

**Lösningar till Tenta i ODE och matematisk modellering, MMG511, MVE160**  
**This exam is for students who learned the course in year 2013.**

1. Formulate and verify by direct calculation Duhamel's formula for solutions of a non-homogeneous linear system of ODE with constant matrix. (4p)

if  $\dot{x} = Ax + g(t)$  then Duhamel's formula gives general solution to the inhomogeneous system:

$$x(t) = \exp(At)x_0 + \int_0^t \exp(A(t-s))g(s)ds$$

We verify the formula by direct calculation:

$$\dot{x}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (\exp(At)x_0 + \exp(A(t-t))g(t) + \int_0^t \frac{d}{dt} (\exp(A(t-s))g(s)) ds = A \exp(At)x_0 + \exp(A(0))g(t) + \int_0^t A \exp(A(t-s))g(s)ds =$$

$$A \exp(At)x_0 + A \int_0^t \exp(A(t-s))g(s)ds + g(t) = A \left( \exp(At)x_0 + \int_0^t \exp(A(t-s))g(s)ds \right) + g(t) = Ax + g(t).$$

2. Give definitions of a stable fixed point and of an asymptotically stable fixed point to an autonomous system of ODE. Formulate and give a proof of the theorem about asymptotic stability by linearization of a fixed point to an autonomous system of ODE.

(4p)

Consider an autonomous system of ODE  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ ,  $f \in C^1(M, R^n)$ ,  $M \subset R^n$ , open. Let  $x_0 \in M$  be a fixed point:  $f(x_0) = 0$ .

**Definition.** The fixed point  $x_0$  is stable if for any neighborhood  $U(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  there is another neighborhood  $V(x_0)$  such that for any  $x \in V(x_0)$  the positive orbit  $\gamma_+(x) \subset U(x_0)$ . Or by the other words the trajectory  $\phi_x(t)$  starting in  $V(x_0)$  will stay in  $U(x_0)$  for all  $0 \leq t$ .

**Definition.** The fixed point  $x_0$  is asymptotically stable if it is stable and for there is a neighborhood  $V_a(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  such that such that for any  $x \in V_a(x_0)$  it follows  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |\phi_x(t) - x_0| = 0$ .

**Theorem** on stability of a fixed point by linearization.

Consider the ODE  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ ,  $f \in C^1(B_R(0), R^n)$ , where  $B_R(0)$  is a ball of radius  $R$  around the origin and  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that Jacobi matrix  $A$  of  $f$  at the origin has all eigenvalues with negative real part:  $\text{Re } \lambda_j < -\beta$ ,  $\beta > 0$ .

Then there are  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $C > 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  such that solutions to  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ ,  $x(0) = x_0$ , satisfy the estimate

$$|x(t)| \leq Ce^{-\alpha t} |x_0| \text{ for } |x_0| \leq \delta$$

It implies that the fixed point in the origin is asymptotically stable.

**Proof:** We express  $f(x)$  as  $f(x) = Ax + g(x)$  where  $A$  is the Jacobi matrix of  $f$  in the origin. According to Taylor expansion of  $f \in C^1(B_R(0), R^n)$  the function  $g$  satisfies  $g(x) = o(x)$ , when  $x \rightarrow 0$ . It means that  $g(x) = |x|\xi(x)$  with  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \xi(x) = 0$ . Therefore for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find  $\delta_\varepsilon > 0$  such that for any  $|x| < \delta_\varepsilon$  we get  $|\xi(x)| < \varepsilon$ .

If all eigenvalues  $\text{Re } \lambda_j$  to  $A$  have  $\text{Re } \lambda_j < -\beta$  then theory of linear systems with constant coefficients imply that

$$\|\exp(At)\| \leq Ce^{-t\beta}$$

for some  $C > 0$ . We can now choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\varepsilon C < \beta$  and corresponding  $\delta_\varepsilon > 0$  for the estimate with the Taylor expansion above.

The theorem about perturbed linear systems and the Gronwall inequality imply that

$$|x(t)| \leq C|x_0|e^{-(\beta-\varepsilon C)t}$$

Choosing  $\alpha = \beta - \varepsilon C$  we finishes the proof.

3. Consider the following system of ODE:

$$\frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt} = A\vec{r}(t), \text{ with a constant matrix } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Give general solution to the system. Find all those initial vectors  $\vec{r}_0 = \vec{r}(0)$  that give bounded solutions to the system. (4p)

General solution is given by  $\vec{r} = \exp(At)\vec{r}_0$  with arbitrary  $\vec{r}_0 \in R^3$ . Matrix  $A$  is given in Jordan canonical form and its exponent has the following form:  $\exp(At) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \exp(-3t) \end{bmatrix}$ .

One of the eigenvalues of  $A$  is  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and has multiplicity 2 and only one eigenvector  $\vec{v}_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T$ . The second eigenvalue is  $\lambda_2 = -3$  and is simple with the eigenvector  $\vec{v}_2 = [0, 0, 1]^T$ .

In general situation we get bounded solutions with initial data  $\vec{r}_0$  from the subspace spanned by generalised eigenvectors corresponding eigenvalues with  $\text{Re } \lambda < 0$  and by eigenvectors corresponding eigenvalues with  $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$ .

