

Homework 5 - Math 243

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Solve the following partially coupled systems analytically.

1.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -4x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 3x + 2y$$

2.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y + 1$$

3. In the ocean, cod eat krill and seals eat both cod and krill. Write a system of three differential equations to model the populations of the krill K , the cod C , and the seals S . Use lower case letters for any constants you need and you can assume that the krill population would obey a constrained growth model (i.e., a logistic model) in the absence of predators.

4. Suppose that $\mathbf{F}(1, 2) = (2, 3)$. If you apply Euler's method to the system of differential equations

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Y}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Y})$$

with initial condition $\mathbf{Y}_0 = (1, 2)$, then what is the value of \mathbf{Y} after one step with $h = 0.1$?

5. Write the following 2nd order differential equation as a system of first order differential equations. You do not need to solve it.

$$2y'' - 5ty' + \sin y = 0.$$

6. The **Van der Pol equation** is

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - (1 - x^2)\frac{dx}{dt} + x = 0.$$

We can study this equation numerically by converting to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= v \\ \frac{dv}{dt} &= (1 - x^2)v - x.\end{aligned}$$

Use Euler's method to approximate the solution of this equation with initial condition $(x_0, v_0) = (1, 1)$, and a step size of $h = 0.01$ after $N = 1,000$ steps. What do you get for $x(10)$ and $v(10)$?

7. Use Euler's method with $h = 0.01$ and $N = 300$ steps to approximate the values of $x(3)$ and $y(3)$ if $(x_0, y_0) = (0.5, -2)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 2x + 3y^2.\end{aligned}$$