

## Solutions

1. (a) The equilibrium solution is at  $y = 0$ . The phase line should have arrows pointing away from  $y = 0$ .
  - (b) Your solution sketch should have a horizontal line at  $y = 0$  (the equilibrium solution). For  $y > 0$ , the solutions should be increasing (i.e. positive slope) and for  $y < 0$ , they should be decreasing (negative slope).
  - (c) Unstable.
  - (d)  $y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-1}{2t+c}}$  or  $y = 0$ .
  - (e)  $y = \sqrt{\frac{-1}{2t-16}}$ .
2. Putting this system in matrix form we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

To solve this we have to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

To find eigenvalues, we take the determinant of

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2-k & 1 \\ 0 & 1-k \end{pmatrix}$$

which is equal to

$$(-2-k)(1-k) - 0 = (-2-k)(1-k).$$

This is zero when  $k = 1$  or  $k = -2$ , so these are the two eigenvalues. To find the eigenvectors we solve the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2-k & 1 \\ 0 & 1-k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We get eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding to eigenvalue  $k = -2$  and eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding to  $k = 1$ . Therefore the general solution to the given system of equations is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and so  $x(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^t$  and  $y(t) = 3c_2 e^t$ .

3. (a) The determinant of the given matrix is  $2a + 4$ . The matrix does not have an inverse when this is equal to zero, i.e. for  $a = -2$  only.
- (b) i. When  $a = 1$ , the matrix does have an inverse, and its inverse is

$$\frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10/6 \\ -1/6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ii. When  $a = -2$ , the matrix does not have an inverse. In this case, the system of equations becomes

$$\begin{aligned} -2x + 4y &= 1 \\ -x + 2y &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the second equation by 2, we see that these are inconsistent. Therefore, this system of equations has no solutions.

4. (a)  $\partial f/\partial x = (1 - y)e^{x+y-xy}$  and  $\partial f/\partial y = (1 - x)e^{x+y-xy}$ .
- (b)  $\nabla f(1, 0) = (e, 0)$
- (c)  $e/\sqrt{2}$
- (d)  $f(x, y) \simeq e + e(x - 1) + 0(y - 0) = e + e(x - 1)$
5. (a) The  $c$ -level curve is the curve where  $y + x^2 = c$  or  $y = -x^2 + c$ . This is an inverted parabola passing through the point  $(0, c)$ .
- (b) The  $y = 1$  cross-section is a graph of  $z$  against  $x$  given by  $z = 1 + x^2$ .
- (c) The gradient vector is  $(2x, 1)$  which at  $(1, 1)$  is  $(2, 1)$ . This vector is perpendicular to the 2-level curve at the point  $(1, 1)$ .
6. (a) The partial derivatives of  $f$  are:  $\partial f/\partial x = 2xy - 4y$  and  $\partial f/\partial y = x^2 - 4x + 2y$ . Substituting each of the three points in gives zero for both of these, so they are critical points.
- (b) The Hessian for this function is

$$Hf = \begin{pmatrix} 2y & 2x - 4 \\ 2x - 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

At  $(0, 0)$  this is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which has determinant  $-16$ . Therefore  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point.

At  $(4, 0)$  the Hessian is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which also has determinant  $-16$ . So  $(4, 0)$  is also a saddle point.

At  $(2, 2)$  the Hessian is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

This has determinant  $+8$  so the critical point is either a local max or local min. The top-left and bottom-right entries are both positive which means that  $(2, 2)$  is a local minimum.

7. (a)  $P(RBWR) = 1/45$ ,  $P(RR) = 1/15$   
(b)  $P(\text{first three socks different colors}) = 6/6 \times 4/5 \times 2/4 = 2/5$   
 $P(\text{first two socks same color}) = 6/6 \times 1/5 = 1/5$ .  
(c) The answers from part (b) tell us that  $P(X = 4) = 2/5$  and  $P(X = 2) = 1/5$ . Since the probabilities must add up to 1, this means that  $P(X = 3) = 2/5$ . Therefore, the expectation of  $X$  is

$$2 \times 1/5 + 3 \times 2/5 + 4 \times 2/5 = 16/5.$$

8. (a)  $f(x) = F'(x) = \begin{cases} 2 - 2x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  The nonzero part of the graph is a straight line joining the points  $(0, 2)$  and  $(1, 0)$ .  
(b)  $P(0.5 \leq X \leq 1) = P(X \leq 1) - P(X \leq 0.5) = 1 - 0.5(2 - 0.5) = 1 - 0.75 = 0.25$   
(c)  $EX = \int_0^1 x(2 - 2x) dx = [x^2 - 2x^3/3]_0^1 = 1/3$  and  $\text{Var } X = \int_0^1 (x - 1/3)^2(2 - 2x) dx$  which is equal to  $\int_0^1 (-2x^3 + 10x^2/3 - 14x/9 + 2/9) dx = [-2x^4/4 + 10x^3/9 - 14x^2/18 + 2x/9]_0^1 = -1/2 + 10/9 - 7/9 + 2/9 = 1/18$ .
9. (a) this is equal to  $P(X \leq 2.1) = P(Z \leq (2.1 - 2.3)/0.1) = P(Z \leq -2) = 1 - 0.9772 = 0.0228$   
(b)  $1 - (0.9772)^{16}$   
(c) The average time has expectation 2.3 and standard deviation  $0.1/\sqrt{16} = 0.025$ . Therefore the probability we want is  $P(Z \leq (2.225 - 2.3)/0.025) = P(Z \leq -3) = 1 - 0.9986 = 0.0014$ .
10. (a) A 95.44% confidence interval is of the form

$$\hat{\mu} \pm 2 \times \text{standard error}$$

The standard error is sample standard deviation divided by  $\sqrt{100} = 10$ , so is 0.12. Therefore the confidence interval is

$$10.24 \pm 2 \times 0.12 = [10.00, 10.48].$$

- (b) The information in the question tells us that the variance of  $X$  is about  $1.2^2 = 1.44$ , the variance of  $Y$  is about  $1^2 = 1$ , and the variance of  $X + Y$  is about 5.2. These numbers are a long way from satisfying  $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var } X + \text{Var } Y$  which would be the case if  $X$  and  $Y$  were independent. So it is very unlikely that they are independent (although it is still possible).