### **MATH 371**

## Solutions to Homework Assignment #3

Due date/time: Feb 14, 2022/23:59

- a. Write your solutions on paper or pads, and try to keep solutions for different questions on separate pages.
- b. Upload scans/photos/pdfs of your solutions to **Assign2** before the due date and time. Make sure to upload solutions to the right slot for each question.
- c. Submissions after the deadline will not be graded and will result in a 0 mark.
- 1. (70 points) Exercises 2.4.13, 2.4.14, 2.4.15, 2.4.16. (Please submit your solutions in separate files for different questions)

Question 2.4.13. Consider the following simple competition model:

$$A_{n+1} = \mu_1 A_n - \mu_3 A_n B_n = f(A_n, B_n),$$
  

$$B_{n+1} = \mu_2 B_n - \mu_4 A_n B_n = g(A_n, B_n),$$

where  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4$  are positive constants.

(a) Find all fixed points.

Solution: Solving systems

$$A_n = \mu_1 A_n - \mu_3 A_n B_n,$$
  
$$B_n = \mu_2 B_n - \mu_4 A_n B_n,$$

we obtain four fixed points:

$$P_1 = (0,0), \quad P_2 = (\frac{1}{\mu_1},0), \quad P_3 = (0,\frac{1}{\mu_2}), \quad P_4 = (\frac{\mu_2 - 1}{\mu_4}, \frac{\mu_1 - 1}{\mu_3}).$$

We note that  $P_1, P_2, P_3 \in \mathbb{R}^2_+$  for all  $\mu_1, \mu_2 > 0$ , and  $P_4 \in \mathbb{R}^2_+$  only if  $\mu_1 > 1$  and  $\mu_2 > 1$ .

(b). Determine the stability of the fixed points for the specific case  $\mu_1 = 1.2, \mu_2 = 1.3, \mu_3 = 0.001$ , and  $\mu_4 = 0.002$ .

**Solution:** The Jacobian matrix of (f,g) with  $f(A,B) = \mu_1 A - \mu_3 AB$  and  $g(A,B) = \mu_2 B - \mu_4 AB$  is

$$J(A,B) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 - \mu_3 B & -\mu_3 A \\ -\mu_4 B & \mu_2 - \mu_4 A \end{bmatrix}.$$

(1) Stability of  $P_1 = (0,0)$ .

$$J(0,0) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues at  $\lambda_1 = \mu_1 = 1.2 > 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \mu_2 = 1.3 > 1$ . Therefore,  $P_1$  is unstable.

(2) Stability of  $P_2 = (\frac{1}{\mu_1}, 0)$ .

$$J(\frac{1}{\mu_1}, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & -\frac{\mu_3}{\mu_1} \\ 0 & \mu_2 - \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues at  $\lambda_1 = \mu_1 = 1.2 > 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \mu_2 - \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_1} = 1.298 > 1$ . Therefore,  $P_2$  is unstable.

(3) Stability of  $P_3 = (0, \frac{1}{\mu_2})$ .

$$J(0, \frac{1}{\mu_2}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 - \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2} & 0\\ -\frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2} & \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues at  $\lambda_1 = \mu_2 = 1.3 > 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \mu_1 - \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2} = 1.199 > 1$ . Therefore,  $P_3$  is unstable.

(4) Stability of  $P_3 = (\frac{\mu_2 - 1}{\mu_4}, \frac{\mu_1 - 1}{\mu_3}).$ 

$$J(\frac{\mu_2-1}{\mu_4},\frac{\mu_1-1}{\mu_3}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{\mu_3}{\mu_4}(\mu_2-1) \\ -\frac{\mu_4}{\mu_3}(\mu_1-1) & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1.5 \\ -0.4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using Matlab, the eigenvalues at  $\lambda_1 = 1.77 > 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 0.23 < 1$ . Therefore,  $P_3$  is also unstable.

