

TATA71 Ordinära differentialekvationer och dynamiska system

Tentamen 2022-01-13 kl. 8.00–13.00

No aids allowed, except drawing tools (rulers and such). You may write your answers in English or in Swedish, or some mixture thereof.

Each problem is marked *pass* (3 or 2 points) or *fail* (1 or 0 points). For grade $n \in \{3, 4, 5\}$ you need at least n passed problems and at least $3n - 1$ points.

Solutions will be posted on the course webpage afterwards. Good luck!

1. Compute the general solution of the linear system $\dot{x} = 3x$, $\dot{y} = -2x - y$, and draw the phase portrait as carefully as you can.
2. Consider the following model for a fish population of size $x(t)$:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \underbrace{rx\left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right)}_{\text{logistic growth}} - \underbrace{\frac{ax}{x+b}}_{\text{fishing}} \quad (r, K, a, b > 0).$$

- (a) If x is measured in units of mass (and t is time, of course), what are the units of the parameters r , K , a and b ?
- (b) Show that the variables can be rescaled to bring the ODE to the dimensionless form

$$\frac{dX}{d\tau} = X(1 - X) - \frac{\alpha X}{X + \beta}.$$

State clearly how the new variables (X, τ) are related to (x, t) , and how the new parameters (α, β) are related to (r, K, a, b) .

3. Investigate stability of equilibria, and sketch the phase portrait, for the system $\dot{x} = x(y - 1)$, $\dot{y} = y - x^3$.
4.
 - (a) Find a constant of motion $H(x, y)$ for the system $\dot{x} = y$, $\dot{y} = -x + x^3$.
 - (b) Show that the origin is an asymptotically stable equilibrium for the system $\dot{x} = y - x^3$, $\dot{y} = -x + x^3$. (Hint: Part (a) may be useful.)
5. Use variation of constants to determine the general solution of the ODE

$$\ddot{x}(t) - 4\dot{x}(t) + 3x(t) = \frac{e^{2t}}{1 + e^t}.$$

6. Suppose that $\beta = 1/2$ in the ODE for $X(\tau)$ from problem 2(b). Draw the phase portrait for $X \geq 0$.

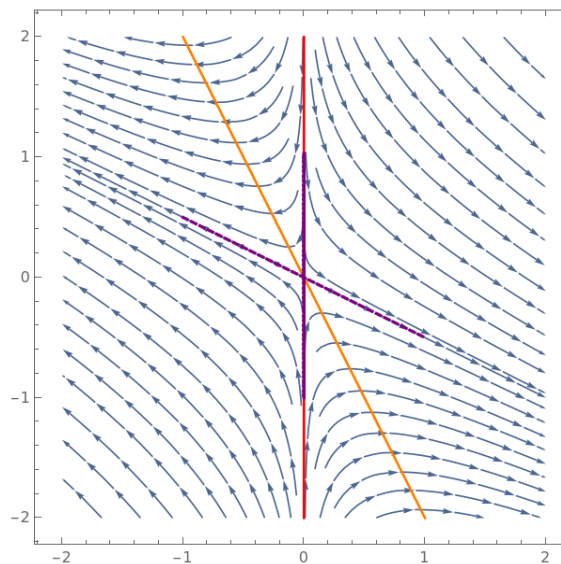
(There will be several qualitatively different cases, depending on the value of $\alpha > 0$. State clearly what these cases are, and draw a separate phase portrait for each case.)

Solutions for TATA71 2022-01-13

1. The system matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ has eigenvalues 3 and -1 with eigenvectors $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, respectively, so the general solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = C_1 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

with arbitrary constants $C_1, C_2 \in \mathbf{R}$. The phase portrait is a saddle, with straight-line trajectories along the eigenvectors (the principal directions); the other trajectories are hyperbolas with those lines as asymptotes. Taking also the nullclines $x = 0$ (red) and $y = -2x$ (orange) into account, we get the following picture:



2. (a) The unit of r is 1/time, for K and b it is mass, and for a it is mass/time.
 (b) With $x = KX$ and $t = \tau/r$ we get

