

## Seminar 1

1. Show that the function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , given by the expression  $\varphi(t) = 2e^{3t}$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a solution of the Initial Value Problem  $x' = 3x$ ,  $x(0) = 2$ .

Represent the corresponding integral curve\* and describe its long term behavior\*\*.

\*A graphical representation of a solution of some differential equation is called an integral curve or a solution curve of this equation.

\*\*To describe the long term behavior of some function means to decide whether it is: periodic, oscillatory around some fixed value  $\eta^*$  (i.e. the values of the function changes many many times from values below  $\eta^*$  to values above  $\eta^*$ ), bounded, increasing, and to describe how it behaves at  $\pm\infty$ .

2. Let  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^*$  be fixed. Show that the function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\varphi(t) = \eta \sin t$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a solution of the Initial Value Problem  $x'' + x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x'(0) = \eta$ .

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For each  $\eta \in \{\frac{\pi}{18}, -\frac{\pi}{18}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{3}, 1, 2\}$  describe the movement of a pendulum if  $\varphi(t) = \eta \sin t$  is the angle (measured in radians in the trigonometric sense) between the rod and the vertical. We consider a simple gravity pendulum (idealized) that moves along a vertical circle whose radius is equal to the length of the rod. The movement initiates at the moment  $t = 0$ .

3. Show that the function  $\varphi(t) = e^{-2t} \cos t$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a solution of the Initial Value Problem  $x'' + 4x' + 5x = 0$ ,  $x(0) = 1$ ,  $x'(0) = -2$ .

Represent this integral curve and describe its long term behavior.

Describe the movement of a pendulum if  $\varphi(t) = e^{-2t} \cos t$  is the angle (measured in radians in the trigonometric sense) between the rod and the vertical. We consider a gravity pendulum (idealized) that moves along a vertical circle whose radius is equal to the length of the rod, which is subject to friction. The movement initiates at the moment  $t = 0$ .

4. Decide whether  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\varphi(t) = \cos t$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a solution of the differential equations  $x' + x = 0$  or  $x'' - x = 0$  or  $x''' + x' = 0$  or  $x^{(4)} + x'' = 0$ .

5. Find all constant solutions of the differential equations: a)  $x' = x - x^3$ ; b)  $x' = \sin x$ ; c)  $x' = \frac{x+1}{2x^2+5}$ ; d)  $x' = x^2+x+1$ ; e)  $x' = x+4x^3$ ; f)  $x' = -1+x+4x^3$ .

6. i) Let the functions  $x_1, x_2, x_3 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $x_1(1) = 1$ ,  $x_2(t) = t$  and  $x_3(t) = t^2$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that they are linearly independent in the linear space  $C(\mathbb{R})$  (over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  and with the usual operations).

(ii) Find all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x(t) = at^2 + bt + c$  is a solution of  $x' - 5x = 2t^2 + 3$  or  $x'' = 0$  or  $x''' = 0$ . Write the solutions (of the differential equation) that you found.

7. (i) Let the functions  $x_1, x_2, x_3 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $x_1(1) = \cos t$ ,  $x_2(t) = \sin t$  and  $x_3(t) = e^t$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that they are linearly independent in the linear space  $C(\mathbb{R})$ .

(ii) Find all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x(t) = a \sin t + b \cos t + c e^t$  is a solution of  $x' + x = -3 \sin t + 2 e^t$  or  $x'' + 4x = -3 \sin t$  or  $x'' + x = -3 \sin t$  or  $x'' + x = 0$  or  $x''' - x'' + x' - x = 0$ . Write the solutions you found.

8. Find  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x(t) = e^{rt}$  is a solution of  $x'' - 5x' + 6x = 0$  or  $x''' - 5x'' + 6x' = 0$  or  $x^{(4)} - 5x''' + 6x'' = 0$  or  $x'' + 9x = 0$  or  $x'' + x' + x = 0$ .

9. Find  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x(t) = t^r$  is a solution on the interval  $(0, \infty)$  of  $t^2 x'' - 4t x' + 6x = 0$  or  $t^2 x'' + t x' - x = 0$  or  $t^2 x'' - x = 0$  or  $t^2 x'' + x = 0$  or  $t^2 x'' - t x' + x = 0$ .

10. Find as many functions  $x \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  as you can such that: a)  $x' = x$ ; b)  $x' = 2x$ ; c)  $x' = -x$ ; d)  $x' = ax$ , with  $a \neq 0$  a real parameter.

### Integrate the following differential equations.

a)  $x' = 0$ ; b)  $x' = 2t$ ; c)  $x' = \sin t$ ; d)  $x' = 2t + \sin t$ ; e)  $x' = e^{2t} \cos t$ ;

f)  $x' = (t^2 - 5t + 7) \sin t$ ; g)  $x' = e^{t^2}$ ; h)  $x'' = -3$ ; i)  $x''' = 0$ .

j)  $tx' + x = 0$ ; k)  $tx' + x = 1$ ; l)  $2xx' = -2t$ ; m)  $x'e^t + xe^t = 0$ ; n)  $x'e^{2t} + 2xe^{2t} = 0$

We say that  $\mu(t) = e^t$  is an *integrating factor* of  $x' + x = 0$ .

o)  $x' + x = 0$ ; p)  $x' + x = 1 + t$ ; q)  $x' + 2x = \sin t$ ; r)  $x' - 2x = 0$ ;

s)  $tx' + 2x = 1$ ; t)  $tx' + 3x = \frac{1}{t^2}$ .