

1. Find the flow of  $\dot{x} = -2(x-5)$ . This dynamical system has a global attractor?

□ Let  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$  and consider the IVP  $\dot{x} = -2(x-5)$ ,  $x(0) = \eta$ .

$\dot{x} = -2(x-5) \Leftrightarrow \dot{x} + 2x = 10$  is a first order linear non-hom. d.e. with C.C.

$\dot{x} + 2x = 0$  has the gen. sol.  $x_h = c e^{-2t}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$\dot{x} + 2x = 10$  has a constant partic. sol.  $x_p = 5$

$\Rightarrow$  the gen. sol. is  $x = c e^{-2t} + 5$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$   $\Rightarrow$

$x(0) = \eta \Rightarrow c + 5 = \eta \Rightarrow c = \eta - 5$

$\Rightarrow \varphi(t, \eta) = (\eta - 5) e^{-2t} + 5$ ,  $\forall (t, \eta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Note that, for any  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t, \eta) = 5$ .  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Then} \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right\}$

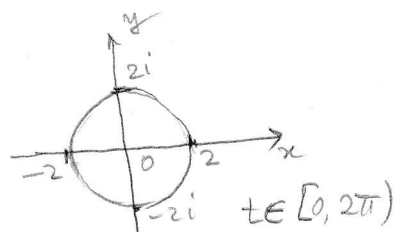
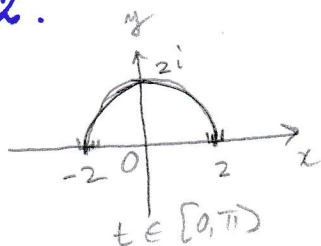
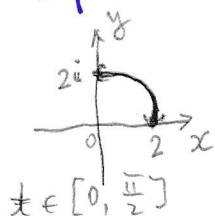
Also,  $\varphi(t, 5) = 5 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$

the equilibrium point  $\eta^* = 5$  is a global attractor. ■

2. Represent in the complex plane the curves  $\{2e^{it} : t \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]\}$ ,  $\{2e^{it} : t \in [0, \pi]\}$ ,  $\{2e^{it} : t \in [0, 2\pi]\}$

□  $z = 2e^{it} = 2(\cos t + i \sin t) \Rightarrow |z| = 2 \Rightarrow$   
and the  $\arg(z) = t$

each curve is a part of the circle centered in the origin of radius 2.



3.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

(a) Find the principal matrix solution of  $X' = AX$ .

(b) Compute  $e^{At}$ .

(c) Find  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $H: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$H(x, y) = x^2 + ay^2 + bxy$  is a global first integral of  $X' = AX$ .

First we find the general sol. of the system.  $X' = AX \Leftrightarrow$   
where  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{cases} x' = 2x - 5y \\ y' = x - 2y \end{cases}$$

we apply the reduction method.

$$x = y' + 2y; \quad y'' = x' - 2y' = 2x - 5y - 2y' = 2(y' + 2y) - 5y - 2y'$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' + y = 0 \quad \text{this is a second order lin. hom. d.e. with c.c.}$$

$$r^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$r_{1,2} = \pm i \rightarrow \cos t, \sin t$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t$$

$$x = y' + 2y = -c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t + 2c_1 \cos t + 2c_2 \sin t =$$

$$= c_1(2\cos t - \sin t) + c_2(\cos t + 2\sin t)$$

So, the general sol. is  $\begin{cases} x = c_1(2\cos t - \sin t) + c_2(\cos t + 2\sin t) \\ y = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t \end{cases}, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$

In order to find the principal matrix sol., we need the solution of each of the following 2 IVP's.

$$X' = AX, \quad x(0) = 1, \quad y(0) = 0. \quad (1)$$

and

$$X' = AX, \quad x(0) = 0, \quad y(0) = 1. \quad (2)$$

we have  $x(0) = 2c_1 + c_2, \quad y(0) = c_1$

$$x(0) = 1 \text{ and } y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0, \quad c_2 = 1$$

$$x(0) = 0 \text{ and } y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1, \quad c_2 = -2$$

Thus, the sol. of the IVP (1) is  $X_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + 2 \sin t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}$

and the sol of the IVP (2) is  $X_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \sin t \\ \cos t - 2 \sin t \end{pmatrix}$

Then, the principal matrix solution is

$$E(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + 2 \sin t & -5 \sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t - 2 \sin t \end{pmatrix}.$$

(\*) We know that  $e^{At}$  is the unique principal matrix sol. of  $X' = AX$ . Then  $e^{At} = E(t)$ .