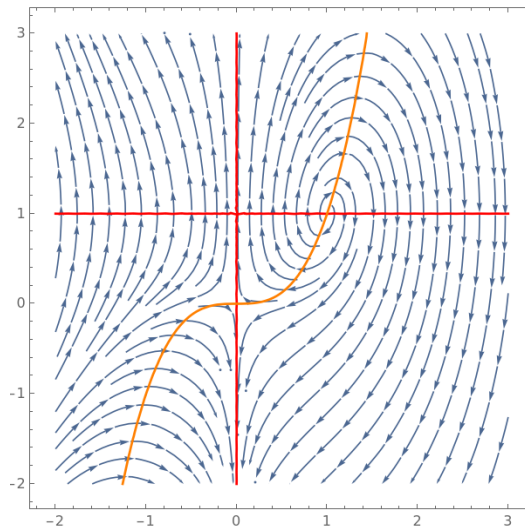
$$\frac{dX}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{Kr} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{Kr} \left(rKX \left(1 - \frac{KX}{K} \right) - \frac{aKX}{KX+b} \right) = X(1-X) - \frac{\frac{a}{Kr} \cdot X}{X + \frac{b}{K}},$$

which is of the desired form, with $\alpha = \frac{a}{Kr}$ and $\beta = \frac{b}{K}$. (As a sanity check we may note, using the answer from part (a), that X , τ , α and β are indeed dimensionless.)

3. The equilibria are easily computed to be $(0,0)$ and $(1,1)$. The Jacobian matrix is

$$J(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} y-1 & x \\ -3x^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J(0,0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J(1,1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

so $(0,0)$ is obviously a saddle point (with eigenvalues ± 1 and with the x and y directions as principal directions), and hence unstable, while $(1,1)$ is an unstable focus, since $\beta = \text{tr } J = 1 > 0$, $\gamma = \det J = 3 > 0$ and $\gamma - (\beta/2)^2 = 11/4 > 0$. Taking the nullclines and the direction of the vector field into account, we can now sketch the phase portrait:



4. (a) One may recognize that the system is Hamiltonian, $\dot{x} = \partial H / \partial y$, $\dot{y} = -\partial H / \partial x$, with $H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) - \frac{1}{4}x^4$, and then H is automatically a constant of motion. It's also possible to find H via $dy/dx = \dot{y}/\dot{x} = (-x + x^3)/y$, etc.
- (b) The function $H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2(1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2) + \frac{1}{2}y^2$ from part (a) is a weak Liapunov function for the system in the strip $\Omega = \{(x, y) : -1 < x < 1\}$, since $H(0,0) = 0$, $H(x, y) > 0$ for $(x, y) \in \Omega \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ and

$$\dot{H} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \dot{y} = (x - x^3)(y - x^3) + y(-x + x^3) = -x^4(1 - x^2) \leq 0$$

for $(x, y) \in \Omega$. Moreover, the set of points in Ω where $\dot{H} = 0$, i.e., the line $x = 0$, contains no complete trajectories except for the equilibrium at the origin, since $(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) = (y, 0)$ when $x = 0$ so that the trajectories cross the line $x = 0$ transversally. Thus the hypotheses for LaSalle's theorem are satisfied, and this implies that the origin is asymptotically stable, as was to be shown.

5. Let $x_1 = x$ and $x_2 = \dot{x}$ to obtain the equivalent first-order system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^{2t}/(1+e^t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

We need a fundamental matrix for the homogeneous system, and the quickest way is perhaps to note that the general solution of $\ddot{x}(t) - 4\dot{x}(t) + 3x(t) = 0$ is $x(t) = Ae^t + Be^{3t}$, so that

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^t & e^{3t} \\ \frac{d}{dt}e^t & \frac{d}{dt}e^{3t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^t & e^{3t} \\ e^t & 3e^{3t} \end{pmatrix}$$

works. Now we can let $\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\mathbf{y}(t)$ and compute

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \Phi(t)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{e^{2t}}{1+e^t} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{-t} & -e^{-t} \\ -e^{-3t} & e^{-3t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{e^{2t}}{1+e^t} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2(1+e^t)} \begin{pmatrix} -e^t \\ e^{-t} \end{pmatrix},$$

which can be integrated using (for example) the substitution $u = e^t > 0$:

$$y_1(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{e^t dt}{1+e^t} = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{1+u} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln|1+u| + A = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(1+e^t) + A$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{e^{-t} dt}{1+e^t} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u^2(1+u)} = \frac{1}{2} \int \left(\frac{1}{u^2} - \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{1+u} \right) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{u} - \ln|u| + \ln|1+u| \right) + B = \frac{1}{2} (-e^{-t} - t + \ln(1+e^t)) + B. \end{aligned}$$

