

MATH 215, SECTION 202, MIDTERM I: FEBRUARY 13 2012 (H. DIXIT)

Closed Book and Notes. 50 Minutes. Total 40 points

**Problem 1:** [20 points] Solve the following problems for  $y(x)$ :

i)  $y' + y = a \sin(x)$ , with  $y(0) = 0$ . (Hint: The integral on the right hand side has to be evaluated separately, and then plugged into the final solution). [5 points]

ii)  $y' = \frac{x^2+1}{y}$ , with  $y(0) = 0$ . Is the solution unique? If not, give all the solutions and determine the interval of existence of both the solutions. [6 points]

iii)  $y'' + 4y = 0$ , with  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(\pi/2) = 1$ . (Note: The two initial conditions are at different  $x$ ). [4 points]

iv)  $y' = 1 + 2x + y^2 + 2xy^2$ , with  $y(0) = 0$ . (Hint:  $\int \frac{d\theta}{1+\theta^2} = \tan^{-1} \theta$ ). Determine the interval of existence. The exact numerical values are not required. [5 points]

**Problem 2:** [10 points] The population,  $p(t)$ , of some species is governed by the differential equation

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = f(p), \quad \text{where } f(p) = -1 + 2p - p^2; \quad p > 0, t > 0.$$

i) Determine the equilibrium solutions. [2 points]

ii) Plot  $f(p)$  versus  $p$  and use this to plot the solution curves, i.e.  $p$  versus  $t$ . Comment on the stability of the equilibrium solution. [5 points]

iii) If  $p(0) = 1/2$ , find the time  $t_e (> 0)$  at which the population becomes extinct, i.e.  $p(t_e) = 0$ . [3 points]

**Problem 3:** [10 points] For the following inhomogeneous differential equation

$$y'' - y' - 2y = 4e^{-t},$$

i) Obtain the general solution. [6 points]

ii) If  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 1$ , obtain the exact solution. Comment on the nature of the solution as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . [4 points]

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = a \sin x$$

$$y(0) = 0$$

Integrating factor:  $\phi = e^{\int dx} = e^x$

$$\Rightarrow e^x \frac{dy}{dx} + e^x y = a e^x \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^x y)' = a e^x \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x y = \int a e^x \sin x dx + C$$

Let  $I = \int e^x \sin x dx$   
 $= \sin x e^x - \int \cos x \cdot e^x dx = \sin x e^x - \left\{ \cos x e^x - \int (-\sin x) e^x dx \right\}$

$$\Rightarrow I = \sin x \cdot e^x - \cos x e^x - \underbrace{\int e^x \sin x dx}_I$$

$$\Rightarrow 2I = \sin x e^x - \cos x e^x$$
$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} e^x (\sin x - \cos x)$$

$$\therefore e^x y = \frac{a}{2} e^x (\sin x - \cos x) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{a}{2} (\sin x - \cos x) + C e^{-x}$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{a}{2} (-1) + C \Rightarrow C = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{a}{2} [\sin x - \cos x + e^{-x}]}$$

① ②  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2+1}{y}$  ;  $y(0) = 0$

In the standard form ;  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x,y)$  ,

$f(x,y)$  and  $\frac{df}{dy}$  are not continuous at  $y=0$

Since  $y(0) = 0$  , we should not be surprised if the solution is not unique.

$$y dy = (x^2+1) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^3}{3} + x + C$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$$

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

$$y^2 = 2\left(x + \frac{x^3}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{2\left(x + \frac{x^3}{3}\right)}$$

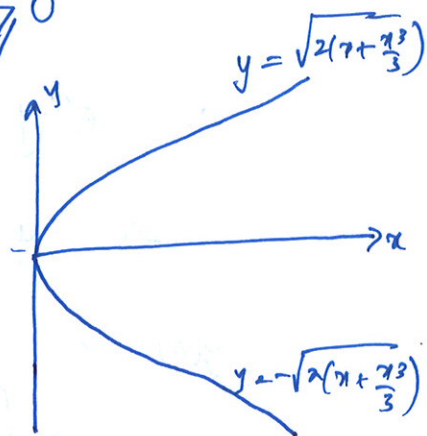
Both solutions satisfy the initial condition. Hence, we don't have a unique solution.

Domain of existence :- for  $y$  to be real, we require

$$x + \frac{x^3}{3} \geq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{3}\right) \geq 0$$

This is always true for  $x \geq 0$ .

