

**DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS MA3081**

## Exercise sheet 1

**Exercise 1** (ODE solving). Solve the following ordinary differential equations:

1.  $\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} + x = 0$ ; hint: linear ODE;
2.  $\ddot{x} + x = 0$ ; hint: linear ODE;
3.  $t\dot{x} - \sqrt{1-x^2} = 0$ ; hint: separation of variables;
4.  $\dot{x} - \frac{\sqrt{1+x}}{t^2+4} = 0$ ; hint: separation of variables;
5.  $\dot{x} + \sin t \cdot x = \cos t$ ; hint: separation of variables, variation of constants.

**Exercise 2** (Matrix exponential). Compute the matrix exponential  $\exp(tA)$  of the following matrices:

1.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.879708 & 0.257095 & 0.598457 \\ 0.257095 & 0.592012 & 0.370489 \\ 0.598457 & 0.370489 & 0.036444 \end{pmatrix};$
2.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix};$
3.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$

**Exercise 3** (Implicit function theorem). Consider the following polynomial  $p \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$  as an element of the continuous real-valued functions on  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ , where  $I$  is some reasonable compact interval:

$$p_\alpha: x \mapsto x^2 + \alpha.$$

Show that for  $\alpha < 0$  any root of  $p_\alpha$  persists under small perturbations. As a more specific, simpler case, consider the same  $p_\alpha$  and an  $f \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$ . Show that for  $\varepsilon$  with  $|\varepsilon|$  sufficiently small any  $p_\alpha + \varepsilon f$  has (i) as many roots as  $p_\alpha$ , which are (ii) close to those of  $p_\alpha$ . What can we say for  $\alpha = 0$ ? And what about  $\alpha > 0$ ?

**Numerical excursions:** get yourself a free copy of julia ([www.julialang.org](http://www.julialang.org)), it runs on all platforms. Alternatively, you can use it in your browser without a local copy: [www.juliabox.com](http://www.juliabox.com). Its usage is somewhat similar to MATLAB and Python, its performance competes with C++. For instance, a matrix is defined by

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>> A = [1.2 2.3 3.4; 4.5 5.6 6.7; 7.8 8.9 9.0].
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You could then use it for support in Exercise 2.