

Exam Problem Sheet

The exam consists of 4 problems. You may answer in Dutch or in English. You have 90 minutes to answer the questions. Give brief but precise answers. You can achieve 50 points in total which includes a bonus of 5 points.

1. [3+5+2 Points.]

Consider the one-dimensional growth model

$$x' = ax - h \sin t,$$

where a and h are positive real constants.

- Determine the general solution and show that the system has exactly one periodic solution.
- Determine the Poincaré map of the system and show that it has exactly one fixed point which is always a source.
- Use the results in part (b) to sketch the solution curves of the original time continuous system in the (t, x) -plane.

2. [3+3+4+2 Points.]

Let $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a C^∞ function. Then the system

$$X' = -\nabla V(X) \tag{1}$$

is called a *gradient system* (here $\nabla V(X) = (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} V(X), \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} V(X))$ with $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$). It is clear that the equilibrium points of a gradient system are given by the critical points of V .

- Show that if X is not an equilibrium point, then V is strictly decreasing along the solution curve through X .
- State the definition of asymptotic stability for the equilibrium point of a time continuous system.
- Show that if X^* is an isolated minimum of V then X^* is asymptotically stable. What can you say about the basin of attraction of X^* in this case?
- What are the conditions on V at an equilibrium point X^* to conclude stability from the linearization of the gradient system at X^* ?

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3. **[2+4+5 Points.]**

Consider the planar system

$$X' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} X.$$

- (a) Determine the canonical form of the system.
- (b) Determine the phase portraits of the original system and its canonical form.
- (c) Determine a conjugacy relating the flows of the system to its canonical form.

4. **[3+9 Points.]**

- (a) State the definition of chaos for a discrete time system.
- (b) Argue that the doubling map

$$d : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto 2x \bmod 1$$

is chaotic.

- Solutions -

1. (a) $x' = ax - h \sin t$
 $x'_h = ax_h \Rightarrow x_h(t) = K e^{at}, K \in \mathbb{R}$

particular solution:

ansatz $x_p(t) = A \cos t + B \sin t$

$$\Rightarrow x'_p(t) = -A \sin t + B \cos t$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} a A \cos t + a B \sin t - h \sin t$$

equating coefficients of $\sin$ and $\cos$ gives:

$$-A = aB - h$$

$$B = aA$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} -A &= a^2 A - h \\ B &= aA \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} A &= \frac{h}{1+a^2} \\ B &= \frac{ah}{1+a^2} \end{aligned}$$

 $\Rightarrow$ general solution

$$x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t)$$

$$= K e^{at} + \frac{h}{1+a^2} \cos t + \frac{ah}{1+a^2} \sin t$$

the unique periodic solution as $K=0$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = K + \frac{h}{1+a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = x_0 - \frac{h}{1+a^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x(t) &= \left(x_0 - \frac{h}{1+a^2}\right) e^{at} + \frac{h}{1+a^2} (\cos t + a \sin t) \\ &= \phi_t(x_0) \quad \text{where } \phi \text{ is the flow} \end{aligned}$$

(b) system is 2π -periodic. So the Poincaré map is given

$$\text{by } P(x) = \phi_{2\pi}(x) = \left(x - \frac{h}{1+a^2}\right)e^{a2\pi} + \frac{h}{1+a^2}$$

fixed point: $P(x) = x$

$$\Leftrightarrow (e^{2\pi a} - 1)x = \frac{h}{1+a^2}e^{a2\pi} - \frac{h}{1+a^2}$$

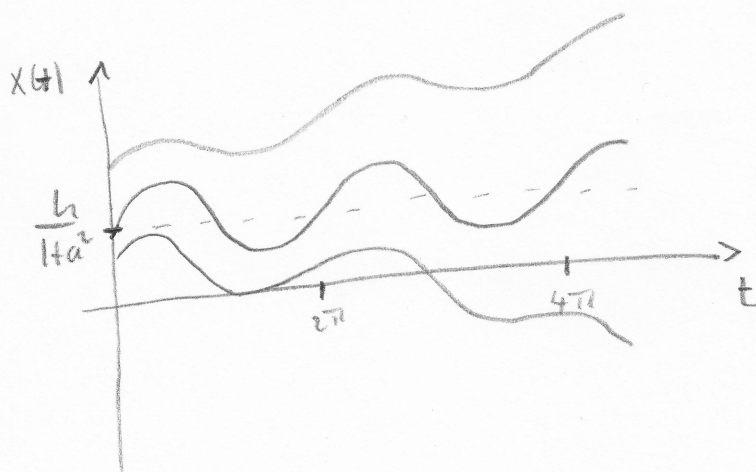
$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{h}{1+a^2}$$

stability:

$$P'\left(\frac{h}{1+a^2}\right) = e^{a2\pi} > 1 \quad \text{since } a > 0$$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h}{1+a^2}$ is unique fixed point which is a source

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2. (a) let $\bar{x}(t)$ be a non-constant solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \frac{d}{dt} V(\bar{x}(t)) &= \nabla V(\bar{x}(t)) \cdot \bar{x}'(t) = -\nabla V(\bar{x}(t)) \cdot \nabla V(\bar{x}(t)) \\ &= -|\nabla V(\bar{x}(t))|^2 < 0 \text{ as } \bar{x}'(t) = \nabla V(\bar{x}(t)) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) let $\bar{x}_0$ be an equilibrium point.

