

Exam June 26, 2020.  
complete solutions of selected problems.

1. Denote by  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  the linear space of all sequences of real numbers  $x = (x_k)_{k \geq 0}$ , with the natural operations. Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^\infty$  be the set of solutions of the difference equation  $x_{k+2} = k x_{k+1} + x_k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ . Let  $T: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by  $T(x) = (x_0, x_1)$  for all  $x \in S$ . Justify that  $S \neq \emptyset$  and that  $T$  is bijective. Is  $S$  a linear space of finite dimension? Justify.

Solution Note that  $x = 0_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^\infty$  defined by  $x_k = 0 \ \forall k \geq 0$  is a solution of the given DE. Thus  $S \neq \emptyset$ . Also, it is easy to note that  $\forall (x_0, x_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  there exists a unique sol. of the DE with  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  as initial values. Thus  $T$  is bijective.

Now we want to check if  $S$  is a linear space. Let  $x, y \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then denote by  $z = \alpha x + \beta y$ .

$$x \in S \Leftrightarrow x_{k+2} = k x_{k+1} + x_k, \quad \forall k \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$y \in S \Leftrightarrow y_{k+2} = k y_{k+1} + y_k, \quad \forall k \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$z \in S \Leftrightarrow z_{k+2} = k z_{k+1} + z_k, \quad \forall k \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

$$z = \alpha x + \beta y \Rightarrow z_{k+2} = \alpha x_{k+2} + \beta y_{k+2} \quad (4)$$

$$k z_{k+1} + z_k = k (\alpha x_{k+1} + \beta y_{k+1}) + \alpha x_k + \beta y_k = \alpha (k x_{k+1} + x_k) + \beta (k y_{k+1} + y_k) \stackrel{(1), (2)}{=} \alpha x_{k+2} + \beta y_{k+2}$$

$$= \alpha x_{k+2} + \beta y_{k+2} \quad (5)$$

$$(4), (5) \Rightarrow z_{k+2} = k z_{k+1} + z_k, \quad \forall k \geq 0 \Rightarrow z \in S.$$

Thus,  $S$  is a linear space.

It is easy to notice that  $T$  is a linear map. We know  $T$  is bijective. Then  $T$  is an isomorphism of linear spaces, which assures that  $\dim S = \dim \mathbb{R}^2 = 2$ . Hence, indeed,  $S$  is a linear space of finite dimension.

Remark. The same problem, but for the difference equation

$$x_{k+2} + kx_k = \sin k, \quad k \geq 0$$

has another answer to the last question.

We prove now that  $S$  is not a linear space in this case.

Let  $x, y \in S$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Denote by  $z = \alpha x + \beta y$

$$x \in S \Leftrightarrow x_{k+2} + kx_k = \sin k, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$y \in S \Leftrightarrow y_{k+2} + ky_k = \sin k, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$z \in S \Leftrightarrow z_{k+2} + kz_k = \sin k, \quad k \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha x_{k+2} + \beta y_{k+2} + k\alpha x_k + k\beta y_k = \sin k, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha(x_{k+2} + kx_k) + \beta(y_{k+2} + ky_k) = \sin k, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$\stackrel{(1), (2)}{\Leftrightarrow} \alpha \sin k + \beta \sin k = \sin k, \quad k \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha + \beta = 1.$$

This, of course, it is not valid  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**2.** Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$x'' + 2tx' = 0.$$

Solution.  $y = x' \Rightarrow y' + 2ty = 0 \mid \cdot e^{t^2} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow y'e^{t^2} + 2tye^{t^2} = 0 \Rightarrow (ye^{t^2})' = 0 \Rightarrow ye^{t^2} = c \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow y = ce^{-t^2}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x' = ce^{-t^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x = c_1 \int_0^t e^{-s^2} ds + c_2, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$



3. Consider the planar system  $\dot{x} = y(y+3)$ ,  $\dot{y} = -x(y+3)$ .

(a) Represent the phase portrait.

(b) Reading the phase portrait, find  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t, 4, 0)$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t, 1, 0)$  (if they exist).

(c)  $\varphi(t, 4, 0)$  and  $\varphi(t, 1, 0)$  are periodic functions?