For the given system bounded solutions correspond to initial data  $\vec{r}_0$  from the subspace (a plane through the origin) in  $R^3$  spanned by vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ :  $\vec{r}_0 = a\vec{v}_1 + b\vec{v}_2 = [a, 0, b]^T$  with arbitrary  $a, b \in R$ .

4. Formulate Banach's contraction principle.

Consider the following operator

$$K(x)(t) = \int_0^2 B(t, s)x(s)ds + g(t),$$

with  $B(t, s)$  and  $g(t)$  continuous functions and  $|B(t, s)| < 0.25$  for all  $t, s \in [0, 2]$  acting in the Banach space  $C([0, 2])$  of continuous functions with norm  $\|x\| = \sup_{t \in [0, 2]} |x(t)|$ .

Show using Banach's contraction principle that  $K(x)(t)$  has a fixed point. (4p)

**Banach's contraction principle.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed subset of a Banach space  $X$  and let the non-linear operator  $K : C \rightarrow C$  be a contraction.

$$\|K(x) - K(y)\| \leq \theta \|x - y\|, \theta < 1$$

Then  $K$  has a fixed point  $\bar{x} = K(\bar{x})$  such that

$$\|K^n(x) - \bar{x}\| \leq \frac{\theta^n}{1 - \theta}$$

for any  $x \in C$ .

We start with showing that the operator  $K$  is contraction in the space  $C([0, 2])$  of continuous function on the interval  $[0, 2]$  with norm  $\|f\| = \sup_{t \in [0, 2]} |f(t)|$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \|K(x) - K(y)\| &\leq \left\| \int_0^2 B(t, s)x(s)ds + g(t), - \int_0^2 B(t, s)y(s)ds + g(t) \right\| = \left\| \int_0^2 B(t, s)(x(s) - y)ds \right\| \leq \\ &\int_0^2 \|B(t, s)(x(s) - y)\| ds = \\ &\int_0^2 \sup_{t, s \in [0, 2]} |B(t, s)| \|(x - y)\| ds = \sup_{t, s \in [0, 2]} |B(t, s)| \|(x - y)\| \int_0^2 ds \leq 0.25 \cdot 2 \|(x - y)\| = \\ &0.5 \|(x - y)\| \end{aligned}$$

We need to find a closed set that  $K$  maps to itself. We take a ball with radius  $R$  in the space  $C([0, 2])$ , a function  $f$  from this ball:  $\|f\| = \sup_{t \in [0, 2]} |f(t)| \leq R$  and estimate the norm of  $K(f)$  similarly as above:

$$\begin{aligned} \|K(f)\| &= \left\| \int_0^2 B(t, s)f(s)ds + g(t) \right\| = \left\| \int_0^2 B(t, s)f(s)ds \right\| + \|g\| = \sup_{t \in [0, 2]} \left| \int_0^2 B(t, s)f(s)ds \right| \leq \\ &\sup_{t \in [0, 2]} \left| \int_0^2 B(t, s)f(s)ds \right| + \|g(t)\| \leq 0.25 \cdot 2 \|f\| + \|g\| = 0.5 \|f\| + \|g\| \leq 0.5R + \|g\| \end{aligned}$$

So if we choose the radius  $R$  for the ball in the space  $C([0, 2])$  as  $R = 2 \|g\|$  we will see that  $\|K(f)\| \leq R$  for  $\|f\| \leq R$  and therefore the operator  $K$  maps the closed ball of radius  $R$  into itself. Therefore both requirements of the Banach's contraction principle are satisfied and the operator  $K$  must have a fixed point in the ball  $\|f\| \leq R = 2 \|g\|$ .

5. Consider the following system of ODE and investigate stability of the fixed point in the origin.

$$\begin{cases} x' = 2y^3 - x^5 \\ y' = -x - y^3 + y^5 \end{cases} \quad (4p)$$

We choose a test function  $L(x, y) = x^2 + y^4$ .  $L(x, y) > 0$  for all  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (L(x(t), y(t))) &= \nabla L \cdot [2y^3 - x^5, -x - y^3 + y^5]^T = [2x, 4y^3][2y^3 - x^5, -x - y^3 + y^5]^T = \\ &4xy^3 - 2x^6 - 4xy^3 - 4y^6 + 4y^8 = \\ &-2x^6 - 4y^6 + 4y^8 = -2x^6 - 4y^6(1 - y^2). \end{aligned}$$

Observe that for  $|y| < 1$  and  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  we have  $\frac{d}{dt} (L(x(t), y(t))) < 0$ . Therefore the fixed point in the origin is asymptotically stable.

6. Show that the following system of ODE has no periodic solutions.

$$\begin{cases} x' = x^3 - y^2x + x \\ y' = -0.5y + y^3 + x^4y \end{cases} \quad (4p)$$

We consider divergence of the right hand side of the system.

$$\text{div}(f) = 3x^2 - y^2 + 1 - 0.5 + 3y^2 + x^4 = x^4 + 3x^2 + 2y^2 + 0.5 > 0$$

Therefore divergence of the right hand side of the equation is positive everywhere in the plane that is a simply connected set (does not have holes). According to Bendixson's criterion the system cannot have periodic solutions anywhere in the plane.

Max. 24 points;

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