

1st-versus-2nd order equations, and singular perturbations

1. Solve by hand:

$$u'(x) = 0, \quad u(0) = \alpha$$

$$u(x) = c$$

$$\alpha = u(0) = c$$

$$u(x) = \alpha$$

2. Solve by hand:

$$u'(x) = 0, \quad u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta$$

no solution if $\alpha \neq \beta$

$$\alpha = \beta: \quad u(x) = \alpha$$

3. Solve by hand:

$$u''(x) = 0, \quad u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta$$

$$u(x) = cx + d$$

$$\alpha = u(0) = d$$

$$\beta = u(1) = c + d$$

$$\rightarrow u(x) = \alpha + (\beta - \alpha)x$$

4. Solve by hand:

$$0.1u''(x) + u'(x) = 0, \quad u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta$$

$$u(x) = e^{rx} \Rightarrow 0.1r^2 + r = 0$$

$$r = 0, \quad r = -10$$

$$u(x) = c + d e^{-10x}$$

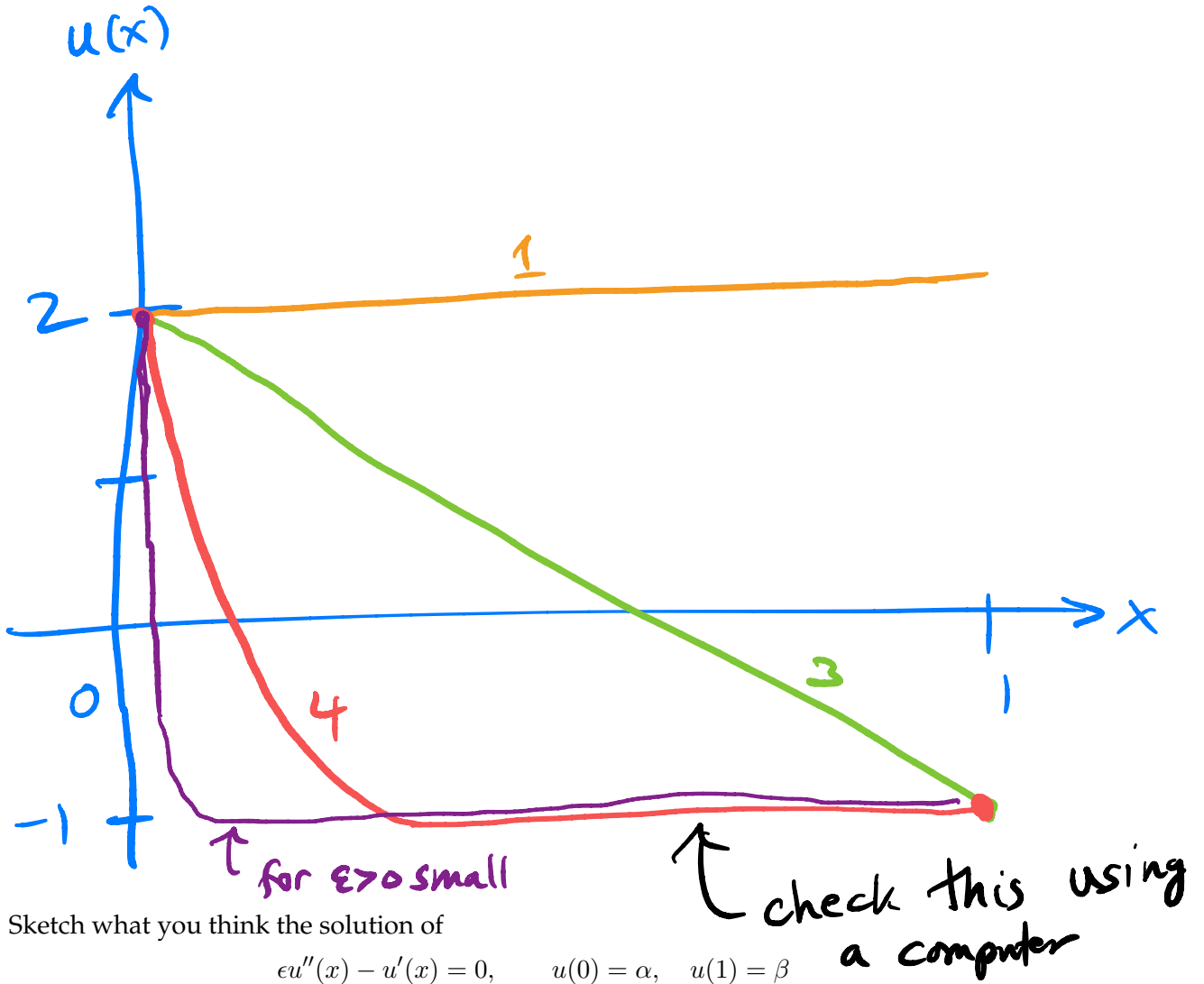
$$\alpha = u(0) = c + d$$

$$\beta = u(1) = c + d e^{-10}$$

$$\rightarrow d = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{1 - e^{-10}}, \quad c = \alpha - d$$

$$u(x) = \left(\alpha - \frac{\alpha - \beta}{1 - e^{-10}} \right) + \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{1 - e^{-10}} \right) e^{-10x}$$

5. Sketch the graphs of all solutions from the previous page on the same axes, in the case where $\alpha = 2$ and $\beta = -1$. (Make it big and label it clearly.) Also sketch what happens in problem 4 if "0.1" is replaced by a much smaller $\epsilon > 0$; the ODE in question is $\epsilon u''(x) + u'(x) = 0$.



6. Sketch what you think the solution of

$$\epsilon u''(x) - u'(x) = 0, \quad u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta$$

will look like if $\epsilon > 0$ is very small.

