

Problem 1a

We are given the differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -4P^4 + 4P^3 - 5P^2 + 2P,$$

which can be factorised as

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P(-4P^3 + 4P^2 - 5P + 2) = -P(P-2)(P-1)^2,$$

from the factorised form we can tell our roots are

$$P = 0, P = 1, P = 2,$$

this is verified using the roots() function

```
%de = @(P) -P^4+4*P^3-5*P^2+2*P;  
%de(3)  
p = [-1; 4; -5; 2; 0];  
p = roots(p)
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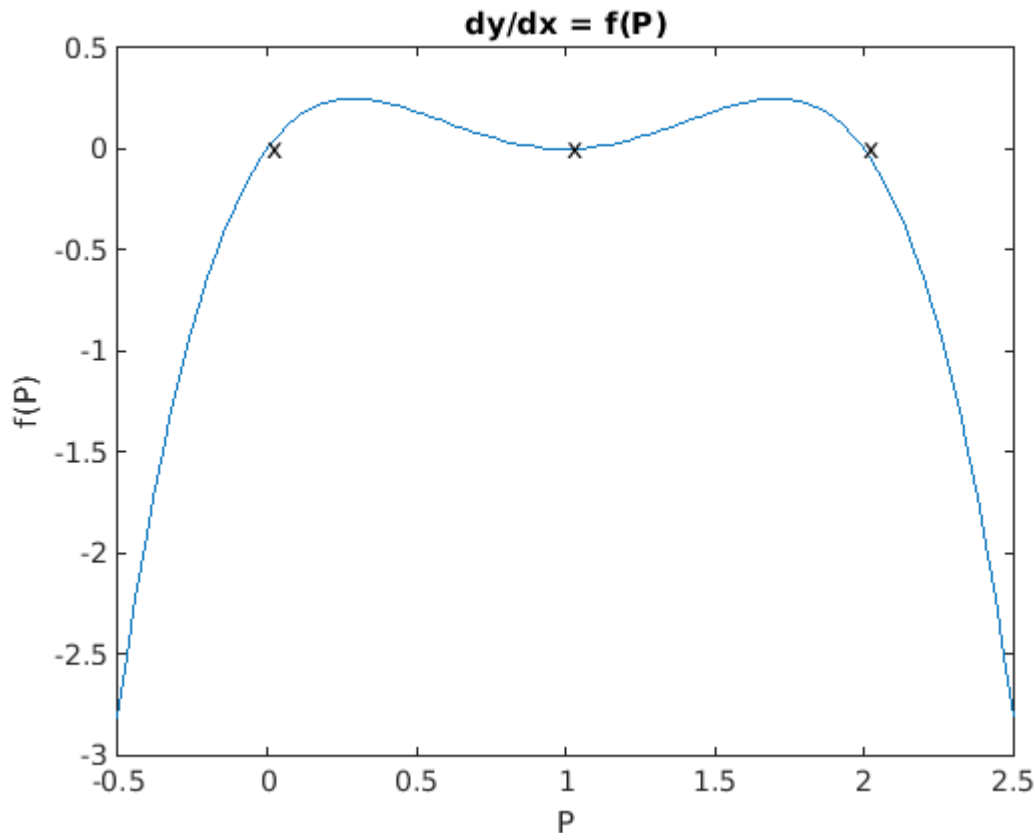
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p = 4x1 complex  
 0.0000 + 0.0000i  
 2.0000 + 0.0000i  
 1.0000 + 0.0000i  
 1.0000 - 0.0000i
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Problem 1b

Increasing or decreasing

In order to tell where the solution is inc/dec we need to tell where the DE is positive or negative. For this we will plot the DE and see which regions are (+) and which regions are (-)

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de = @(P) -P^4 + 4*P^3 - 5*P^2 + 2*P; % original DE  
x = linspace(-0.5, 2.5, 101);  
y = [];  
for i = 1:length(x)  
    y(i) = de(x(i));  
end  
  
plot(x, y)  
title("dy/dx = f(P)")  
xlabel('P');  
ylabel('f(P)');  
text(0,0, "x")  
text(2,0, "x")  
text(1,0, "x")
```



From our plot we can see the following regions:

- $P < 0$: $(-)$ \Rightarrow decreasing
- $0 < P < 1$: $(+)$ \Rightarrow increasing
- $1 < P < 2$: $(+)$ \Rightarrow increasing
- $2 < P$: $(-)$ \Rightarrow decreasing

Concavity

In order to tell the concavity of our solution we first need to determine the 2nd derivative $\frac{d^2P}{dt^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2P}{dt^2} &= \frac{d}{dt} \frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (-4P^4 + 4P^3 - 5P^2 + 2P) \\ &= -16P^3 \frac{dP}{dt} + 12P^2 \frac{dP}{dt} - 10P \frac{dP}{dt} + 2 \frac{dP}{dt} \\ &= -16P^3 f(P) + 12P^2 f(P) - 10P f(P) + 2 f(P) \\ &= 64P^7 - 112P^6 + 168P^5 - 140P^4 + 82P^3 - 30P^2 + 4P\end{aligned}$$

