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Laplace method for ODEs

1. Use the Laplace's method for differential equations to solve the following initial value problem for $x \ge 0$:

$$x \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 y}{\mathrm{d}x^2} + y = 0$$
, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$.

- (a) (15 points) Use the Laplace's method to find the integral solution containing one integration constant. Use a CCW complex closed contour around the origin as the integration contour.
- (b) (15 points) Use your integral representation of y(x), to calculate y(0) and y'(0). Chose the integration constant to satisfy the initial conditions.

Hint: Recall that

$$e^{-\frac{1}{z}} = 1 - \frac{1}{1!z} + \frac{1}{2!z^2} - \frac{1}{3!z^3} + \dots$$

Construct the Laurent series for the integrands for y(0) and y'(0).

(c) (10 points) Show that the integral you obtained is indeed the solution of the ordinary differential equation above.

Hint: Differentiate twice under the integral sign, multiply by *x*, and integrate by parts once.

(d) (10 points) Let *t* be the integration variable in your expression for y(x). Introduce a new integration variable, $u = \sqrt{xt}$ and rewrite the integral in "symmetric" form. Deform the integration contour to a unit circle in the complex plane. Make another change of integration variable, $u = e^{i\phi}$, $0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$. Since your solution must be a real function of *x*, replace the integrand with its real part.

Hint: recall that $\cos(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{i\alpha} + e^{-i\alpha} \right)$, $\sin(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2i} \left(e^{i\alpha} - e^{-i\alpha} \right)$, $\operatorname{Re}\left(e^{i\alpha} \right) = \cos(\alpha)$.

(e) (15 points) To verify your solution, plot on the same graph your integral solution (in the form obtained in Part d) and the solution of the original initial value problem. Use a computer algebra system. Attach a printout of your CAS session.

Hint: For Mathematica, you may use the following code:

ode = {x * y''[x] + y[x] == 0, y[0] == 0, y'[0] == 1} sol = DSolve[ode, y, {x, 0, 10}] lapsol[x_] = ... * Integrate[your integrand here, { ϕ , 0, 2 * Pi}] Plot[{lapsol[x], y[x]/.sol}, {x, 0, 10}]

The expected graph is shown in Fig. 1.