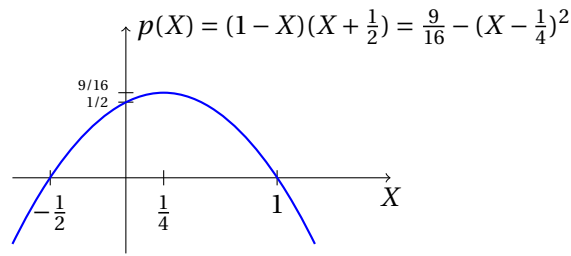
So the general solution $x(t) = x_1(t) = y_1(t)e^t + y_2(t)e^{3t}$ is

$$x(t) = Ae^t + Be^{3t} - \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{2t} + te^{3t} + (e^t - e^{3t}) \ln(1+e^t) \right).$$

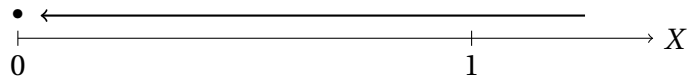
6. By completing the square, write the ODE as

$$\frac{dX}{d\tau} = X(1-X) - \frac{aX}{X+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{X((1-X)(X+\frac{1}{2}) - \alpha)}{X+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{X(\overbrace{\frac{9}{16} - (X-\frac{1}{4})^2}^{=p(X)} - \alpha)}{X+\frac{1}{2}}.$$

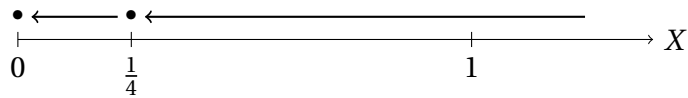
There's always an equilibrium at $X = 0$, and the rest of the phase portrait is determined by the sign of the factor $p(X) - \alpha$ for $X > 0$. The graph of $p(X)$ is a parabola, increasing from $p(0) = 1/2$ to the highest value $p(1/2) = 9/16$ and then decreasing down to $p(1) = 0$:



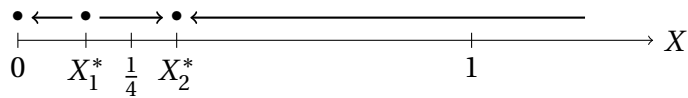
So if $\alpha > 9/16$, then $p(X) - \alpha$ is negative for all $X > 0$, and the phase portrait takes the following simple form (the fish population goes extinct due to overfishing; note that large values of $\alpha = \frac{a}{Kr}$ correspond to large values of the maximal fishing rate a):



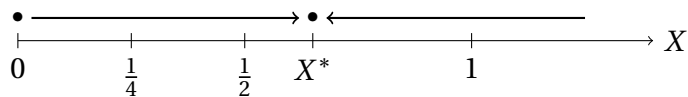
If $\alpha = 9/16$, then $p(X) - \alpha$ is negative for all $X > 0$ except that it's zero for $X = 1/4$:



If $1/2 < \alpha < 9/16$, then $p(X) - \alpha$ is zero for two positive values X_1^* and X_2^* (symmetrically located around $X = 1/4$), positive in between, and negative otherwise:



And if $0 < \alpha \leq 1/2$, then $p(X) - \alpha$ is zero for one positive value $X^* \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1)$, positive for $0 < X < X^*$, and negative for $X^* < X$:



(If you have nothing better to do, and would like a little challenge, you could try to classify the phase portrait for all $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$ by studying the sign of $p(X) - \alpha = (1 - X)(X + \beta) - \alpha$ for $X > 0$. As long as $0 < \beta < 1$, you will get similar results as for $\beta = 1/2$ above, with $\beta < \alpha < \frac{1}{4}(\beta + 1)^2$ instead of $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < \frac{9}{16}$, and so on. But if $\beta \geq 1$, then the case with X_1^* and X_2^* cannot occur, and the cases that need to be distinguished are $0 < \alpha < \beta$ and $\alpha \geq \beta$.)