

# Solutions to Review Problem for Exam 1

(1)  $x' = x^2 - x^4$  Setting  $f(x) = x^2 - x^4$ , this is an autonomous equation  $x' = f(x)$ . The equilibrium solutions are critical points, ~~the~~ solutions of  $f(x) = 0$

$$f(x) = x^2 - x^4 = x^2(1 - x^2) = x^2(1 - x)(1 + x)$$

Thus the equilibrium solutions are  $x = 0, x = -1, x = 1$ .

We check the sign of  $f$  on the intervals  $(-\infty, -1), (-1, 0), (0, 1)$  and  $(1, \infty)$

On  $(-\infty, -1)$   $f(x) < 0$  ( $x^2(1-x)(1+x) = \text{pos.} \cdot \text{pos.} \cdot \text{neg.}$ )

On  $(-1, 0)$   $f(x) > 0$  ( $x^2(1-x)(1+x) = \text{pos.} \cdot \text{pos.} \cdot \text{pos.}$ )

On  $(0, 1)$   $f(x) > 0$  ( $x^2(1-x)(1+x) = \text{pos.} \cdot \text{pos.} \cdot \text{pos.}$ )

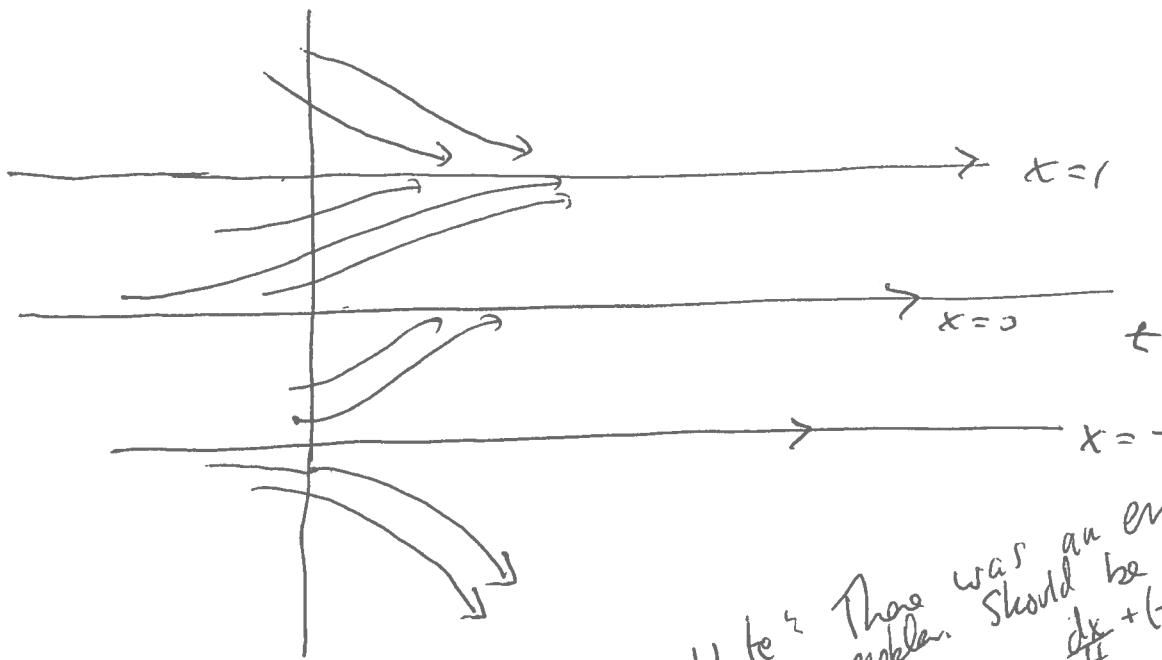
On  $(1, \infty)$   $f(x) < 0$  ( $x^2(1-x)(1+x) = \text{pos.} \cdot \text{neg.} \cdot \text{pos.}$ )

$\Rightarrow x = -1$  is unstable

$x = 0$  is unstable

$x = 1$  is stable (asymptotically stable)

# Solution Curves



Note: There was an error in this problem. Should be  $\frac{dx}{dt} + \left(\frac{3x}{60-t}\right)x = 2$

(2)  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  = rate at which salt enters - rate at which salt leaves.

(a) The rate at which salt enters is  $\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{\text{gal}} \cdot \frac{2 \text{ gal}}{\text{min}} = 2 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{min}}$

The rate at which salt leaves:

concentration: vol rate leaving  $\leftarrow$  vol. leaves at rate of 3 gal/min  
 concentration at time  $t = \frac{x(t)}{V(t)}$  where  $V(t) = \text{vol.}$

But net volume change at a net rate of  $-1 \text{ gal/min}$  since enters at  $2 \text{ gal/min}$ , leaves at  $3 \text{ gal/min}$ . Therefore  $V(t) = 60 - t$  gallons (starting at 60 gal. when  $t=0$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  rate at which salt leaves is

