

Homework for Math 5410 §1, Fall 2024

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Our text is by Morris Hirsch, Stephen Smale & Robert Devaney, *Differential Equations, Dynamical Systems, and an Introduction to Chaos* 3rd ed., Academic Press, 2013. Please read the relevant sections in the text as well as any cited reference. Assignments are due the following Friday, or on Dec. 4, whichever comes first.

Homework is to be written on paper. Your written work reflects your professionalism. Make answers complete and self contained. This means that you should copy or paraphrase each question, provide adequate explanation to help the reader understand the structure of your argument, be thorough in the details, state any theorem that you use and proofread your answer. You may discuss homework problems but you are expected to write up solutions on your own. If you use ideas from other textbooks or the internet, you are expected to cite such sources. Representing work of others as your own is plagiarism and is contrary to the student code.

Homework from Wednesday to Tuesday will be due Friday. Homework is to be handed in by 4:00 pm, Fridays to be considered on time. Late homework that is up to one week late will receive half credit. Homework that is more than one week late will receive no credit at all.

Please hand in problems A on Friday, August 23.

A. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

16[1-4, 9, 14]

Please hand in problems B on Friday, Aug. 30.

B. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

37[2d, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14]

Please hand in problems C on Friday, Sept. 6.

C. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

57[4, 5, 7, 10, 14]

Please hand in problems D1–D2 on Friday, Sept. 13.

D1. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

71[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

D2. Find a matrix T that brings the system into canonical form. Check that your matrix does the job. Solve the transformed equation and use it to express the general solution of the original equation. Check your answer.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Please hand in problems E on Friday, Sept. 20.

E. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

103[4, 5 any two, 6, 7, 11]
Rest of p. 103 postponed to next week.

Please hand in problems F on Friday, Sept. 27.

F. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

103[13, 14, 15]
135[1 any three]

Please hand in problems G1–G2 on Friday, Oct. 4.

G1. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

135[4, 7abc, 9, 12aej, 13]

G2. Solve the initial value problem using variation of constants:

$$\frac{d}{dt}X = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}X + \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix}; \quad X(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Please hand in problems H1 – H2 on Friday, Oct.18.

H1. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

157[1a, 2]

407[5]

Rest of p. 407 postponed to next week.

H2. Proposals for term projects are due Oct. 18. For suggestions, take a look at applications at the end of our text and other texts and at some of my project samples in the “Pages” tab in Canvas. Meet with me briefly to discuss your project. Bring a one paragraph proposal of the topic you will write about for my approval.

In your term paper, you will discuss some current or historical theory or application of ordinary differential equations that is not covered in the course, but it should be at the level of the course. It should be a five page mathematical paper written at a level appropriate for Math 5410 students. It should focus on one system of equations. If it is a theoretical or historical paper, it should contain some theorems with proofs that describe some phenomenon. If it is an applied paper, it should develop the equations from first principles, analyze them using tools from the course and draw conclusions about the application from the analysis. The paper should be written in proper English style, following AMS, APA, MLA, or other recognized guidelines. Please get in touch with me if you'd like advice on your topic.

Your proposal should be a one paragraph description of what you will be writing about. In addition to a description of the differential equation and what you want to say about it, please include a reference to the topic from a book or scholarly article and a reference from the internet. Please include the URL of any website.

I will approve any reasonable proposal. The main reason I have objected is to proposals is that they propose to do more than is possible in five pages, which is a very short paper.

Please hand in problems I1 – I4 on Friday, Oct. 25.

I1. Exercises from the text by Hirsch, Smale & Devaney:

409[4, 12]

I2. Suppose that C_1 and C_2 are positive constants and $f : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ is a C^1 function such that

$$|f(x)| \leq C_1 + C_2|x|$$

for all $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$. Assuming that there is a solution $x(t)$ of

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x) \\ x(0) &= u_0\end{aligned}$$

that is defined for all $t \in [0, \infty)$, find an estimate for $x(t)$ depending on u_0 , C_1 , C_2 and t .

I3. Show that the iteration scheme $\psi_0(t) = A$,

$$\psi_{n+1}(t) = A + Bt + \int_0^t (s-t)\psi_n(s) ds$$

will converge to a solution of the problem $\ddot{x} + x = 0$, $x(0) = A$, $\dot{x}(0) = B$ for certain values of t . For what values of t is convergence assured? [From H. K. Wilson, Ordinary Differential Equations, Addison-Wesley, 1971, p.245.]

I4. The Contraction Mapping Principle. Here is the abstract idea behind the Picard Theorem. Let $V \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ be a closed subset. Let $0 < b < \infty$ and $0 < K < 1$ be constants and let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a transformation. Suppose that for any $\phi, \psi \in V$ if $|\psi| \leq b$ then $|T(\psi)| \leq b$ and if both $|\phi| \leq b$ and $|\psi| \leq b$ then

$$|T(\psi) - T(\phi)| \leq K|\psi - \phi|,$$

i.e., T is a *contraction*. Prove that there exists an element $\eta \in V$ with $|\eta| \leq b$ such that $\eta = T(\eta)$, that is, T has a fixed point. Prove that η is the unique fixed point among points in V satisfying $|\eta| \leq b$. [Coddington & Levinson, Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations, Krieger 1984, pp. 40-41.]