

**Lösningr till tenta i matematisk modellering, MMG510, MVE160**

**This exam is for students who learned the old version of the course in the year 2012 and earlier.**

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

*Good luck!* **(4p)**

1. Formulate and give a proof to the theorem on instability of fixed points to autonomous systems of ODE by Liapunovs test functions. See the lecture notes on the homepage.

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2. Consider the following system of ODE:

$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = A\vec{r}(t)$ , with a constant matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Give the evolution operator of the system. Sketch the phase portrait of the system.

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

Matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , has real eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = \sqrt{6} - 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -\sqrt{6} - 1$ , with different signs and eigenvectors:  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6} + 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6} + 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The origin is a stationary point called saddle point in this case.

General solution has the form  $x(t) = C_1 v_1 \exp(\lambda_1 t) + C_2 v_2 \exp(\lambda_2 t)$ . Solutions are bounded if and only if the initial vector  $\vec{r}_0$  is parallel to  $v_2$ .

Trajectories tend to the line through the origin parallel to  $v_1$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , and tend to the line through the origin parallel to  $v_2$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ .

The evolution operator is  $\exp(tA)$  can be computed by using change of variables:  $x = Uy$

with  $U = (v_1, v_2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6} + 1 & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6} + 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $U^{-1}AU = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = J$  and  $A = UJU^{-1}$  implies

$$\exp(tA) = U \begin{bmatrix} \exp(t\lambda_1) & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(t\lambda_2) \end{bmatrix} U^{-1} \text{ with } U^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2\sqrt{6}+6}{6\sqrt{6}+12} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6\sqrt{6}+12} \\ -\frac{1}{6}\sqrt{6} & \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{6} + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Sylvester's method uses matrices  $Q_1 = \frac{A - \lambda_2 I}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$  and  $Q_2 = \frac{A - \lambda_1 I}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}$  such that  $A = \lambda_1 Q_1 + \lambda_2 Q_2$ ,  $Q_1 Q_2 = 0$ ,  $Q_1^2 = Q_1$ ,  $Q_2^2 = Q_2$  and the evolution operator is  $\exp(At) = \exp(\lambda_1 t) Q_1 + \exp(\lambda_2 t) Q_2$ .

In our case

$$Q_1 = \frac{A - \lambda_2 I}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} = \frac{1}{(2\sqrt{6})} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - (\sqrt{6} - 1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{6} \left( -\frac{1}{12}\sqrt{6} + \frac{1}{6} \right) & \sqrt{6} \left( -\frac{1}{12}\sqrt{6} - \frac{1}{6} \right) \\ \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{6} & \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{6} + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix};$$

$$Q_2 = \frac{A - \lambda_1 I}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} = \frac{1}{(-2\sqrt{6})} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - (-\sqrt{6} - 1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{6} \left( -\frac{1}{12}\sqrt{6} - \frac{1}{6} \right) & -\frac{1}{12}\sqrt{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6}\sqrt{6} & \sqrt{6} \left( -\frac{1}{12}\sqrt{6} + \frac{1}{6} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

The stationary point is a saddle point. Trajectories are hyperbolas that tend to straight lines through the origin parallel to the eigenvectors.

3. Consider the system of equations:  $\begin{cases} x' = -x + y^2 \\ y' = -xy - x^2 \end{cases}$

Decide if the stationary point at the origin is asymptotically stable. **(4p)**

Check a test function  $V(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ .

$$\frac{1}{2}V'(t) = -x^2 + xy^2 - xy^2 - x^2y = -x^2(1 - y)$$

$V' \leq 0$  for  $y < 1$  and is therefore a weak Lyapunov function. It implies that the origin is a stable fixed point. On the set  $x = 0$   $V' = 0$ . Checking the sign of the right hand sides of the equations we observe that  $x' = y^2$  on the line  $x = 0$  and therefore all trajectories cross this line. It implies that the origin is asymptotically stable fixed point.

4. Explain the notion Hopf bifurcation.

$$\text{Show that the system } \begin{cases} x' = y - x^3 \\ y' = -x + \mu y - x^2y \end{cases}$$

has a Hopf bifurcation for  $\mu = 0$ . (4p)

The linearised system has matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \mu \end{bmatrix}$ , with complex eigenvalues  $\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2}\mu \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\mu^2 - 4}$ .

For  $-2 < \mu < 0$  the system has a stable stationary point in the origin. For  $0 < \mu < 2$  the system has an unstable stationary point in the origin. When  $\mu = 0$  one cannot use linearization to make conclusions on stability. We try to use  $V(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$  as Lyapunov function for the system

$$\begin{cases} x' = y - x^3 \\ y' = -x - x^2y \end{cases} \quad \cdot \quad \frac{d}{dt}(V) = \nabla V \cdot \begin{bmatrix} y - x^3 \\ -x - x^2y \end{bmatrix} = -x^4 - x^2y^2 = -x^2(x^2 + y^2) \leq 0$$

for  $x = 0$  we observe that  $x' = y \neq 0$  outside the origin. It implies that the trajectory goes out for the line  $x = 0$

everywhere except the origin and the origin is an asymptotically stable stationary point.

$$\text{Show that the system } \begin{cases} x' = \mu x + y \\ y' = -x - y^3 \end{cases}$$

has a Hopf bifurcation at  $\mu = 0$ . (4p)

5. Formulate Poincaré-Bendixson theorem. Find a positively invariant set for the following system of ODE. Show that the system has at least one periodic solution.

$$\begin{cases} x' = -y/3 + x(1 - 3x^2 - y^2) \\ y' = x + y(1 - 3x^2 - y^2) \end{cases} \quad (4p)$$

**Poincaré-Bendixson theorem.** If  $C$  is a compact positively invariant set in the plane without fixed points, it must contain at least one periodic orbit.

Multiply the first equation by  $3x$  and the second equation by  $y$  and add:

$$\frac{1}{2}(3x^2 + y^2)' = (3x^2 + y^2)(1 - (3x^2 + y^2))$$

The function  $V(x, y) = 3x^2 + y^2$  satisfies the equation:  $V'(t) = 2V(1 - V)$ .

We observe that  $V(t)$  increases along trajectories of the system for  $V < 1$  and  $V$  decreases for  $V > 1$ . It implies that the set  $G = \{(x, y) : 0.5 \leq 3x^2 + y^2 \leq 2\}$  (an elliptic ring round the origin) is a positively invariant set.

The same calculation shows that the origin is the only stationary point, because stationary point

must satisfy the equation  $V(1 - V) = 0$ . By inserting  $1 - 3x^2 - y^2 = 0$  into the equations one can see that points on the ellipse  $3x^2 - y^2 = 1$  are not stationary, because they must at the same time be in the origin. It leaves the only fixed point in the origin.

The corollary to Poincaré-Bendixson theorem states that in a compact positively invariant set without fixed points there must be at least one periodic solution.

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