### **MATH 237**

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# Maple Assignment 4

Read Chapters 8 and 9 in your Maple manual. Chapter 8 provides a discussion on systems of differential equations, and Chapter 9 discusses how to generate the so-called phase plots.

### Problem 1

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix},$$

Have Maple solve the following differential equation:

$$x' = Ax$$

with the initial condition  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Note that the command at Maple for taking the exponential of a matrix is:

exponential(A, t)

#### Problem 2

In this assignment you will generate a family of plot for your solutions to a differential equation by doing the following: Let  $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$ . You are asked to plot  $x_1(t)$  versus  $x_2(t)$ . Such a plot is termed a phase portrait.

Let

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

and let x(t) solve

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x' = Ax,
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For a sequence of different initial conditions, following the discussion on section 9.4 of the Maple manual, generate a list of plots (you could use the *seq* command). For the initial conditions, try 9 different combinations for  $(x_1(0), x_2(0))$  and generate the phase portrait, in a single plot. For the initial conditions you could try for example all the pair combinations of  $x_1(0) = -2, 0, 2$  and  $x_2(0) = -2, 0, 2$ .

## Problem 3

Solve the following differential equation by first transforming the problem into a system of first-order differential equations and then solving the differential equation using the matrix exponential. Have Maple do the computations for you.

$$y^{(4)} + 2y^{(2)} + y = e^t,$$

with the initial conditions  $y(0) = y'(0) = y^{(2)}(0) = y^{(3)}(0) = 1$ . Plot y(t).