$\frac{x}{60-t} \cdot 3$ . Thus

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2 - \frac{3x}{60-t} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{3x}{60-t} = 2$$

(b) This is a first order linear eq. Using integrating factor:  $p(x) = e^{\int P dt} = e^{\int \frac{3}{60-x} dt}$   $P(x) = \frac{3}{60-x}$

$$\int \frac{3}{60-x} dt = -3 \int \frac{dt}{x-60} = -3 \ln|x-60|$$

$$p(x) = e^{-3 \ln|x-60|} = e^{\ln|x-60|^{-3}} = |x-60|^{-3} = (60-x)^{-3}$$

Since  $x \leq 0$  (when  $x=60$  tank is empty)

$$(60-x)^{-3} \frac{dx}{dt} + (60-x)^{-3} \cdot \frac{3x}{60-x} = 2(60-x)^{-3}$$

$$(60-x)^{-3} \frac{dx}{dt} + (60-x)^{-4} 3x = 2(60-x)^{-3}$$

$$\left( (60-x)^{-3} x \right)' = 2(60-x)^{-3} \quad \text{Integrate}$$

$$(60-x)^{-3} x = 2 \int (60-x)^{-3} dt = -\frac{2}{2} (60-x)^{-2} \quad \begin{matrix} u=60-x \\ du=-dt \end{matrix}$$

$$= -2 \frac{(60-x)^{-2}}{-2} + C = (60-x)^{-2} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow (60-x)^3 (60-x)^{-3} x = (60-x)^3 \left( (60-x)^{-2} + C \right)$$

$$x = 60-x + C(60-x)^3$$

$$x(0) = 0 = 60 + C60^3 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{60^3} \quad C60^3 = -60$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{60^2} = -\frac{1}{3600}$$

$$x(t) = 60-x - \frac{1}{3600} (60-x)^3$$

$$(3) \quad 2y^{(3)} - 2y'' + 13y' = 0$$

Characteristic equation is

$$2r^3 - 2r^2 + 13r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r(2r^2 - 2r + 13) = 0$$

$$\text{roots are: } r=0, \quad r = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 13}}{4} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{1-26}}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow r=0, \quad r = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{5i}{2}$$

Corresponding solutions are  $y_1 = 1$

$$y_2 = e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \cos \frac{5}{2}x$$

$$y_3 = e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \sin \frac{5}{2}x$$

$\Rightarrow$  General solution is

$$y = C_1 + C_2 e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \cos \frac{5}{2}x + C_3 e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \sin \frac{5}{2}x$$

$$(4) \quad y'' + 5y' - 6y = f(x)$$

a.  $f(x) = 0$  : Characteristic equation is

$$r^2 + 5r - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r-1)(r+6) = 0$$

roots:  $r = 1, -6$ .

General Soln. of homogeneous equation is

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-6x}$$

$$(b) \quad f(x) = 10^{-x}, \quad y_p(x) = -e^{-x}$$

$$y_p' = e^{-x}, \quad y_p'' = -e^{-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p'' + 5y_p' - 6y_p = -e^{-x} + 5e^{-x} + 6e^{-x} = 10e^{-x}$$

$\Rightarrow y_p$  is a particular solution.

$$(c) \quad \cancel{y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-6x} +}$$

$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$  where  $y_c$  is a solution of the homogeneous equation. Therefore, combining a, b:

$$y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-6x} - e^{-x} \quad \text{for some constants}$$

$c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

We compute  $y'(x)$  and plug in the initial conditions at  $x=0$ :

$$y'(x) = c_1 e^x - 6c_2 e^{-6x} + e^{-x}$$

$$y(0) = c_1 + c_2 - 1 = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 3$$

$$y'(0) = c_1 - 6c_2 + 1 = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 - 6c_2 = 1$$

~~Subtracting~~ Subtracting 2nd eq. from first gives:

$$7c_2 = 2 \Rightarrow c_2 = 2/7$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + 2/7 - 1 = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{19}{7}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{19}{7} e^x + \frac{2}{7} e^{-6x} - e^{-x}$$

5)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2(y^2+1)$

(a) The equation is of the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x,y)$  with  $f(x,y) = 3x^2(y^2+1)$ , and  $f$  as well as  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y \cdot 3x^2$  are continuous in a rectangle containing  $(0,0)$  (indeed, containing any point). Therefore, there is a unique solution on some interval containing 0, by the Existence and Uniqueness Theorem.

(b) The equation is separable:

$$\frac{1}{y^2+1} \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y^2+1} \frac{dy}{dx} dx = \int 3x^2 dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y^2+1} dy = x^3 + C \quad \text{some constant } C$$

$$\tan^{-1}(y) = x^3 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\tan^{-1}(y)) = \tan(x^3 + C)$$

$$y = \tan(x^3 + C)$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow \tan C = 1 \quad \text{solving for } C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \tan\left(x^3 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}$$

Note: there are other constants:  $C = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi$   
also satisfies  $\tan C = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi\right) = 1$ , but these  
yield the same solution since  $\tan x$  has period  $\pi$ .