$\therefore$  Domain of existence :  $x \geq 0$



① (iii)  $y'' + 4y = 0$  ;  $y(0) = 1$  ;  $y'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$  ②

Characteristic equation:  $x^2 + 4 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = \pm 2i$

General solution:  $y = C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x)$

$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = C_1 \cos(0) + C_2 \sin(0)$

$\Rightarrow C_1 = 1$

$y' = -2C_1 \sin(2x) + 2C_2 \cos(2x)$

$\therefore y'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1 \Rightarrow -2C_1 \sin(\pi) + 2C_2 \cos(\pi) = 1$

$\Rightarrow -2C_2 = 1 \Rightarrow C_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore y = \cos(2x) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x)$

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① (iv)  $y' = 1 + 2x + y^2 + 2xy^2$  ;  $y(0) = 0$

$y' = 1 + 2x + y^2(1 + 2x)$

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

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

Integrating both sides:

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

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}(y) = x + x^2 + C$$

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

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \tan(C) \Rightarrow C = n\pi$$

But  $\tan(n\pi + \theta) = \tan \theta$ . Therefore, we let  $n=0$ , i.e.,  $C=0$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan(x + x^2)$$

Domain of tan is  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . When  $x + x^2 \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ ;  $y \rightarrow \infty$

When  $x^2 + x - \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-1 + 2\pi}}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x_{\min} = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{-1 + 2\pi}}{2}}; \quad \boxed{x_{\max} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{-1 + 2\pi}}{2}}$$

Also, when  $x + x^2 \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}$ ;  $y \rightarrow -\infty$

When  $x^2 + x + \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$ , we get

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 2\pi}}{2}$$

This gives us complex values for  $x$ .

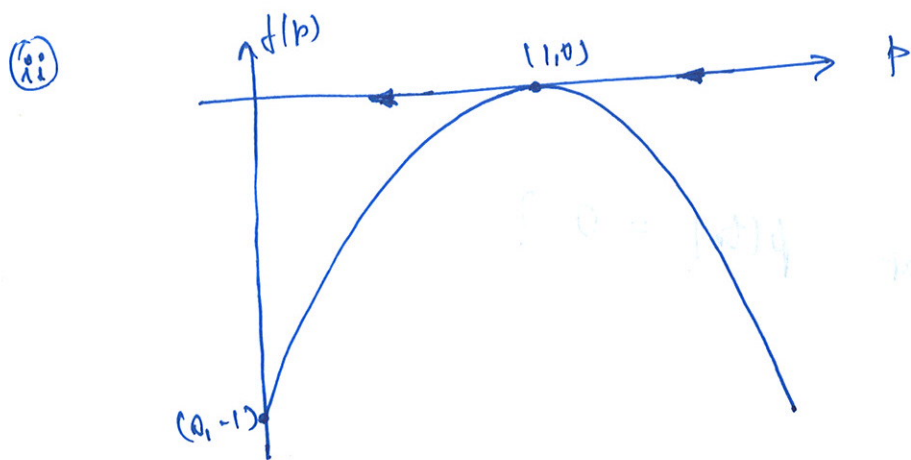
$\therefore$  Domain of existence:  $x_{\min} < x < x_{\max}$

Problem 2:

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = f(p);$$

$$f(p) = -1 + 2p - p^2; \quad p > 0; \quad t > 0$$

(i) Equilibrium Solutions:  $f(p) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -(p-1)^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow p = 1$  (Double root)