Solution. (a) First we look for the equilibria.

$$\begin{cases} y(y+3) = 0 \\ -x(y+3) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (0, 0) \text{ and } (a, -3) \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ are the eq.}$$

now we try to find a first integral.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x(y+3)}{y(y+3)}$$

$$y dy = -x dx \quad y^2 = -x^2 + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + x^2 = c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}. \quad \text{Define } H: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad H(x, y) = x^2 + y^2.$$

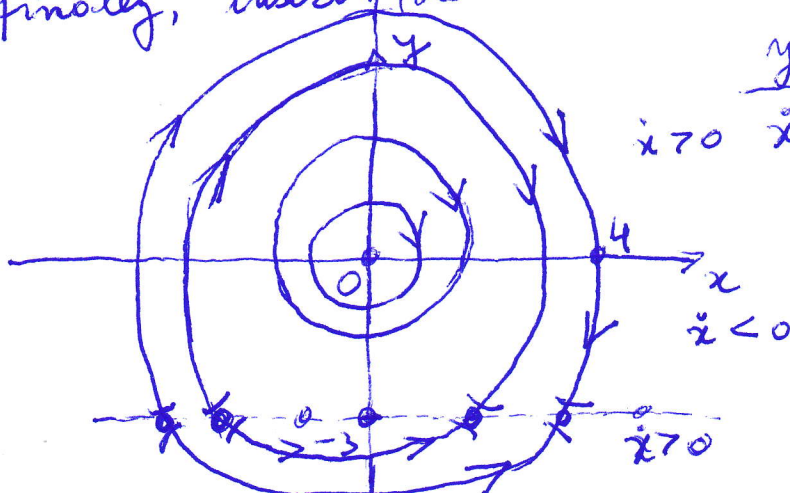
$$\text{the p.d.e. of a f.i. is } y(y+3) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} - x(y+3) \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 0.$$

$$\text{we have for } H = x^2 + y^2: \quad y(y+3) \cdot 2x - x(y+3) \cdot 2y = 0$$

which is valid  $\forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Thus,  $H$  is a global f.i. Its level curves are concentric circles centered in 0.

To represent the phase portrait we follow 3 steps:

represent the equilibria, represent the level curves of  $H$ , and finally, insert the arrows on each orbit.



| $y$       | $-\infty$ | $-3$ | $0$ | $+\infty$ |
|-----------|-----------|------|-----|-----------|
| $\dot{x}$ | $+$       | $+$  | $0$ | $-$       |
| $\dot{y}$ | $-$       | $-$  | $0$ | $+$       |

(b)  $(4,0)$  is on the circle of radius 4, which intersects the line of equilibria  $y = -3$  in ~~the~~<sup>2</sup> points of coordinates  $(a, -3)$ . In order to find  $a$ , we have to solve the equation  $a^2 + (-3)^2 = 4^2$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 7 \Rightarrow a = \pm \sqrt{7}.$$

P.P.  $\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t, 4, 0) = (\sqrt{7}, -3).$

$(1,0)$  is on the circle of radius 1, which do not intersect the line  $y = -3$ .

P.P.  $\Rightarrow \gamma_{(1,0)}$  is a closed curve  $\Rightarrow \varphi(t, 1, 0)$  is a periodic function, thus it has no limit at  $\infty$ .

(c) Since  $\varphi(t, 4, 0)$  has limit as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , we deduce that  $\varphi(t, 4, 0)$  is not periodic. But  $\varphi(t, 1, 0)$  is.

4 Let  $x(t)$  be the temperature of a coffee at time  $t$  (measured in minutes). we have that  $\dot{x} = k(20 - x)$ .

Find the flow associated to this differential equation. Find  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  knowing that the coffee is cooled down from  $100^\circ$  to  $80^\circ$  in 5 minutes.

Solution. Let  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ . we have to find the sol of the IVP

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = k(20 - x) \\ x(0) = \eta \end{cases}$$

This d.e. is linear nonhom. Note  $x_p = 20$ .  
The lin. hom. eq. associated is  $\dot{x} + kx = 0$ ,

whose general sol. is  $x = c \cdot e^{-kt}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\Rightarrow x = c e^{-kt} + 20$

$x(0) = c + 20 = \eta \Rightarrow c = \eta - 20$ . Thus,  $\varphi(t, \eta) = (\eta - 20)e^{-kt} + 20$ .

we have  $\varphi(5, 100) = 80 \Rightarrow (100 - 20)e^{-k \cdot 5} + 20 = 80 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-5k} = 3/4 \Rightarrow -5k = \ln 3/4 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{5} \ln \frac{4}{3}.$$



5. (a) Find the solution of the IVP  $\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = -x_k + 3y_k \\ y_{k+1} = -3x_k - y_k \\ x_0 = 1/3, y_0 = 0 \end{cases}$  reducing the system to a second order difference equation.

