HW8

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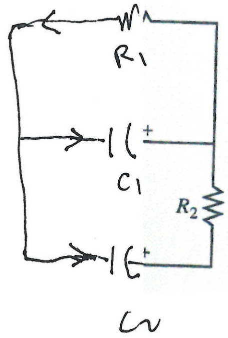

1 The circuit in Fig. 1 can be described by the differential equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1'(t) \\ v_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(1/R_1 + 1/R_2)/C_1 & 1/(R_2C_1) \\ 1/(R_2C_2) & -1/(R_2C_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1(t) \\ v_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

where $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$ are the voltages across the two capacitors at time t. Suppose resistor R_1 is 1 ohm, R_2 is 2 ohms, capacitor C_1 is 1 farad, and C_2 is .5 farad, and suppose there is an initial charge of 5 volts on capacitor C_1 and 4 volts on capacitor C_2. Find formulas for $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$ that describe how the voltages change over time.

2 Suppose a particle is moving in a planar force field and its position vector $\mathbf{x}$ satisfies $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 2.9 \\ 2.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve this initial value problem for $t \geq 0$, and sketch the trajectory of the particle.

3 Plot several typical solutions of the equation $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = A\mathbf{x}_k$, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1.44 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

A Predator–Prey System

Deep in the redwood forests of California, dusky-footed wood rats provide up to 80% of the diet for the spotted owl, the main predator of the wood rat. Example uses a linear dynamical system to model the physical system of the owls and the rats. (Admittedly, the model is unrealistic in several respects, but it can provide a starting point for the study of more complicated nonlinear models used by environmental scientists.)

4 Denote the owl and wood rat populations at time k by $\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} O_k \\ R_k \end{bmatrix}$, where k is the time in months, O_k is the number of owls in the region studied, and R_k is the number of rats (measured in thousands). Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} O_{k+1} &= (.5)O_k + (.4)R_k \\ R_{k+1} &= -p \cdot O_k + (1.1)R_k \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where p is a positive parameter to be specified. The $(.5)O_k$ in the first equation says that with no wood rats for food, only half of the owls will survive each month, while the $(1.1)R_k$ in the second equation says that with no owls as predators, the rat population will grow by 10% per month. If rats are plentiful, the $(.4)R_k$ will tend to make the owl population rise, while the negative term $-p \cdot O_k$ measures the deaths of rats due to predation by owls. (In fact, $1000p$ is the average number of rats eaten by one owl in one month.) Determine the evolution of this system when the predation parameter p is .104.