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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 $x \geq 0$:

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

- (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) (15 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, $u = \sqrt{x}t$ 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, $u = e^{i\phi}$, $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$. Since your solution must be a real function of x , replace the integrand with its real part.

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

- (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:

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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, {phi, 0, 2 * Pi}]
Plot[{lapsol[x], y[x] /. sol}, {x, 0, 10}]
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The expected graph is shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 1: Expected result in Problem 1: two graphs overlap.

