This is not the case here because

$$|\lambda_{1,2}| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |\lambda_{3,4}| = \sqrt{2}$$

c) [4 points] Describe qualitatively the behavior of this dynamical system if  $\vec{x}(0)$  is the unit vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  may be written as a linear combination of the eigenvectors for  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  since its third and fourth components are zero.

Since  $|\lambda_1| = 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| = 1$ ,  
the trajectory of  $\vec{x}(0)$  will be an ellipse.

4. Consider the linear transformation  $T : C^\infty \rightarrow C^\infty$  given by

$$T(f) = f'' - 2f'$$

a) [6 points] Find all real eigenvalues of  $T$  and their corresponding eigenspaces.

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue for  $T$ .

Then  $T(f) = \lambda f$  for some  $f \in C^\infty$ .

Suppose  $f'' - 2f' = \lambda f$

$$f'' - 2f' - \lambda f = 0$$

This is equivalent to finding the kernel of the linear differential operator

$$T - \lambda : C^\infty \rightarrow C^\infty$$

$$(T - \lambda)f = f'' - 2f' - \lambda f.$$

The char. poly. of  $T - \lambda$  is:  $P_{T-\lambda}(x) = x^2 - 2x - \lambda$

This has roots  $x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 4\lambda}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \lambda}$

These roots are distinct unless  $\lambda = -1$ .

When the roots of the char. poly. are distinct, we know ~~ker(T)~~

$$\ker(T - \lambda) = \text{span} \left\{ e^{(1 + \sqrt{1 + \lambda})t}, e^{(1 - \sqrt{1 + \lambda})t} \right\}$$

If  $\lambda > -1$ , then these two basis functions are real,  
and we have  $E_\lambda = \ker(T - \lambda) = \text{span} \left\{ e^{(1 + \sqrt{1 + \lambda})t}, e^{(1 - \sqrt{1 + \lambda})t} \right\}$ .

If  $\lambda < -1$ , then we use Euler's formula:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(1 + i\sqrt{-1 - \lambda})t} &= e^t (\cos \sqrt{-1 - \lambda} t + i \sin \sqrt{-1 - \lambda} t) \\ e^{(1 - i\sqrt{-1 - \lambda})t} &= e^t (\cos \sqrt{-1 - \lambda} t - i \sin \sqrt{-1 - \lambda} t) \end{aligned}$$

and we have  $E_\lambda = \ker(T - \lambda) = \text{span} \left\{ e^t \cos \sqrt{-1 - \lambda} t, e^t \sin \sqrt{-1 - \lambda} t \right\}$ .

Special case:  $\lambda = -1$ .

$$(T - 1)f = f'' - 2f' + f$$

$$(T - 1)f = 0$$

when  $f(t) = At \cdot e^t + B \cdot e^t$ , and  $E_{-1} = \text{span} \left\{ t \cdot e^t, e^t \right\}$ .

In conclusion, every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$  with a two-dimensional eigenspace  $E_\lambda$ .

b) [2 points] Let  $T_2$  be the same linear transformation restricted to the subspace  $P_2$  of  $C^\infty$ , consisting of polynomials of degree at most 2. (That is,  $T_2 : P_2 \rightarrow P_2$  is the transformation taking any polynomial  $f$  of degree at most 2 to  $f'' - 2f'$ .)

Choose a basis for  $P_2$ , and write the matrix  $A_2$  of  $T_2$  with respect to this basis.

$P_2$  has a natural basis  $\{1, x, x^2\}$ .

$$T_2(1) = 0$$

$$T_2(x) = -2$$

$$T_2(x^2) = 2 - 4x$$

With respect to this basis, then, identifying  $1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $x^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) [4 points] Find the image and kernel of this matrix  $A_2$ . Check (part of) your work by explaining the relationship between parts (a) and (c).

$$\text{rref}(A_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ker(A_2) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \{1\}$$

↑ the first basis function

$$\begin{aligned} \text{image}(A_2) &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \{-2, 2-4x\} \\ &= \text{span} \{1, x\} \end{aligned}$$

Any functions in  $\ker(A_2) = \ker(T_2)$  should also be in  $\ker(T)$ , i.e. have eigenvalue 0.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know from part (a), that } \ker(T) &= E_0 = \text{span} \{e^{2t}, e^{0t}\} \\ &= \text{span} \{e^{2t}, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

