

**Tenta i ODE och matematisk modellering, MMG511, MVE162**

*Answer first those questions that look simpler, then take more complicated ones etc.  
Good luck!*

1. Formulate the theorem about boundedness and zero limits of solutions to linear autonomous systems of ODE's. Give a proof to the sufficiency conditions in the theorem. **(4p)**

Check the formulation and the proof in lecture notes.

2. Formulate and prove Bendixsons criterium for the non-existence of periodic solutions to ODE's in the plane. **(4p)**

Check the formulation and the proof in lecture notes.

3. Consider the following system of ODEs:  $\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = A\mathbf{x}(t)$ , with the constant matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & -5 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

i) Write down Jordans canonical form of the matrix  $A$ .

ii) Find general solution to the system of ODEs. Find all initial conditions giving bounded solutions. **(4p)**

**Solution.**

Matrix  $A$  is block triangular with diagonal blocks  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Eigenvalues to the matrix  $A$  are eigenvalues to  $B$  and  $C$ , because the characteristic polynomial to  $A$

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - I) = \det(B - \lambda I) \det(C - \lambda I) = (\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1) = (\lambda + 1)^2(\lambda - 1)^2$$

Therefore the matrix  $A$  has two distinct eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1 = 1$  of multiplicity 2 and  $\lambda_2 = -1$  of multiplicity 2.

Eigenvectors to  $\lambda_1 = 1$  are found from the system of homogeneous linear equations with matrix

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & -6 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

that gives one dimensional eigenspace of vectors  $v_1 = C_1[1, 1, 1, 1]$ ,  $C_1 \neq 0$ .

A generalised eigenvector  $v_1^{(1)}$  can be found from the inhomogeneous system of equations  $(A - I)v_1^{(1)} = v_1$  with extended matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 & 2 & C_1 \\ 4 & -6 & -2 & 4 & C_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & C_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & C_1 \end{bmatrix} \xRightarrow{\text{Gauss}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 & 2 & C_1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 & -C_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & C_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xRightarrow{\text{Gauss}} \\
& \xRightarrow{\text{Gauss}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & C_1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -C_1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & C_1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xRightarrow{\text{Gauss}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & C_1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & C_1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

giving for example  $v_1^{(1)} = [C_1/2, 0, C_2/2, 0]^T$ . It is convenient to choose  $C_1 = 2$ .

Eigenvectors to  $\lambda_2 = -1$  are found from the system of homogeneous linear equations with matrix

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & -4 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

giving one dimensional space of eigenvectors in the form  $v_2 = C_2[1, 1, 0, 0]^T$ .

Generalised eigenvectors  $v_2^{(1)}$  are found from the system  $(A - \lambda_2 I)v_2^{(1)} = v_2$  and have the form  $v_2^{(1)} = C_2[0, -1/4, 0, 0]^T$ . It is convenient to choose  $C_2 = 4$ . We have got the basis of eigenvectors and generalised eigenvectors to  $\mathbb{R}^4$  as:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_1^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding Jordan matrix has the form:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Point out that we do not find generalised eigenvectors explicitly for stating this.

The general solution to the system of differential equations  $x'(t) = Ax(t)$  with arbitrary initial conditions

$$x(0) = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_1^{(1)} + c_3 v_2 + c_4 v_2^{(1)}$$

has the form:

$$x(t) = c_1 e^t v_1 + c_2 e^t (v_1^{(1)} + t v_1) + c_3 e^{-t} v_2 + c_4 e^{-t} (v_2^{(1)} + t v_2)$$

Solutions are bounded for initial conditions in the form  $x(0) = c_3 v_2 + c_4 v_2^{(1)}$ .

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4. Investigate stability of the origin and find in case if it exists, a domain of attraction for the following system of ODE by using an appropriate Lyapunov function.

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

**Solution.**

We choose a test function  $V(x, y) = x^6 + ay^2$  with unknown positive coefficient  $a$  because there are terms  $x^5$  in the second equation and  $y$  both in the first and in the second equation. We calculate

$$\nabla V \cdot f = \begin{bmatrix} 6x^5 \\ 2ay \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -y + y^3 - x^5 \end{bmatrix} = 6x^5y - 2ay^2 + 2ay^4 - 2axy^5$$

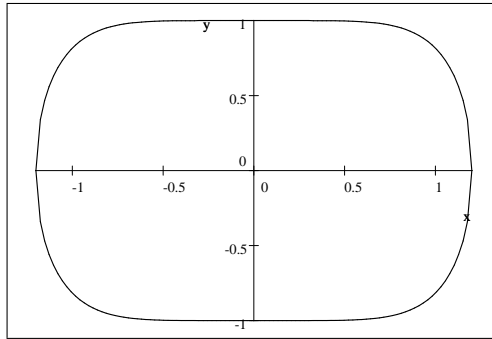
and observe that with the choice  $a = 3$  and  $V(x, y) = x^6 + 3y^2$  we get:

$$\nabla V \cdot f = 6x^5y - 6y^2 + 6y^4 - 6yx^5 = -6y^2(1 - y^2) \leq 0$$

for  $|y| \leq 1$ . Therefore the stationary point in the origin is stable by Lyapunov's theorem.