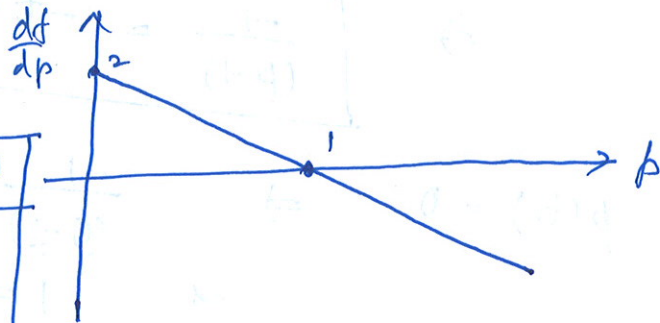


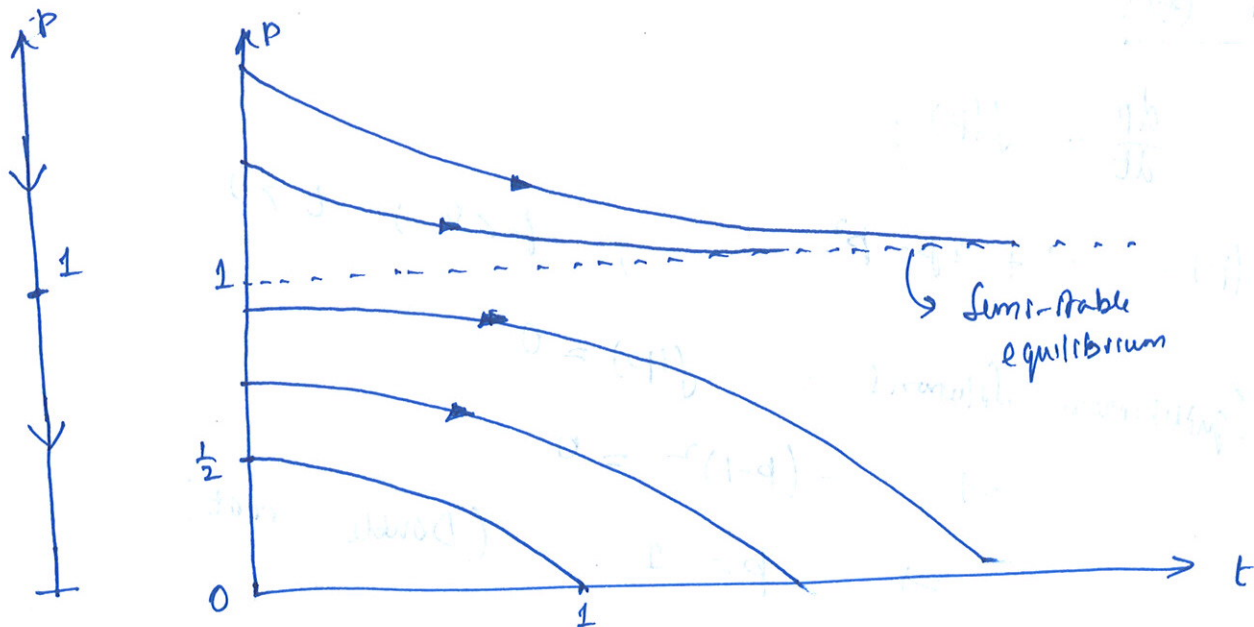
$p = 1$  is a semi-stable equilibrium.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dp}{dt} &= f(p) \\ \frac{d^2p}{dt^2} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{dp}{dt} \right] = \frac{d}{dt} [f(p)] = \frac{d}{dp} [f(p)] \times \frac{dp}{dt} \\ &= \frac{df}{dp} \cdot f(p) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{df}{dp} = 2 - 2p$$

Interval	$\frac{dp}{dt} = f(p)$	$\frac{df}{dp}$	$\frac{d^2p}{dt^2} = \frac{df}{dp} \cdot f(p)$
$(0, 1)$	$< 0$	$> 0$	$< 0$
$(1, \infty)$	$< 0$	$< 0$	$> 0$





(ii)

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -1 + 2p - p^2$$

$$p(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

find  $t = t_e$  such that  $p(t_e) = 0$  ?

$$\int \frac{dp}{(p-1)^2} = \int dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{(p-1)} = -t + C$$

$$p(0) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{(\frac{1}{2}-1)} = 0 + C \Rightarrow C = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{-1}{(p-1)} = -t + 2}$$

$$p(t_e) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{(0-1)} = -t_e + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = -t_e + 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{t_e = 1}$$

Problem ③:

$$y'' - y' - 2y = 4e^{-t}$$

① Homogeneous part:

$$y'' - y' - 2y = 0$$

Characteristic equation:

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } x = 2$$

$$\therefore y_1 = e^{-t} ; y_2 = e^{2t}$$

Particular Solution:-

Since the inhomogeneous term  $(4e^{-t})$  is same as the solution of the homogeneous equation, we assume a particular solution in the following form:

$$y_p = Ate^{-t}$$

$$y_p' = A[-te^{-t} + e^{-t}]$$

$$y_p'' = A[te^{-t} - e^{-t} - e^{-t}]$$

Substituting  $y_p$  in the original differential equation, we get

$$A[te^{-t} - 2e^{-t}] - A[-te^{-t} + e^{-t}] - 2Ate^{-t} = 4e^{-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Ae^{-t}[-2-1] + Ate^{-t}[1+1-2] = 4e^{-t}$$



$$\Rightarrow Ae^{-t}(-3) = 4e^{-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3A = 4 \Rightarrow \boxed{A = -\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$\therefore y_p = -\frac{4}{3}te^{-t}$$

General Solution of the inhomogeneous equation:

$$y = c_1e^{-t} + c_2e^{2t} - \frac{4}{3}te^{-t}$$

$$\textcircled{xii} \quad y(0) = 0 ; y'(0) = 1$$

$$y'(t) = -c_1e^{-t} + 2c_2e^{2t} - \frac{4}{3}[e^{-t} - te^{-t}]$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$y'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow -c_1 + 2c_2 - \frac{4}{3}[1 - 0] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -\frac{7}{9}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{7}{9}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y = -\frac{7}{9}e^{-t} + \frac{7}{9}e^{2t} - \frac{4}{3}te^{-t}} \rightarrow \text{Exact Solution}$$

As  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ :

