

# Homework 4

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**Problem 1****Statement:**

Show that the following two systems both have a finite escape time for any value of  $\alpha$  and any value of the initial condition specified.

- (a)  $\dot{x} = x^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ ,  $x(0) > 0$   
 (b)  $\dot{x} = -x^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$  is even,  $x(0) < 0$

**Solution**

- (a)  $\dot{x} = x^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ ,  $x(0) > 0$ . We solve and integrate both sides:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{-\alpha+1}x^{-\alpha+1} &= t + c \\ x^{-\alpha+1} &= (-\alpha+1)(t+c) \\ x^{\alpha-1} &= \frac{1}{(-\alpha+1)t+c} \\ \ln(x) &= \frac{1}{\ln((-\alpha+1)t+c)(\alpha-1)} \\ x &= \frac{1}{((-\alpha+1)t+c)^{\alpha-1}}\end{aligned}$$

We then choose  $c$  to satisfy the initial condition:  $x(0) = \frac{1}{c^{\alpha-1}} = c^{-\alpha+1}$ . So  $c = x(0)^{\frac{1}{-\alpha+1}}$ . This system has a pole at  $t = \frac{c}{-\alpha+1}$ , where the inner portion goes to zero. Thus  $x$  goes to  $1/0^{\alpha-1} = 1/0 = \infty$  at  $t = x(0)^{\frac{1}{-\alpha+1}}/(-\alpha+1)$  (finite)

- (b) We have that basically the same solution satisfies the equation, we simply need to change the  $\frac{1}{-\alpha+1}$  in the first step, to  $\frac{-1}{-\alpha+1}$ . Which results in  $x = \frac{1}{((\alpha-1)t+c)^{\alpha-1}}$ , and the same value for  $c$ .  $c = x(0)^{\frac{1}{-\alpha+1}} = -^{\alpha+1}\sqrt{x(0)}$ . The term in front of  $t$  is certainly positive ( $\alpha > 1$ ), but our constant term is negative, since we are taking an odd root thus it is unique and  $x(0)$  is negative, so  $c$  must be negative. Then we have a division by zero at  $t = -^{\alpha+1}\sqrt{x(0)}/(\alpha-1)$ .

**Problem 2****Statement:**

Show that if  $f_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are locally Lipschitz, then  $f_1 + f_2$ ,  $f_1 f_2$ ,  $f_2 \circ f_1$  are all locally Lipschitz.

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**Solution**

1. We want to show  $|(f_1(x) + f_2(x)) - (f_1(y) + f_2(y))| \leq L|x - y|$ . Norm satisfies the triangle inequality, thus  
 $|(f_1(x) - f_1(y)) - (f_2(y) - f_2(y))| \leq L_1|x - y| + L_2|x - y| = (L_1 + L_2)|x - y|$  as required.
2. We want to show  $|f_1(x)f_2(x) - f_1(y)f_2(y)| \leq L|x - y|$ . This one is trickier

$$\begin{aligned} |f_1(x)f_2(x) - f_1(y)f_2(y)| &= |f_1(x)f_2(x) - f_1(y)f_2(y) + f_1(x)f_2(y) - f_1(x)f_2(y)| \\ &= |f_1(x)(f_2(x) - f_2(y)) + (f_1(x) - f_1(y))f_2(y)| \\ &\leq |f_1(x)|L_2|x - y| + |f_2(y)|L_1|x - y| \end{aligned}$$

Now we need to bound  $|f_1(x)|$  and  $|f_2(y)|$ . Since it is locally Lipschitz, we know that  $x, y$  are in a ball of radius  $r < \infty$  around some point  $x_0$ . Thus the distance  $|x - y|$  is bounded, so  $f$  must also be bounded. Thus  $|f_1(x)| \leq M_1$  and  $|f_2(y)| \leq M_2$ . So finally, we have  $|f_1(x)f_2(x) - f_1(y)f_2(y)| \leq (M_1L_2 + M_2L_1)|x - y|$ .

3. We want to show  $|f_2(f_1(x)) - f_2(f_1(y))| \leq L|x - y|$ . Consider  $a = f_1(x)$ ,  $b = f_1(y)$ , then we have  $|f_2(a) - f_2(b)| \leq L_2|a - b|$ . So now we have  $|f_2(f_1(x)) - f_2(f_1(y))| \leq L_2|f_1(x) - f_1(y)| \leq L_2L_1|x - y|$

**Problem 3****Statement:**

For each of the functions  $f(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given below, determine whether it is locally Lipschitz or globally Lipschitz. If it is locally Lipschitz, identify the domain on which it is locally Lipschitz.

1.  $f(x) = x^2$
  2.  $f(x) = |x|$
  3.  $f(x) = x + \operatorname{sgn}(x)$
  4.  $f(x) = \sin(x)$
  5.  $f(x) = \operatorname{sat}(x) = \operatorname{sgn}(x)\min(1, |x|)$
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**Solution**

1. Is only locally Lipschitz. Its growth is faster than linear, so it is not globally Lipschitz. However, it is bounded on any finite interval, so it is locally Lipschitz on any finite interval.
  2. It is globally Lipschitz:  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \||x| - |y|\| \leq \|x - y\|$ .
  3. It is locally Lipschitz: for positives:  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = |x + 1 - y - 1| = |x - y|$ , for negatives:  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = |x - 1 - y + 1| = |x - y|$  for alternate signs:  $|x + 1 - y + 1| = |x - y + 2|$ . This last case is violated near zero, so it is only locally Lipschitz, on either the positive or negative reals.
  4. It is globally Lipschitz:  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|\sin(x) - \sin(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$ .
  5. It is globally Lipschitz, since  $|f(x)| \leq |x|$
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**Problem 4****Statement:**

use the Poincare-Bendixon's criterion to show that the system has a periodic orbit;  $\dot{x}_1 = x_2$ ,  $\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + x_2(2 - 3x_1^2 - 2x_2^2)$

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**Solution**

Clearly the origin is the only equilibrium point. We need to compute the jacobian:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 - 6x_1x_2 & 2 - 3x_1^2 - 6x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = (\text{eval at origin}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which has repeated eigenvalue 1, which is positive, so we satisfy the first condition.