**Question 2.4.14**. Consider the following model for the spread of an infectious disease (such as the flu or the common cold) through a population of size N:

$$I_{n+1} = I_n + kI_n(N - I_n), \quad I_0 = 1,$$

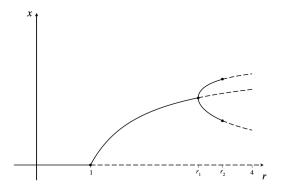
where  $I_n$  is the number of infected (and infectious) individuals on day n, and k is a measure of the infectivity and how well the population mixes.

(a) What does the model predict? You may assume that kN < 2.

**Solution:** We can rewrite the model as

$$I_{n+1} = I_n(1 + kN - kI_n) = (1 + kN)I_n(1 - \frac{1}{1 + kN}I_n)$$
$$= rI_n(1 - \frac{I_n}{K}),$$

where r = 1 + kN < 3 and K = (1 + kN)/k. We observe that this is similar (identical) to the logistic model in Section 2.2. If we assume that K = 1, then we expect the same dynamics and bifurcations as shown in Figure 2.12 in the textbook (shown below) when r < 3.



**Figure 2.12.** Updated bifurcation diagram for the discrete logistic equation shown earlier in Figure 2.7. Shown are the fixed points, as well as the 2-cycle for values of  $r > r_1 = 3$ . The 2-cycle is stable up to  $r_2 = 1 + \sqrt{6}$ , and unstable thereafter.

# (b) Modify the model to incorporate immunity. Explain (justify) your model. What additional assumptions have you made?

**Solution:** To incorporate immunity into the the model, we assume that an individual recovers from infection in exactly d days and remains immune to re-infection for life. Then there is fraction  $\frac{1}{d}$  of  $I_n$  recovers per day. This is an additional outflow from the I compartment. The revised model is given by

$$I_{n+1} = I_n + kI_n(N - I_n) - \frac{I_n}{d}, \quad I_0 = 1,$$

where k, d, N > 0.

**Question 2.4.15.** Jury conditions. Let J be the Jacobian matrix, (2.54), corresponding to the general two-dimensional discrete-time system, (2.42)-(2.43).

(a) Show that the characteristic polynomial for J can be written as

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \text{tr } J \lambda + \det J = 0.$$

**Solution:** Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  be the eigenvalues of J. Then

$$\operatorname{tr} J = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2, \quad \det J = \lambda_1 \lambda_2.$$

The characteristic polynomial of J can be written as

$$|\lambda I - A| = (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) = \lambda^2 - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)\lambda + \lambda_1\lambda_2 = \lambda^2 - \text{tr } J\lambda + \det J.$$

(b) Show that necessary and sufficient conditions for both eigenvalues of J to have magnitude less than 1 are the following Jury conditions:

$$|\operatorname{tr} J| < 1 + \det J < 2.$$

**Solution:** The Jury conditions can be rewritten equivalently as the following three conditions

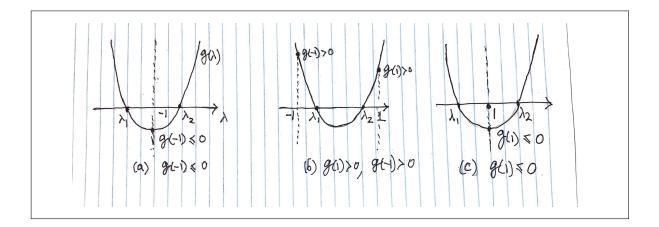
- (1)  $\det J < 1$ .
- (2)  $\operatorname{tr} J < 1 + \det J$ .
- (3)  $-\text{tr } J < 1 + \det J$ .

We first show that, if  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_1$  are complex, then  $|\lambda_1| < 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| < 1$  is equivalent to condition (1). This is clear from the relation  $\det J = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = |\lambda_1|^2 = \lambda_2|^2$ .

Next, we assume that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are real numbers. Then it is clear that Jury condition (1) is mutually exclusive to  $|\lambda_1| > 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| > 1$ .

