

MATH 442/551 Assignment #1

Due Thursday September 20, in class

1. Use the following Banach Fixed-Point Theorem to prove the Picard-Lindelof version of the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem (listed below).

- Definition: Let X be a normed vector space, the map $T : X \rightarrow X$ is called a contraction mapping on X if there exists a constant $q \in [0, 1)$ such that $\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq q\|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in X$.
- Banach Fixed-Point Theorem: Let X be a complete Banach space, and T be a contraction mapping on X , then T has a unique fixed point $x^* \in X$, i.e., $T(x^*) = x^*$.
- Picard-Lindelof Theorem: Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x), \quad x(t_0) = x_0,$$

, where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $f : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous in t and Lipschitz continuous in x on a region $G \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ with non-empty interior, which interior contains (t_0, x_0) . Then, there exists a positive constant $h \leq a$ such that the initial value problem has a unique solution on $[t_0 - h, t_0 + h]$.

- Hint: consider the vector space $C_{[t_0-h, t_0+h]}$, and show that for small enough h , the map

$$F(x) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds$$

is a contraction mapping.

2. Continuous Dependence on parameters: Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x; p), \quad x(t_0) = x_0,$$

where $p \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a parameter of the model (a constant vector), $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $f : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a continuous function on a region $G \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ with non-empty interior, and Lipschitz continuous in x on G with a Lipschitz constant L . If $x_1(t; t_0, x_0, p_1)$ and $x_2(t; t_0, x_0, p_2)$ are two solutions to the IVP defined on an interval I , with parameter values $p = p_1$ and $p = p_2$, respectively.

(a) Show that, for all $t \in I$,

$$|x_1(t; t_0, x_0, p_1) - x_2(t; t_0, x_0, p_2)| \leq |p_1 - p_2| e^{L(t-t_0)}.$$

(b) Show that, for all fixed t , $x(t; t_0, x_0, p)$ is a continuous function of the parameter p .

- Hint: Consider the system $\frac{dz}{dt} = f(t, z)$ where $z = (x^T, p^T)^T$, and $\frac{dp}{dt} = 0$. That is, extend the system to include p as constant state variables.

3. Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax + B(t)x, \quad x(t_0) = x_0,$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, A is a constant $n \times n$ matrix which eigenvalues all have negative real part; $B(t)$ is an $n \times n$ continuous matrix function, with $\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \|B(s)\| ds < M$ for some constant $M > 0$ (note that this condition guarantees that $B(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$). Here, for each t , the matrix norm is defined as

$$\|B(t)\| = \max_{\|x\| \neq 0} \frac{\|B(t)x\|}{\|x\|},$$

and thus $\|B(t)x\| \leq \|B(t)\|\|x\|$ for all x .

(a) Show that its solution satisfies

$$x(t) = e^{A(t-t_0)}x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-s)}B(s)x(s)ds.$$

(b) Note that all eigenvalues of A has negative real parts, thus $\exists C > 0$ such that $\|e^{At}\| \leq C$ for all t . Use this fact to show that the origin is stable, i.e., $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that $\|x(t)\| \leq \varepsilon$ as long as $\|x_0\| \leq \delta$.

- Hint: Apply Gronwall's inequality to $\|x(t)\|$.