Now that we have $\frac{d^2P}{dt^2}$ we need to calculate the roots

```
dde = @(P) 64*P^7 - 112*P^6 + 168*P^5 - 140*P^4 + 82*P^3 - 30*P^2 + 4*P; % original DE
p = [64; -112; 168; -140; 82; -30; 4; 0];
p = roots(p)
```

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p = 7x1 complex
 0.0000 + 0.0000i
 0.2500 + 0.9682i
 0.2500 - 0.9682i
 0.2500 + 0.6614i
 0.2500 - 0.6614i
 0.5000 + 0.0000i
 0.2500 + 0.0000i

```

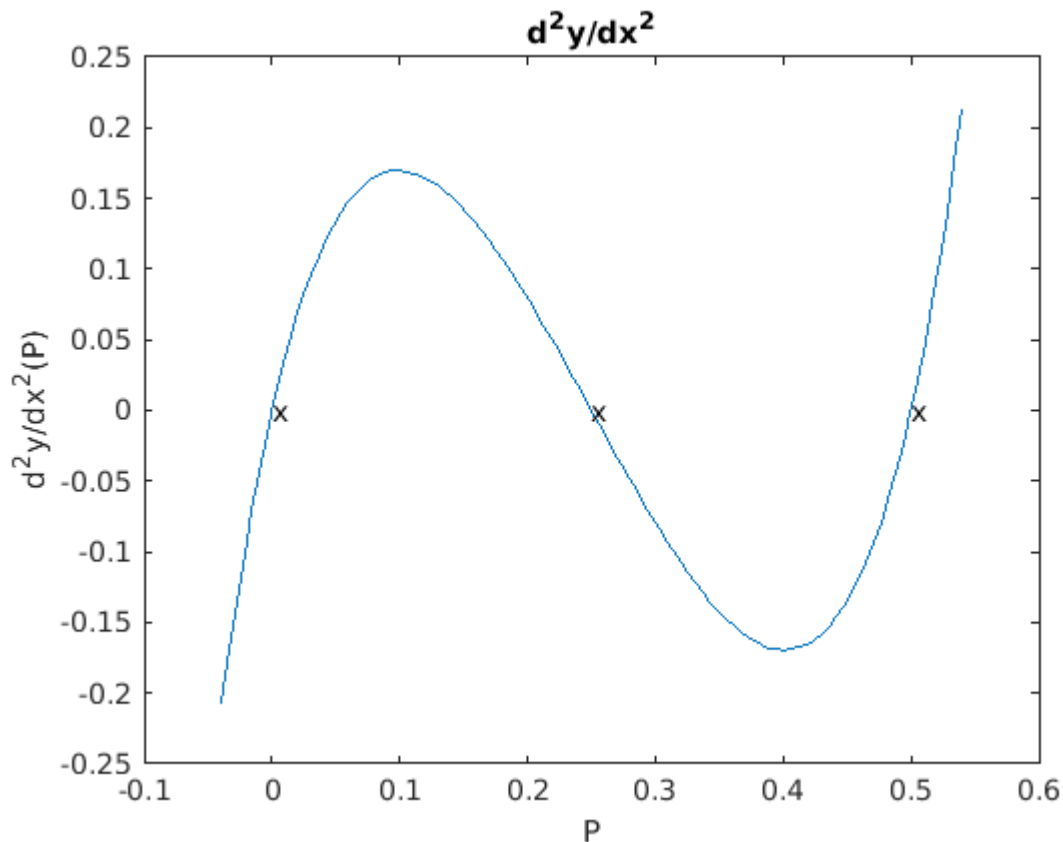
Now that we have the roots lets figure out our regions of concavity from a plot

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x = linspace(-0.039, 0.54, 101);
y = [];
for i = 1:length(x)
    y(i) = dde(x(i));
end

plot(x, y)
title("d^2y/dx^2")
xlabel('P');
ylabel('d^2y/dx^2(P)');
text(0,0, "x")
text(0.25,0, "x")
text(0.5,0, "x")

```



From our plot we can see the following regions:

- $P < 0.00$: $(-)$ \Rightarrow concave down \cap
- $0.00 < P < 0.25$: $(+)$ \Rightarrow concave up \cup
- $0.25 < P < 0.50$: $(-)$ \Rightarrow concave down \cap
- $0.50 < P$: $(+)$ \Rightarrow concave up \cup

Problem 1c

Plot

Now that we have all of our data points lets attempt to plot the approximate solution family to our original DE

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Problem 1d

Using the results of my scetch in the previous question I can now classify all of the critical points.

(fixme): If a point tends away from a critical point but still end up converging at another critical point are they still considered unstable?