For the remaining cases of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , we note that Jury conditions (2) and (3) are equivalents to g(1) > 0 and g(-1) > 0, respectively. Also note that the graph of the characteristic polynomial is a parabola, opening up, with zeroes at  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . Jury conditions (2) and (3) can be shown based on the relative positions of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda = \pm 1$ . The following Figure shows the remaining possible relative positions among  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda = \pm 1$ . We can see that in cases (a) and (c), we will have  $g(1) \leq 0$  and  $g(-1) \leq 0$  (the equal sign holds when  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ ), contradicting Jury conditions (2) and (3), respectively. In case (b), we have g(-1) > 0 and g(1) > 0 and both roots satisfy  $|\lambda_1| < 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| < 1$ .

This establish the proof.



Exercise 2.4.16: Romeo and Juliet in love/hate-preserving mode. Consider the discrete- time model developed for the relationship between Romeo and Juliet, (2.40)-(2.41), and assume that the amount of love/hate that Romeo and Juliet feel for each other initially is preserved on all subsequent days, that is,  $a_R + p_J = 1$  and  $a_J + p_R = 1$ .

(a) Show that det(A) = 0, where the matrix A is defined in (2.70).

Solution: We recall that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_R - 1 & p_R \\ p_J & a_J - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Under the assumptions  $a_R + p_J = 1$  and  $a_J + p_R = 1$ , we know that the sum of columns are zero, and thus the two columns are proportional, and thus det A = 0.

(b) Show that the two eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix are  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = a_R + a_J - 1$ .

Solution: The Jacobian matrix is, as given in (2.71),

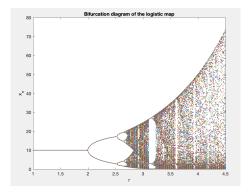
$$J = \begin{bmatrix} a_R & p_R \\ p_J & a_J \end{bmatrix}$$

and we see that  $A=J-I_{2\times 2}$ , where  $I_{2\times 2}$  is the  $2\times 2$  identity matrix. From |A|=0 we know  $|J-I_{2\times 2}|=0$ , and thus  $\lambda_1=1$  is an eigenvalue of J. Also,  ${\rm tr} J=a_R+a_J=\lambda_1+\lambda_2=1+\lambda_2$ . This gives  $\lambda_2=a_R+a_J-1$ .

2. (30 points) Computation exercises 8.2.4 - 8.2.7. Please hand in your code with an output (e.g. generated by Word or LaTex) for each question (You may use any software package to do the exercises).

#### Questions 8.2.4, 8.2.5

**Solution:** The Matlab codes shown below are better than the ones suggested in the questions. The bifurcation diagram for the Ricker model in (2.24) is shown below.



### Questions 8.2.6, 8.2.7

Solution: We want to show that, for the simplified Ricker model

$$x_{n+1} = ax_n e^{-x_n} = f(x_n), \quad a > 0,$$

where  $f(x) = axe^{-x}$ , when a = 8,

- (1) Trajectories converge to a 2-cycle  $\{u, v\}$ ;
- (2) Estimate the values of u, v.
- (3) Identify u, v as fixed points of the second iterate  $f^2$ .
- (4) Verify that  $\{u, v\}$  is a two cycle by showing that f(u) = v, f(v) = u.

Matlab codes used to carry out these operations are included in a single m file shown below.

We solve the system of equations

$$f(u) = v, \quad f(v) = u$$

in Matlab using "vpasolve" and found

 $u = 1.3862943611198906188344642429164, \quad v = 2.7725887222397812376689284858327.$ 

We can also solve the equation

$$f^2(x) = x$$

for fixed points of the second iterate  $f^2$ , and we obtained the same solutions as the preceding step:

 $v = 1.3862943611198906188344642429164, \quad u = 2.7725887222397812376689284858327.$ 

Note that there are two other fixed points of  $f^2$  that are also fixed points of f.

These two points are plotted as the intersections (fixed points) of  $y = f^2(x)$  and y = x. This finishes steps (2) - (4).