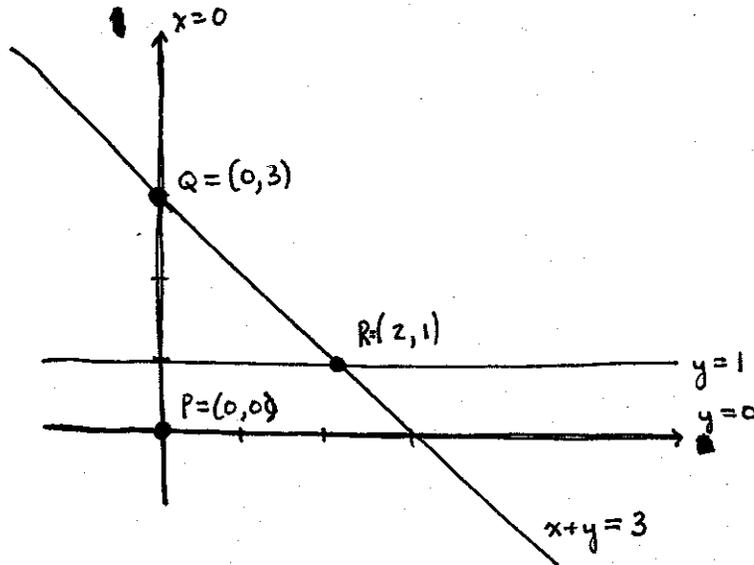
This checks for constant functions, but  $e^{2t} \notin P_2$ .

5. The following continuous dynamical system models the populations  $x(t), y(t)$  of two species:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} &= (y-1)x \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} &= (x+y-3)y\end{aligned}$$

We consider only the first quadrant  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$  since we are modelling populations.

a) [2 points] Sketch the nullclines of this system, and find any equilibrium points.



b) [4 points] Use linear approximation to find the Jacobian  $J$  of the system at any equilibrium points from part (a).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(x,y) \\ g(x,y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (y-1)x \\ (x+y-3)y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y-1 \qquad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = y \qquad \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = x+2y-3$$

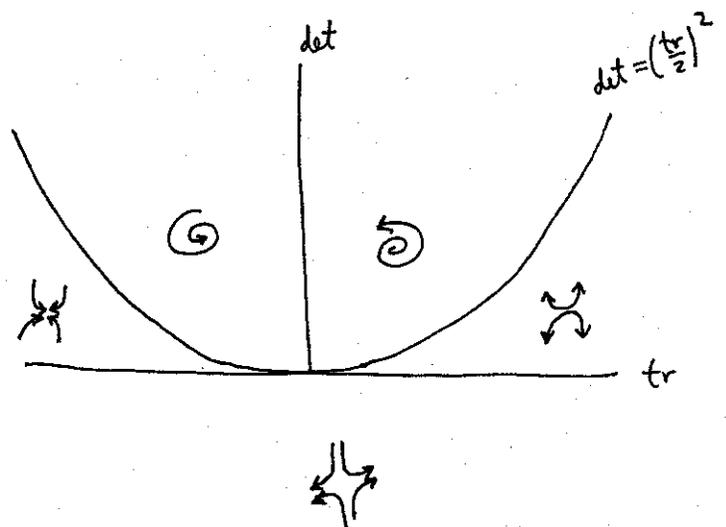
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(a,b) & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(a,b) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(a,b) & \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(a,b) \end{bmatrix}}_J \begin{bmatrix} x-a \\ y-b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(P) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(Q) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(R) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Generally,



c) [4 points] Analyze the stability of each equilibrium point by computing the eigenvalues of  $J$ .

$J(P)$  has eigenvalues  $-1, -3$  since it is diagonal.

Both are negative and real, so  $P$  is a point of stable equilibrium

$$\left( \det J(P) = 3 < \left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2, \text{ so } \begin{matrix} \text{Clockwise} \\ \text{Starburst} \end{matrix} \right)$$

$J(Q)$  has eigenvalues  $2, 3$  since it is lower triangular.

Both are positive and real, so  $Q$  is not a point of stable equilibrium.

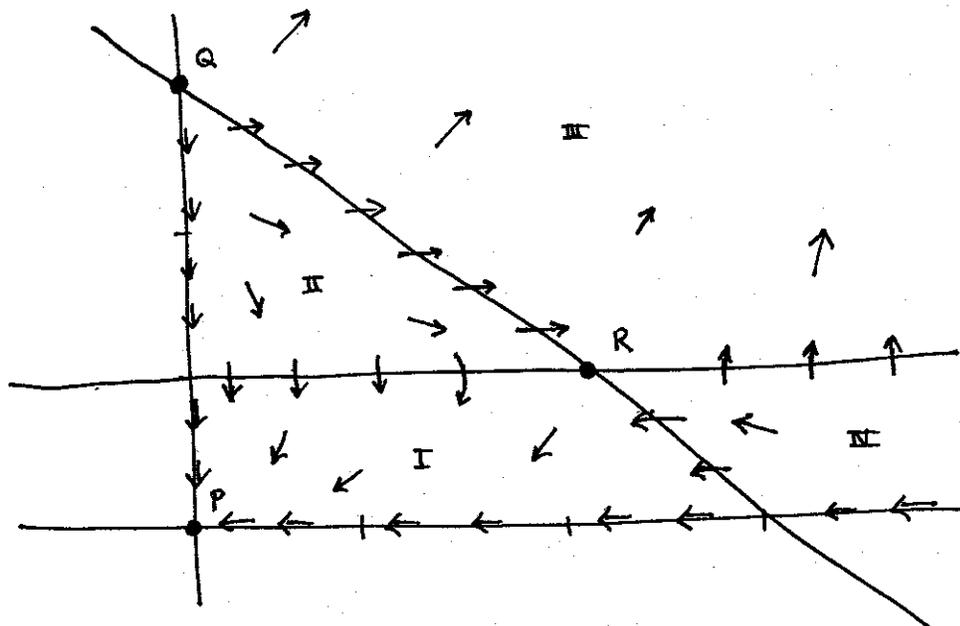
$$\left( \det(Q) = 6 < \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2, \text{ so } \begin{matrix} \text{Counter-clockwise} \\ \text{Starburst} \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$J(R) \text{ has char. poly. } f_{J(R)}(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1)$$