- $P=0$: This is an unstable point as both points above and bellow this point result in solutions being repelled away from $P=0$. The points bellow tend to $-\infty$ and the points above all tend to $P=1$
- $P=1$: This is a semi-stable point. The points bellow it tend to $P=1$ while the points above it tend to $P=2$
- $P=2$: This is a stable point. Both the points above and bellow tend to $P=2$

Problem 1e

FIXME:

- I think this question is wrong as the question is kind of posturing that the limits will be different for these 2 particular solutions
- I would like to use matlab's baked in limit calculation function

$P(0) = 0.25$

For this problem we are looking at a specific solution to

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -4P^4 + 4P^3 - 5P^2 + 2P + c$$

Where

$$P(0) = -4(0)^4 + 4(0)^3 - 5(0)^2 + 2(0) + c = c = 0.25$$

Therefore the specific solution is

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -4P^4 + 4P^3 - 5P^2 + 2P + 0.25$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty}(P) = -\infty$$

$P(0) = 1.4$

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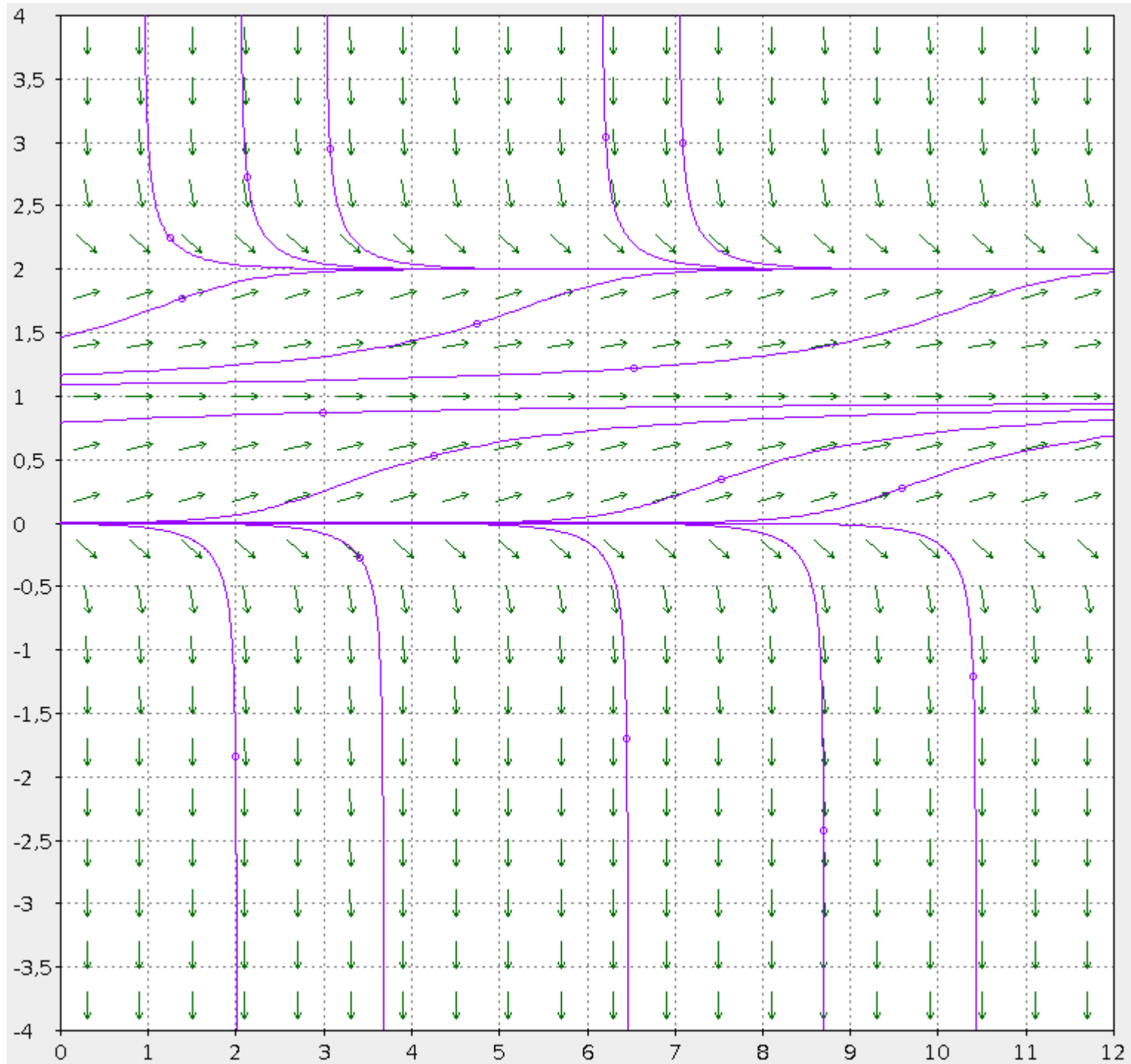
$$P(0) = -4(0)^4 + 4(0)^3 - 5(0)^2 + 2(0) + c = c = 1.4$$

Therefore the specific solution is

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -4P^4 + 4P^3 - 5P^2 + 2P + 1.4$$

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Problem 1f



Above is the output dfield.jar. Which very nicely corroborates my results.