Solution.  $3y_k = x_{k+1} + x_k$

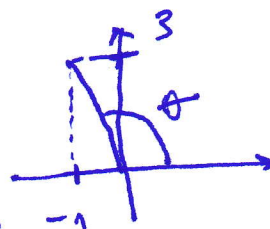
$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+2} &= -x_{k+1} + 3y_{k+1} = -x_{k+1} + 3(-3x_k - y_k) = \\ &= -x_{k+1} - 9x_k - (x_{k+1} + x_k) = -2x_{k+1} - 10x_k \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{k+2} + 2x_{k+1} + 10x_k = 0 \quad \text{LHDE}$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 10 = 0 \quad r_{1,2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{-9} = -1 \pm 3i$$

$$\rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(-1+3i)^k, \quad \operatorname{Im}(-1+3i)^k$$

$$z = -1+3i \Rightarrow |z| = \sqrt{1+9} = \sqrt{10}$$



$$\text{Let } \theta \in (0, \pi) \text{ s.t. } \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}, \quad \sin \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \sqrt{10}(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \Rightarrow z^k = (\sqrt{10})^k (\cos k\theta + i \sin k\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(z^k) = (\sqrt{10})^k \cos k\theta, \quad \operatorname{Im}(z^k) = (\sqrt{10})^k \sin k\theta$$

$$f \neq \sqrt{10} \Rightarrow x_k = c_1 f^k \cos(k\theta) + c_2 f^k \sin(k\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_k &= \frac{1}{3} x_{k+1} + \frac{1}{3} x_k = \frac{1}{3} c_1 f^{k+1} \cos(k\theta + \theta) + \frac{1}{3} c_2 f^{k+1} \sin(k\theta + \theta) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} c_1 f^k \cos(k\theta) + \frac{1}{3} c_2 f^k \sin(k\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= \frac{1}{3} c_1 \underbrace{f \cos \theta}_{-1} + \frac{1}{3} c_2 \underbrace{f \sin \theta}_{3} + \frac{1}{3} c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{3} + 3c_2 + \frac{1}{3} = 0 \\ c_1 = \frac{1}{3} \end{cases} \\ x_0 &= c_1 = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_k = \frac{1}{3} f^k \cos k\theta & \text{and} \\ y_k = \frac{1}{9} f^{k+1} \cos(k\theta + \theta) + \frac{1}{9} f^k \cos(k\theta) \end{cases}$$

$$y_k = \frac{1}{9} f^{k+1} \cos$$

5. (b) Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^{-n} \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $A$  is the matrix of the system from (a).  $\nwarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^{-n} \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Solution. Let we have  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Denote  $X_k = \begin{pmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{pmatrix}$ . The IVP from (a) can be written in the form  $X_{k+1} = AX_k$ ,  $X_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

and its solution can be written in the form

$X_k = A^k X_0$ . From (a) we also have

$$X_k = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} f^k \cos(k\theta) \\ \frac{1}{9} f^{k+1} \cos(k\theta + \theta) + \frac{1}{9} f^k \cos(k\theta) \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Take } k = -n \Rightarrow X_{-n} = A^{-n} X_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} f^{-n} \cos(n\theta) \\ \frac{1}{9} f^{-n+1} \cos(n\theta + \theta) + \frac{1}{9} f^{-n} \cos(n\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^{-n} \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{-n} \cos(n\theta) = 0$  (we have  $f = \sqrt{10} > 1$  and  $|\cos n\theta| \leq 1$ )

6. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^1$  map such that  $f(1/3) = -1$  and  $f(-1) = 1/3$ . Justify that  $\{-1, 1/3\}$  is a 2-cycle for  $f$ . Prove that, if  $|f'(-1)f'(1/3)| < 1$  then the 2-cycle  $\{-1, 1/3\}$  is an attractor.

Solution. Since  $f^2(-1) = f(f(-1)) = f(1/3) = -1$ , we have that, by definition,  $\{-1, 1/3\}$  is a 2-cycle.

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In order to prove that the 2-cycle  $\{-1, 1/3\}$  is an attractor, we have to prove that (by definition)

$-1$  is an attracting fixed point of  $f^2$ .

Since  $(f^2)'(-1) = (f \circ f)'(-1) = f'(f(-1)) \cdot f'(-1) =$   
 $= f'(1/3) \cdot f'(-1)$  we have that, by hypothesis,

$|f^2)'(-1)| < 1$ . Thus,  $-1$  is, indeed, an attracting fixed point of  $f^2$ .