## Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations

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- Homework 8 -

- (1) Find a homeomorphism that conjugates the flow to  $z' = (-1+i)z \in \mathbb{C}$  and the flow to  $z' = -z \in \mathbb{C}$ .
- (2) Consider the equation

$$A' = Af(|A|^2) \in \mathbb{C}, \qquad f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}.$$

Write the equation in polar coordinates and note that the zeros r > 0 of Re f give invariant circles, which are periodic orbits when Im f does not vanish at these rvalues. Find the Floquet multipliers for these periodic orbits. In the case Re  $f(r) = (r-1)^2$ , Im f(r) = r, show that solutions with 0 < |A| < 1 at t = 0 converge to the periodic orbit with r = 1 but not with asymptotic phase!

(3) The phase-amplitude oscillator

$$A' = (1 + \mathrm{i}\omega)A - (1 + \mathrm{i}\gamma)A|A|^2 \in \mathbb{C},$$

for some  $\omega \neq \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) Write the equation in polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$ , find a periodic orbit and determine its frequency.
- (b) Find the strong stable foliation *explicitly*! Therefore, solve the equation for r explicitly, treating the cases  $r_0 > 1$  and  $r_0 < 1$ , separately, and solve the equation for  $\theta$  using this solution for r. Note that the strong stable fibers are conjugate to each other by rotations in the plane.
- (c) Compute the strong stable foliation numerically using the method outlined in the script and overlay a plot of the theoretical explicit prediction.
- (4) Which of the following invariant sets can occur as  $\omega$ -limit sets of bounded trajectories to planar flows? Say yes/no and write a short reason why ((iv) and (vi) refer to continua of equilibria and perioric orbits, respectively).



- (5) Consider the innocent  $u' = \sin(t)u^3$ .
  - (a) Draw a phase portrait in  $u, t \in \mathbb{R} \times S^1$ .
  - (b) Find all initial conditions  $(t_0, u_0)$  such that the solution stays bounded for all times.
  - (c) Does the solution blow up, and does it blow up in finite or in infinite time, when it does not stay bounded?
- (6) We study the discretized nonlinear pendulum

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + hy_n, \qquad y_{n+1} = y_n - h\sin x_{n+1}.$$

- (a) Show that this method preserves volume in phase space.
- (b) Explain how our discussion of averaging suggests that this method is (extremely) close to a time-*h* map of a planar vector field (one can show that this planar vector field is Hamiltonian).
- (c) The Poincaré Bendixson theorem says that  $\omega$ -limit sets in planar vector field are periodic orbits if they do not contain equilibrium points (see Chapter 8, below). Simulate the map and show that even for h moderately large, the  $\omega$ limit set does appear to lie on a smooth closed curve. Try for instance  $x_0 = \pi$ and  $y_0 = -1$ , h = 0.001, 0.01, 0.1. Iterate for very long times, e.g.  $10^7$  and plot once all points are computed.
- (d) Repeat the numerical experiments from the previous step with  $h = 1.2, 1, 0.8, 0.5, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1, \ldots$ . When you see invariant curves, zoom in up to numerical accuracy (roughly  $10^{-8}$  in matlab) and describe what you see. Explain how this is evidence that the averaging leaves an error that decreases extremely rapidly (in fact exponentially  $\exp(-const/h)$ ).

Homework is due on Wednesday, December 12, in class. For full score of 15, 6 correct exercises!