To decide if it is asymptotically stable or not we check the set of points  $(x, y)$  where  $\nabla V \cdot f = 0$ . These are points on the  $x$  - axis  $y = 0$ .

We observe that trajectories starting on the  $x$  - axis have velocities in  $y$  direction  $y' = -x^5$  that are zero only in the origin  $(0, 0)$ . Therefore all trajectories starting on the  $x$  - axis leave it except the trajectory starting in the origin that is a stationary point. Therefore there are no complete orbits on the  $x$  axis except the origin and therefore the origin is asymptotically stable by a corollary to the la'Salle principle. Level sets of the Lyapunov function  $V(x, y) = x^6 + 3y^2$  are ellipse like closed curves symmetric with respect to coordinate axes. The "largest" such level set inside the stripe  $|y| \leq 1$  must, because of the symmetry, go through the point  $(0, 1)$  and is  $V(0, 1) = 3$ . Therefore a domain of attraction of the origin can be identified using this Lyapunov function as the domain inside this level set:  $S = \{(x, y) : x^6 + 3y^2 < 3\}$ , see the picture:



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5. Show that the following system of ODEs has at least one periodic solution.

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

**Solution.**

Consider the test function  $E(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(4x^2 + y^2)$

$$\frac{d}{dt}E(u(t), v(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} 4x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -4x - y \ln(4x^2 + y^2) \end{bmatrix} = -y^2 [\ln(4x^2 + y^2)] \begin{cases} \geq 0 & 4x^2 + y^2 < 1 \\ \leq 0 & 4x^2 + y^2 > 1 \end{cases}$$

The boundary curve  $4x^2 + y^2 = 1$  is the ellipse with half axes  $1/2$  and  $1$  with the center in the origin.

Therefore any ellipse  $4x^2 + y^2 = \text{const}$  with  $\text{const} < 1$  is never entered by a trajectory starting outside it.

Similarly any ellipse  $4x^2 + y^2 = \text{const}$  with  $\text{const} > 1$  is never left by a trajectory.

Such two ellipses build an annulus that is a positively invariant set for this system of ODEs.

It implies that the annulus  $1/4 \leq 4x^2 + y^2 \leq 2$  is a positively invariant set. This annulus contains no equilibrium points, because the origin is the only equilibrium point. Therefore by Poincare - Bendixson theorem this annulus must contain at least one periodic orbit.

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6. Consider the following initial value problem:  $y' = \cos(y)t^2$ ;  $y(1) = 2$ .

a) Reduce the initial value problem to an integral equation and give a general description of iterations approximating the solution as in the proof to the existence and uniqueness theorem by Picard and Lindelöf. (2p)

b) Find the length  $d > 0$  of a time interval  $[1, 1 + d]$  such that these approximations converge to the solution of the initial value problem on this interval. (2p)

**Solution.**

The integral form of the I.V.P. is

$$y(t) = 2 + \int_1^t \cos(y(s))s^2 ds$$

Picard approximations are calculated according to the recursive formula

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(0)}(t) &= 2 \\ y^{(k+1)}(t) &= 2 + \int_1^t \cos(y^{(k)}(s))s^2 ds = 2 + B(y^{(k)}) \end{aligned}$$

The norm of the operator  $B$  in the space of continuous functions  $C([1, 1 + d])$  on the interval  $[1, 1 + d]$  with the norm  $\|y\|_{C([1, 1 + d])} = \sup_{t \in [1, 1 + d]} |y(t)|$  can be estimated using intermediate value theorem:

$$\cos(y(s)) - \cos(x(s)) = (y(s) - x(s))(-\sin(\xi))$$

where  $\xi$  is some point between  $y(s)$  and  $x(s)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(y) - B(x)\|_{C([1, 1 + d])} &\leq \sup_{t \in [1, 1 + d]} \left| \int_1^t |\cos(y(s)) - \cos(x(s))| s^2 ds \right| \leq \\ &\leq \left( \sup_{s \in [1, 1 + d]} |y(s) - x(s)| \right) \left( \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}} |\sin(\xi)| \right) \int_1^{1+d} s^2 ds \leq \\ &\leq \left( d + d^2 + \frac{1}{3}d^3 \right) \|y - x\|_{C([1, 1 + d])} \end{aligned}$$

The expression  $f(d) = d + d^2 + \frac{1}{3}d^3$  is monotone for  $d > 0$  and is strictly smaller than 1 if  $d < 0.5$ :

$$0.5 + (0.5)^2 + (1/3)(0.5)^3 = 0.79167$$

Therefore

$$\|B(y) - B(x)\|_{C([1, 1 + d])} \leq L \|y - x\|_{C([1, 1 + d])}$$

with  $L < 1$  if  $d < 0.5$  and the operator  $B$  is a contraction in this case. The same reasoning implies that for  $d < 0.5$  the operator  $B$  maps a unit ball around the constant function 2 in  $C([1, 1 + d])$  into itself. It implies according to the Banach contraction theorem convergence of Picard iterations to the solution of this initial value problem.

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