

MATH 4512 final exam: Dec. 21, 2017  
(Each problem is 5 points)

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1. Find the general solution of  $\frac{d^3}{dt^3}y + y = 0$ .

[One extra point if you verify that your answer satisfies the equation.]

Since the equation is of third order, there are three linearly independent solutions. Assuming that they are of the form  $y(t) = e^{\lambda t}$ , we see that we must have  $\lambda^3 + 1 = 0$ . We then have that the general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + c_3 e^{\lambda_3 t},$$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$  are the three zeroes of  $\lambda^3 + 1$ , that is

$$\lambda_1 = -1$$

$$\lambda_2 = e^{\frac{\pi}{3}i} = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_3 = e^{-\frac{\pi}{3}i} = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + D_1 \operatorname{Re}(e^{\lambda_2 t}) + D_2 \operatorname{Im}(e^{\lambda_2 t}) \\ &= c_1 e^{-t} + D_1 e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + D_2 e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t. \end{aligned}$$

\* (Note also that  $\lambda^3 + 1 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1)$ !)

2. Plot the phase portrait of the equation  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ .

The characteristic polynomial of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  is  
 $p(\lambda) := \det(A - \lambda \text{Id}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda(2+\lambda) + 1 = (\lambda+1)^2$ .  
 Thus there is only one eigenvalue,  $\lambda = -1$ . Let us find the corresponding eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = b \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{v_1}. \text{ We take } b=1.$$

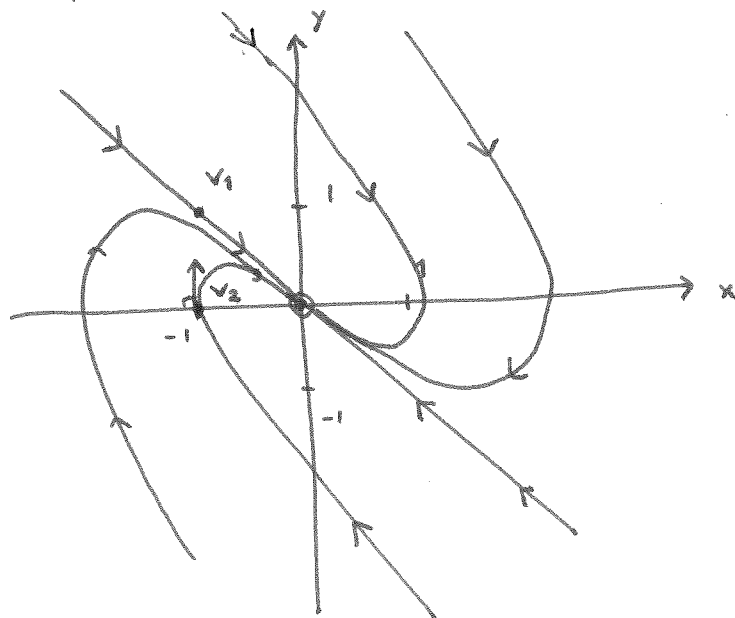
The generalized eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = b \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{v_1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{v_2}. \text{ We take } b=0.$$

This implies that the solutions are

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}(t) = c_1 \underbrace{e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{v_1} + c_2 \underbrace{e^{-t} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)}_{v_2}$$

the phase portrait is then:



the equilibrium point  $(0,0)$  is asymptotically stable.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{v_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Find and plot the orbits of  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y(x^2 + y^2) \\ -(x + 3x^5)(x^2 + y^2) \end{bmatrix}$ .

the orbits are contained on the curves satisfying

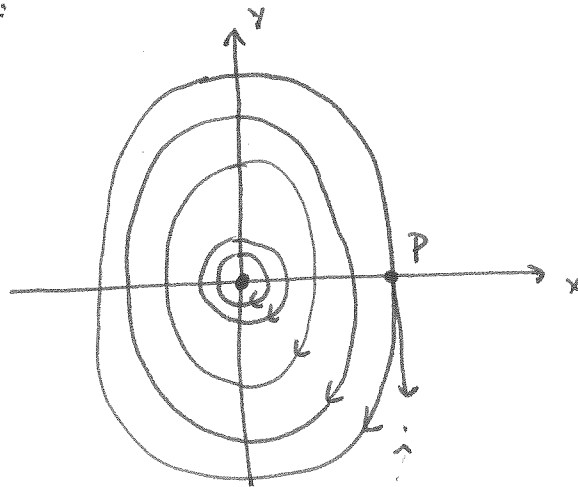
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-(x+3x^5)(x^2+y^2)}{y(x^2+y^2)} = -\frac{(x+3x^5)}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \frac{dy}{dx} = -(x+3x^5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{2} x^6 + C \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + (x^2 + x^6) = C$$

When  $|x|$  is small,  $x^6$  is much smaller than  $x^2$  and so the curve resembles a circle. The curve  $y^2 + (x^2 + x^6) = C$  lies inside the region  $x^2 + y^2 \leq C$ . The only equilibrium point is  $(0, 0)$ . All the other orbits are periodic. The phase space looks as follows:



$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right|_{(a,b)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -(a+3a^5)a^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = (a, 0)$$

4. Sketch the phase portrait of  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} S \\ N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S(1 - (N+S)/2) \\ N(1 - (N+S)) \end{bmatrix}$  for  $S \geq 0$  and  $N \geq 0$ . Then, use the phase portrait to obtain the limit of  $(S(t), N(t))$  as  $t$  goes to infinity when  $S(0) > 0$  and  $N(0) > 0$ .

The equilibrium points are those points  $(S, N)$  such that  $\frac{d}{dt} S = 0$  ( $S=0$  or  $N+S=2$ ) and  $\frac{d}{dt} N = 0$  ( $N=0$  or  $N+S=1$ ). Thus  $(S, N) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (2, 0)$ .

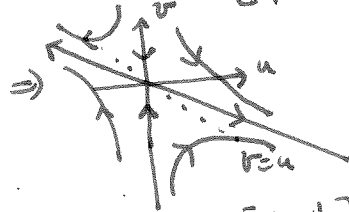
Let us see the phase diagram of the linearized system around those equilibrium points. The equation is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{N_0}{2} - S_0 & -\frac{S_0}{2} \\ -N_0 & 1 - 2N_0 - S_0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $(S_0, N_0) = (0, 0)$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  

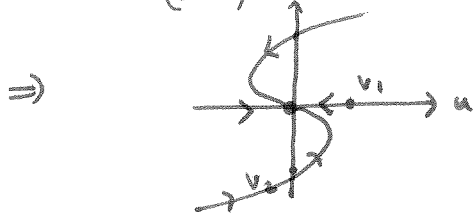
For  $(S_0, N_0) = (0, 1)$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$   $\lambda = 1/2 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -3/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\lambda = -1 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = b \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\& \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

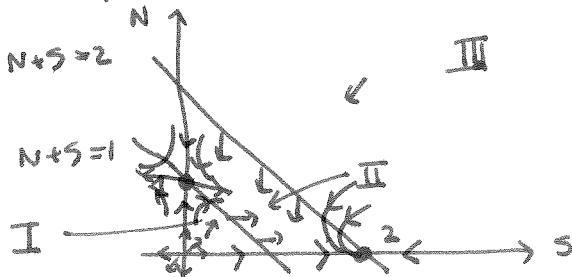


For  $(S_0, N_0) = (2, 0)$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda = -1 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $(a=1) \quad v_1 \quad (a=0) \quad v_2$



the phase portrait is then



Any orbit starting in III or I eventually gets into II.  
 Any orbit starting in II converges to  $(2, 0)$  as  $t$  goes to infinity.