(c)  $\begin{cases} x' = (2x - 5y) \\ y' = x - 2y \end{cases}$  we have that  $H \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

So,  $H$  is a global first integral if and only if

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x, y) \cdot (2x - 5y) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}(x, y) \cdot (x - 2y) = 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

we replace  $H(x, y) = x^2 + ax^2 + bxy$  and obtain

$$(2x + by)(2x - 5y) + (2ay + bx)(x - 2y) = 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4x^2 + 2bxy - 10xy - 5by^2 + 2axy + bx^2 - 4ay^2 - 2by = 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4+b)x^2 + 2(a-5)xy - (4a+5b)y^2 = 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4+b=0, a-5=0, 4a+5b=0 \Leftrightarrow a=5, b=-4, 4 \cdot 5 - 5 \cdot 4 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a=5 \text{ and } b=-4.$$

we found that  $H(x, y) = x^2 + 5y^2 - 4xy$  is a global f.i. □



4. How many solutions has the following problem?

(a)  $x''' + t^2 x = 0, \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 1.$

(b)  $x''' + t^2 x = 0, \quad x(0) = x'(0) = x''(0) = 1.$

□ We have that (b) is an IVP for <sup>a</sup> linear d.e. of third order with the coeff.  $a(t) = t^2$  that satisfies  $a \in C(\mathbb{R})$ . Then it has a unique solution in  $C^3(\mathbb{R})$ .

(a) is not an IVP. If we take  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$  (arbitrary, fixed) and we add the condition  $x''(0) = \eta$  we get an IVP, which has a unique sol.  $\varphi(\cdot, \eta)$ . Thus, (a) has ~~at least~~ as many solutions as points in  $\mathbb{R}$ . □

5. We consider the map  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{50} x(100 - x).$

(a) Find its fixed points and study their stability.

(b) Estimate the basin of attraction of the attractor fixed point.

(c) If  $(x_k)_{k \geq 0}$  represent the number of fish in some lake at month  $k$  and  $x_{k+1} = \frac{1}{50} x_k(100 - x_k), \quad x_0 = \eta$  try to predict the fate of the fish in the case  $\eta = 80$  and also in the case  $\eta = 10$ .

□ (a)  $f(x) = x \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{50} x(100 - x) = x \Leftrightarrow 100x - x^2 = 50x$

$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - 50x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x(x - 50) = 0$

the fixed points are  $\eta_1^* = 0$  and  $\eta_2^* = 50$ .

$f(x) = 2x - \frac{1}{50} x^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2 - \frac{2x}{50} \Rightarrow$

$|f'(0)| = 2 > 1 \Rightarrow \eta_1^* = 0$  is unstable

$|f'(50)| = 0 < 1 \Rightarrow \eta_2^* = 50$  is an attractor.

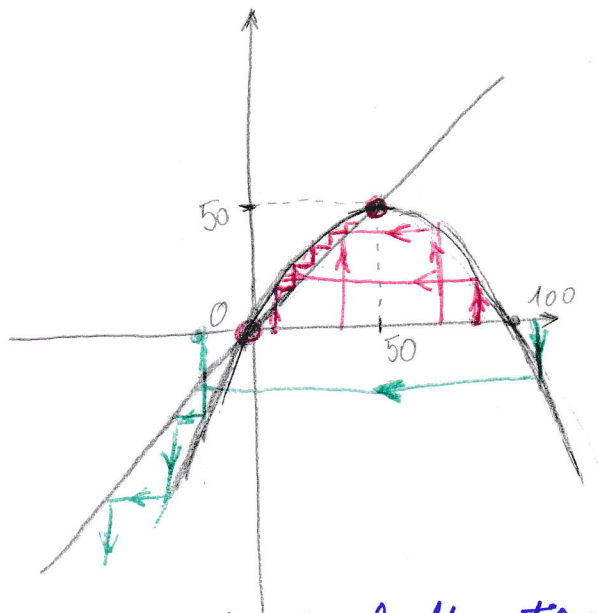
(b) We intend to represent the graph of  $f$ .

Since  $f$  is a quadratic polynomial function, its graph is a parabola.

$x$	$-\infty$	0	50	100	$+\infty$
$f$	$-\infty$	$\nearrow 0$	$\nearrow 50$	$\searrow 0$	$-\infty$
$f'$		$+$	$+$	$0$	$-$

$\eta_1^* = 0$  is a fixed point

$$\eta = 100 \quad x_1 = f(100) = 0 \quad x_2 = f(0) = 0 \dots$$



It seems that the basin of attraction of  $\eta_2^* = 50$  is  $A_{50} = (0, 100)$ .

(c) From (b) we have that for any  $\eta \in (0, 100)$  the sequence  $(x_k)_{k \geq 0}$  converges to 50. Also from the cobweb diagram we can say the following:

- for  $\eta = 10$  the number of fish will increase. In few months ~~we~~ there will be around 50, but the lake can not support more
- for  $\eta = 80$ , in the next month there will be  $f(80) = \frac{80 \cdot 20}{50} = 32$ . Then their number will increase, but no more than 50. ■