

Dynamical Systems 2020/21
Exam

1. (1.25p) Find a fundamental matrix solution of the linear homogeneous differential system

$$x' = 2x + y, \quad y' = -5x + 4y.$$

2. (1p) Using the integrating factor method find the general solution of the differential equation $x' - 2x = e^{at}$, discussing with respect to the parameter $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

3. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an injective, C^1 function with $f(0) = 1$ and $f(1) = -2$.

(a) (0.75p) Justify that the dynamical system $\dot{x} = f(x)$ has a global attractor equilibrium point.

(b) (1p) Represent the phase portrait in $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ of the system given in polar coordinates

$$\dot{\rho} = f(\rho), \quad \dot{\theta} = -2.$$

(c) (1p) Give a simple example of such function f . Transform in cartesian coordinates the system from (b) with this particular function f .

4. (2p) Find the values of $h > 0$ such that the attractor equilibrium point of $\dot{x} = x^2 - x - 6$ is also an attractor fixed point of the discrete dynamical system associated to the Euler's numerical formula with stepsize $h > 0$ for the given differential equation.