Now we need to find a bounded region, where all trajectories stay within. Let  $\mathcal{M} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : V(x) \leq c\}$  where  $V$  is a circle  $V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$ . We need to show that  $\dot{V} \leq 0$  on the boundary of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} f_1 + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} f_2 \\ &= 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2(-x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_1^2x_2 - 2x_2^3) \\ &= 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2 - 6x_1^2x_2^2 - 4x_2^4 \\ &= 4x_2^2 - 6x_1^2x_2^2 - 4x_2^4 \\ &= 2x_2^2(2 - 3x_1^2 - 2x_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

The sign of this is dictated by  $2 - 3x_1^2 - 2x_2^2$ , so we want  $2 < 3x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$ . This is an ellipse, so we can choose  $c$  to be the major axis of the ellipse, and we are done! We choose  $c > 1$  (major axis of ellipse is on y axis, with length 1) which is a circle strictly larger than the ellipse. Thus  $\dot{V} \leq 0$  on the boundary of  $\mathcal{M}$ , and we have a periodic orbit!

**Problem 5****Statement:**

Consider the following nonlinear system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(A - \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}) - x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 + x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(A - \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2})\end{aligned}$$

Where  $A$  is a positive constant. Show that the system has a stable limit cycle.

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**Solution**

We convert first to polar coordinates:  $x_1 = r \cos \theta$ ,  $x_2 = r \sin \theta$ ,  $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$ ,  $\theta = \arctan \frac{x_2}{x_1}$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{r} &= \frac{2x_1\dot{x}_1 + 2x_2\dot{x}_2}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \\ &= \frac{\left[2x_1^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(A - \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}) - 2x_1x_2\right] + \left[2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(A - \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2})\right]}{2\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}} \\ &= \frac{2x_1^2r^2(A - r) - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2r^2(A - r)}{2r} \\ &= \frac{2r^2(A - r)(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}{2r} \\ &= r^3(A - r)\end{aligned}$$

Next for  $\dot{\theta}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta} &= \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right)^2} \frac{x_1\dot{x}_2 - x_2\dot{x}_1}{x_1^2} \\ &= \frac{x_1^2}{r^2} \frac{[x_1^2 + x_1x_2r^2(A - r)] - [x_1x_2r^2(A - r) - x_2^2]}{x_1^2} \\ &= \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{r^2} \\ &= \frac{r^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)}{r^2} \\ &= \cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta) \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

So based on this,  $\dot{\theta}$  is always positive, so it is always turning, but  $\dot{r} = 0$  when  $r = A$ , so we have a limit cycle at  $r = A$ . It is stable, when  $r > A$   $\dot{r} < 0$  and when  $r < A$   $\dot{r} > 0$

**Problem 6**  
**Statement:**

Euler equations for a rotating rigid spacecraft are given by

$$\begin{aligned}J_1\dot{\omega}_1 &= (J_2 - J_3)(\omega_2\omega_3) + u_1 \\J_2\dot{\omega}_2 &= (J_3 - J_1)\omega_3\omega_1 + u_2 \\J_3\dot{\omega}_3 &= (J_1 - J_2)\omega_1\omega_2 + u_3\end{aligned}$$

Where  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$  are the components of the angular velocity vector  $\omega$  along the principal axes,  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  are the torque inputs applied about the principal axes, and  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  are the principal moments of inertia.

- (a) Show that with  $u_1, u_2, u_3 = 0$ , the origin  $\omega = 0$  is stable. Is it asymptotically stable?
  - (b) Suppose the torque inputs apply the feedback control  $u_i = -k_i\omega_i$  where  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  are positive constants. Show that the origin  $\omega = 0$  is globally asymptotically stable.
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**Solution**



**Problem 7****Statement:**

Consider a linear system with input  $u$  and output  $y$ . Three experiments are performed on the system using inputs  $u_1(t), u_2(t), u_3(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ . In each case, the initial state  $x(0)$  at time  $t = 0$  is the same. The corresponding outputs are denoted by  $y_1(t), y_2(t), y_3(t)$ , respectively. Which of the following statements are correct if  $x(0) \neq 0$  Which are correct if  $x(0) = 0$ ?

1. If  $u_3 = u_1 + u_2$  then  $y_3 = y_1 + y_2$
  2. If  $u_3 = 0.5(u_1 + u_2)$ , then  $y_3 = 0.5(y_1 + y_2)$
  3. If  $u_3 = u_1 - u_2$  then  $y_3 = y_1 - y_2$
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**Solution**

**Problem 8**  
**Statement:**

An oscillation can be generated by:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$$

Show that its solution is

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix} x(0)$$

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**Solution**

**Problem 9****Statement:**

Find the unit-step response of the linear system.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u \\ y &= (2 \quad 3) x\end{aligned}$$

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**Solution**

**Problem 10****Statement:**

Consider the system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= (x_1x_2 - 1)x_2^3 + (x_1x_2 - 1 - x_1^2)x_2\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Show that the system has a unique equilibrium point
  - (b) Using linearization, show the equilibrium point is asymptotically stable
  - (c) Show the equilibrium point is not globally asymptotically stable
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**Solution**