Then $\bar{x}_0$ is called asymptotically stable if

$\bar{x}_0$ is (Lyapunov) stable, i.e. for each neighbourhood

θ of $\bar{x}_0$, there exists a neighbourhood θ_1 of $\bar{x}_0$.

such that for all initial conditions $\bar{x}(0) \in \theta_1$,

it holds that $\bar{x}(t) \in \theta$ for all $t \geq 0$, and moreover

θ_1 can be chosen such that for all $\bar{x}(0) \in \theta_1$,

$$\bar{x}(t) \rightarrow \bar{x}_0.$$

(c) Choose V as a Lyapunov function.

If $\bar{x}^*$ is an isolated minimum then

$\nabla V(\bar{x}^*) = 0$ and there exists a neighbourhood θ

such that $\nabla V(\bar{x}) \neq 0$ for $\bar{x} \in \theta \setminus \{\bar{x}^*\}$.

Together with the result from part (a) we

see that V is a strict Lyapunov function on θ

and hence by the Lyapunov Th^m we can

infer asymptotic stability of $\bar{x}^*$. Moreover

θ belongs then to the basin of attraction of $\bar{x}^*$.

In particular we can choose θ to be the open region

enclosed by a level set $\{\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : V(\bar{x}) < c\}$.

(or more precisely the connected component of such a region which contains $\bar{x}^*$)

(d) The linearization at X^* is given by

$X' = H X$ where H is the Hessian matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_1^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_n^2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ at } X^*$$

Since H is symmetric its eigenvalues are real. Hence H is

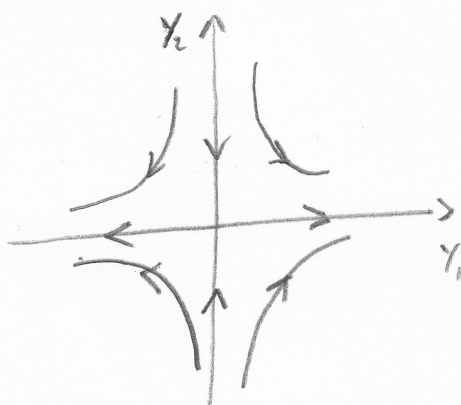
hyperbolic if H has only non-vanishing eigenvalues.

Then: if all eigenvalues are negative then X^* is asymptotically stable. If one eigenvalue is positive then X^* is not stable.

3. (a) The matrix defining the linear system is upper triangular. The eigenvalues can hence be read off from the diagonal and are 2 and -1. The canonical form is

$$\bar{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \bar{y}$$

- (b) phase portrait canonical form:



phase portrait original system:

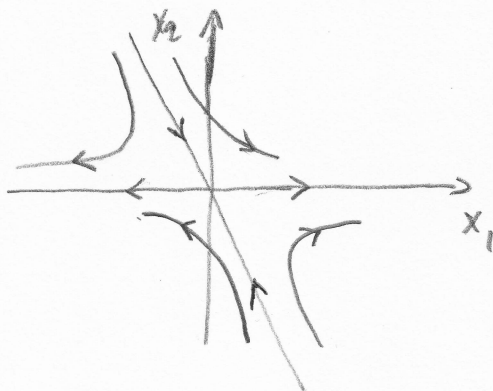
determine eigenvectors:

$$2: \begin{pmatrix} 2-2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1-2 \end{pmatrix} u = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{choose } u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-1: \begin{pmatrix} 2-(-1) & 1 \\ 0 & (-1)-(-1) \end{pmatrix} v = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{choose } v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$



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$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } T = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The flow of the original system is

$$\phi_t = \exp \left[\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} t \right]$$

The flow of the canonical system is

$$\phi_t^c = \exp \left[\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} t \right]$$

The flows are conjugate by T :

$$\phi_t^c = T^{-1} \phi_t T$$

4. (a) Consider $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$, $n=0,1,2,\dots$

The system is chaotic if

1. periodic orbits are dense, i.e. for all x_0 and each open neighbourhood U of x_0 there exists a periodic point contained in U

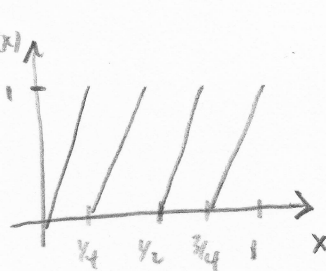
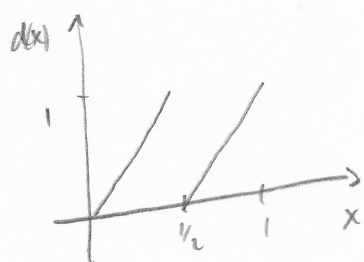
2. the system is transitive, i.e. for all open sets U and V there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$f^n(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$$

3. the system has sensitive dependence on initial conditions, i.e. $\exists \beta > 0$ such that for all x and open neighbourhood U of x there is $y \in U$ and $n > 0$ such that

$$d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) > \beta$$

(b) consider the graphs of d and its iterates



d^n maps 2^n intervals

$$I_k^n = \left[(k-1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n, k\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \right], \quad k=1, \dots, 2^n$$

surjectively to the interval $[0,1]$

We have $[0,1] = \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^n} I_k^n$ and length of I_k^n equal to $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$

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1. Each interval I_k^n contains a periodic point of period n .

$\Rightarrow$ periodic orbits are dense.

2. let $U, V \subset [0, 1]$ open

$\Rightarrow \exists n, k$ such that $I_k^n \subset U$

$\Rightarrow d^n(I_k^n) = [0, 1] \cap V \neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow d$ is transitive

3. d has sensitive dependence on initial conditions.

Choose $\beta = 2. \Rightarrow$

$|d(x) - d(y)| \geq \beta |x - y|$ for all $x, y \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$
and $x, y \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$

The rest is clear.