

Differential Equations

1. (20%) Consider the following initial value problem (IVP)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x(t)), & f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where D is an open set of $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ containing (t_0, x_0) . Prove the following statements respectively :

- (a) Let $f \in C(D), (t_0, x_0) \in D$. Then the (IVP) has a solution on an interval $I = [t_0 - c, t_0 + c]$.
 (b) If, in addition, $f(t, x)$ satisfies Lipschitz condition in x , then the solution of (IVP) is unique.
2. (20%) Find the general solution of $x' = Ax$, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. (20%) Consider the following Predator-Prey system

$$\begin{cases} x' = \gamma x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) - \alpha xy \\ y' = y(\beta x - d), & \gamma, K, \alpha, \beta > 0 \\ x(0) > 0, y(0) > 0. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

- (a) Show that the solutions $x(t), y(t)$ of Eq. (2) are defined for all $t > 0$ and the solutions are positive and bounded for all $t > 0$.
 (b) Do the stability analysis for each equilibrium.

- 4.(a) Consider the system

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$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = g(t, x). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

If $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}$ is of one sign in a simple-connected domain D in \mathbb{R}^2 . Prove that Eq. (3) does not have any periodic solution in D .

- (b) Show that $x'' + f(x)x' + g(x) = 0$ cannot have any periodic solution whose path in a region where $f(x)$ is on one sign.
5. (20%) Let $p(t + \pi) = p(t) \neq 0$ for all t and $0 \leq \int_0^\pi p(t)dt \leq \frac{4}{\pi}$, $p(t)$ is xontinuous on \mathbb{R} . Prove all solutions of the equation $u'' + p(t)u = 0$ are bounded.
6. (20%) Consider the van der Pol equation

$$x'' + \epsilon(x^2 - 1)x' + x = 0. \quad (4)$$

Prove the following statements.

- (a) Equation (4) has a unique asymptotically stable limit cycle Γ for every $\epsilon > 0$. (State the theorem used.)
 (b) Let $D = \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 < 3\}$. Then $\Gamma \not\subset D$. (State the theorem used.)