and hence has eigenvalues  $2, -1$ .

With one positive and one negative,  $R$  is not a point of stable eq.

d) [2 points] Sketch (approximately) the phase plane of this system, including behavior near equilibrium points and approximate direction of the flow lines in the regions separated by the nullclines.



Region	Pt.	$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t}$	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$	Flow
I	$(1, \frac{1}{2})$	-	-	←
II	$(\frac{1}{2}, 2)$	+	-	↘
III	$(2, 2)$	+	+	↗
IV	$(3, \frac{1}{2})$	-	+	↖

recall:

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = (y-1)x$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = (x+y-3)y$$

6. Consider the temperature  $T(x, t)$  of a metal bar extending from  $x = 0$  to  $x = \pi$ . The temperature satisfies the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

and the ends are held at a constant temperature of zero, i.e.  $T(0, t) = 0$  and  $T(\pi, t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

a) [3 points] Show that the functions  $e^{-\mu n^2 t} \sin(nx)$  satisfy the differential equation and the initial conditions for all positive integers  $n$ .

$$\text{Let } T_n(x, t) = e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \sin nx.$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial T_n}{\partial t} = -\mu n^2 \cdot e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \sin nx$$

$$\frac{\partial T_n}{\partial x} = n \cdot e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \cos nx$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 T_n}{\partial x^2} = -n^2 \cdot e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \sin nx.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \frac{\partial T_n}{\partial t} - \mu \frac{\partial^2 T_n}{\partial x^2} &= -\mu n^2 \cdot e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \sin nx - \mu (-n^2 \cdot e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \sin nx) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } T_n(0, t) = e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \sin 0 = 0$$

$$T_n(\pi, t) = e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \sin n\pi = 0 \quad \text{since } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

b) [7 points] Suppose now that the initial temperature of the bar is given by

$$T(x, 0) = \theta(x) = \sin^3 x.$$

Determine  $T(x, t)$  for all  $x \in [0, \pi]$  and all times  $t \geq 0$ . [Hint: Use Euler's formula  $e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y$  if you are not sure about the relevant trigonometric identities.] Examine the behavior of  $T$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

We expect a solution of the type: 
$$T(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cdot e^{-\mu n^2 t} \cdot \sin nx$$

The initial condition would read: 
$$T(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cdot \sin nx$$

$$T(x, 0) = \sin^3 x$$

So we hope that the first expression is the Fourier series of  $\sin^3 x$ .

We hope first for a finite linear combination of these functions that will satisfy the initial condition. (In fact, since  $\sin^3 x$  is a nicely behaved periodic function composed of the basic trigonometric functions, its F. series is finite.)

Euler's Formula: 
$$\begin{aligned} e^{3ix} &= e^{i(3x)} = \cos 3x + i \sin 3x \\ e^{3ix} &= (e^{ix})^3 = (\cos x + i \sin x)^3 \\ &= \cos^3 x + 3i \cos^2 x \sin x \\ &\quad - 3 \cos x \sin^2 x - i \sin^3 x \\ &= (\cos^3 x - 3 \cos x \sin^2 x) \\ &\quad + i (3 \cos^2 x \sin x - \sin^3 x) \end{aligned}$$

Matching imaginary parts yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 3x &= 3 \cos^2 x \sin x - \sin^3 x \\ &= 3(1 - \sin^2 x) \sin x - \sin^3 x \\ &= 3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x \end{aligned}$$

and hence 
$$\sin^3 x = \frac{3}{4} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} \sin 3x$$

We let  $b_1 = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $b_3 = -\frac{1}{4}$ .

(This is the F. series for  $\sin^3 x$  since F. series are unique!)

Final solution: 
$$T(x, t) = \frac{3}{4} e^{-\mu t} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} e^{-9\mu t} \sin 3x$$