We rewrite the solution as

$$y = \cancel{\dots} - \frac{1}{9} e^{-t} (7+12t) + \frac{7}{9} e^{2t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } t \rightarrow -\infty ; \quad e^{-t} &\rightarrow +\infty \\ e^{2t} &\rightarrow 0 \\ 7+12t &\rightarrow -\infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (7+12t)e^{-t} \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\therefore y \rightarrow +\infty \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow -\infty$$

As  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ :

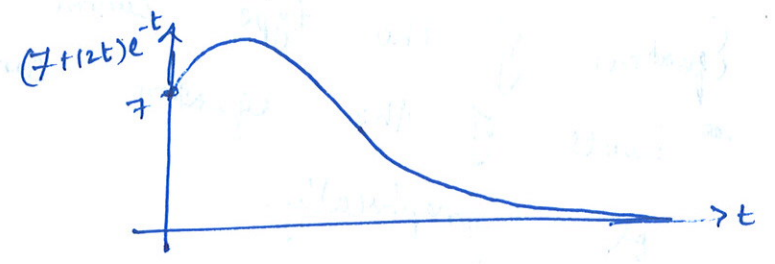
$$\begin{aligned} e^{-t} &\rightarrow 0 \\ e^{2t} &\rightarrow \infty \\ 7+12t &\rightarrow +\infty \end{aligned}$$

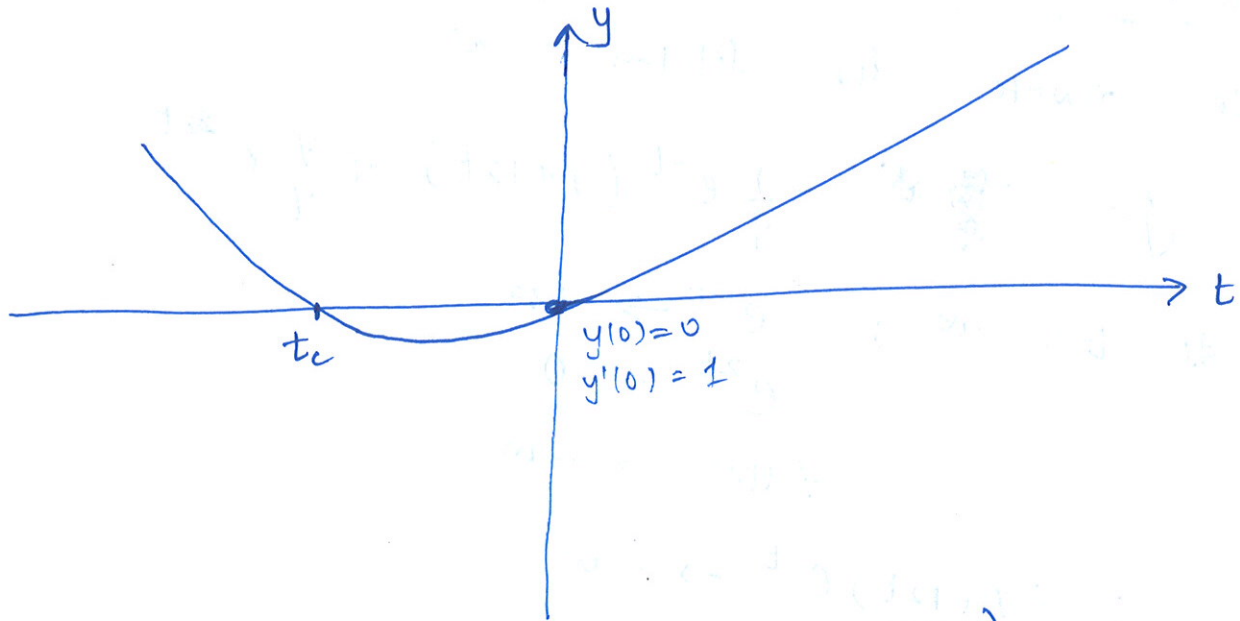
To determine the limit of  $(7+12t)e^{-t}$ , we use

L'Hospital's rule:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (7+12t)e^{-t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(7+12t)}{e^t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{12}{e^t} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore y \rightarrow +\infty$$





To determine  $t_c$ : (NOT part of the exam)

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{-1}{9} e^{-t_c} (7 + 12t_c) + \frac{7}{9} e^{2t_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-t_c} (7 + 12t_c) = 7e^{2t_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7e^{3t_c} = 7 + 12t_c$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^{3t_c} = \frac{7 + 12t_c}{7}}$$

TRANSCENDENTAL RELATIONS

Equations of this type cannot be solved in the usual sense.  
 Roots of this equation can only be found numerically or graphically.

In this case, we get  
 $t_c = -0.4157$

