

**MATH 118**  
**PROBLEM SET 7**

PROF. DANIEL GOROFF

**Exercise 1.** For each of the following functions  $v: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , find the fixed points of

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = v \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

determine their stability, and sketch the phase portrait.

(a)

$$v \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^3 - y \\ x + y \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)

$$v \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin y \\ x + y \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)

$$v \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3y - e^x \\ 2x - y \end{pmatrix}$$

(d)

$$v \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + y \\ x + y \end{pmatrix}$$

**Exercise 2.** Use a Lyapunov function to show that  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a stable fixed point for

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^2 - x - 1 \\ -xy - y \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Exercise 3.** Apply the Picard iteration to solve  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1 + x^2$  with  $x(0) = 0$ . Show that after three Picard iterations, the result agrees with the true solution for terms of degree five or less in  $t$ . Can the solution to this equation be continued for all time?

**Exercise 4.** Show that  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x^{2/3}$  and  $x(0) = 0$  has infinitely many solutions given by

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < c; \\ (t - c)^3 & \text{if } t \geq c. \end{cases}$$

Does  $x^{2/3}$  satisfy a Lipschitz condition?

---

*Date:* April 15, 1999.

**Exercise 5.** Exponentiate and sketch phase portraits for  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}$ . Which are hyperbolic?

(a)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(e) Make up an interesting one of your own.