Dynamical Systems MA3081

Exercise sheet 2

Exercise 1 (Definition of dynamical system). Do the following triplets $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T}, \phi_t)$ define dynamical systems? If so, are they continuous?

1.
$$\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$$
, $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{R}$, $\phi_t(x) := \begin{pmatrix} e^t \sin t & e^t \cos t \\ e^t \cos t & -e^t \sin t \end{pmatrix} x$, for $t \in \mathcal{T}$ and $x = \in \mathcal{X}$;

2.
$$\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^2$$
, $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{R}$, $\phi_t(x) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\lambda t) & -\sin(\lambda t) \\ \sin(\lambda t) & \cos(\lambda t) \end{pmatrix} x$, for $t \in \mathcal{T}$, $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Exercise 2 (ODE-induced dynamical system). Show that the scalar initial value problem

$$x' = x \log x, \qquad x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}_{>0},$$

induces the flow $\phi_t(x_0) = (x_0)^{e^t}$ on $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{R}$. Find the equilibrium points of the dynamical system $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{T}, \phi_t)$.

Exercise 3 (Invariant sets). 1. Let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T}, \phi_t)$ with $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{R}$ be a dynamical system. Assume that $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{X}$ is a positively invariant set for ϕ_t . Show that the complement $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{S}$ is negatively invariant for ϕ_t .

2. Consider the linear ODE system

$$x' = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x.$$

Show that $S = \operatorname{span}\left\{ (-1,1)^{\top} \right\}$ is invariant under the induced dynamical system.

3. Consider the (normalized) pendulum equation

$$\ddot{x} + \sin x = 0.$$

Show that the level sets $\{E(x, \dot{x}) = c\}$ of the function

$$E \colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R},$$
 $(x, \dot{x}) \mapsto \frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^2 + 1 - \cos x$

are invariant under the induced dynamical system.

Exercise 4 (Lyapunov function). 1. Consider the following system of differential equations:

$$\dot{x}_1 = 6x_2,
\dot{x}_2 = -cx_2 - 3ax_1 - 3bx_1^5,$$

with positive coefficients a, b, c. Find all equilibrium points of the time-continuous dynamical system induced by the above ODE system and analyze whether they are stable in the sense of Lyapunov.

(Hint: The function

$$L: (x_1, x_2) \mapsto \alpha x_2^2 + \beta x_1^2 + \gamma x_1^6$$

with suitable coefficients might be useful.)

2. Consider the Lorenz equations

$$\begin{split} \dot{x} &= \sigma(y-x), \\ \dot{y} &= x(\rho-z) - y, \\ \dot{z} &= xy - \beta z, \end{split}$$

with parameters $\sigma, \rho, \beta > 0$. By using the Lyapunov function $L: (x, y, z) \mapsto x^2 + \sigma y^2 + \sigma z^2$ show that the origin is globally asymptotically stable if r < 1.

Numerical excursions: Make yourself familiar with the julia-packages OrdinaryDiffEq.jl and DynamicalSystems.jl. Find out how to define an ODE or a dynamical system, and plot some trajectories. If you have a local copy of julia, you will first need to include these packages into your package tree by typing Pkg.add("DifferentialEquations") and Pkg.add("DynamicalSystems"), respectively. After that—or if you're using juliabox—you need to state that you want to use these packages by typing using OrdinaryDiffEq or using DynamicalSystems.

As for the OrdinaryDiffEq package (DifferentialEquations docs), you could (ab)use it to compare your analytic solutions from this and the previous exercise sheets to the "ground-truth" numerical solution. ;-)

As for the DynamicalSystems package (DynamicalSystems github page), there are a couple of predefined dynamical systems, including the Lorenz system.