

Ordinary Differential Equations Review Sheet

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1 Solving Techniques

1.1 Separation of Variables

1.1.1 Examples

Know how to do IVP problems like (and be able to analyze uniqueness of solutions):

- $y' = 2y, y(0) = 3$
- $u' = -u^{\frac{1}{3}}, u(0) = 1$
- $u' = u^{\frac{1}{3}}, u(0) = 0$

1.1.2 Theorems

Theorem about uniqueness:

Given $u' = \pm |u|^p$, $\begin{cases} p \geq 1 & \implies \text{unique solution} \\ p < 1 & \implies \text{check uniqueness} \end{cases}$

1.2 Integrating Factor

Solving $y' = \alpha \cdot y + \beta$, we can simply re-write it as $y' - \alpha \cdot y = \beta \implies (y \cdot e^{-\alpha \cdot t})' = \beta \cdot e^{-\alpha \cdot t}$. Integrate to find the solution.

2 Differential Inequalities

2.1 Definitions

- $y'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(t+h) - y(t)}{h}$
- $y'_-(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{y(t+h) - y(t)}{h}$
- $y'_+(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{y(t+h) - y(t)}{h}$

2.2 Examples

Be able to solve problems like $p'_-(t) \leq \alpha \cdot p(t) + \beta(t)$.

2.3 Proofs to Know

Suppose $p : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and p is continuous.

Theorem 1 - If $p(a) < c$ and $p'_-(t) < 0$ whenever $p(t) = c$, then $p(t) < c \forall t \in [a, b)$.

Proof Let $p(a) < c$ and $p'_-(t) < 0$ whenever $p(t) = c$.

Suppose $p(t_1) = c$ for some $t_1 \in [a, b)$. Since p is continuous, there is a smallest $t_0 \in [a, b) \ni p(t_0) = c$.

Since $p(a) < c$, then $a < t_0 < b$. By our hypothesis we have $p'_-(t_0) < 0$. Also, since t_0 is the smallest t such that $p(t) = c$, then $p(t) < c \forall t \in [a, t_0)$.

Then for some "small" $h > 0$, $\frac{p(t_0-h)-p(t_0)}{-h} < 0 \implies p(t_0-h) > c$.

But $t_0 - h < t_0$ and $p(t_0 - h) > c$. Then by the intermediate value theorem, since p is continuous, we have $\exists k \in (a, t_0 - h) \ni p(k) = c$. But $k < t_0$ so we have a contradiction. **QED**

Theorem 2 - If $p(a) \leq c$ and $p'_+(t) < 0$ whenever $p(t) = c$, then $p(t) \leq c \forall t \in [a, b)$.

Proof Let $p(a) \leq c$ and $p'_+(t) < 0$ whenever $p(t) = c$.

Suppose $p(t_1) = c$ for some $t_1 \in [a, b)$. Since p is continuous, there must be a smallest $t_0 \in [a, b) \ni p(t_0) = c$.

Since $p(a) \leq c$, then $a \leq t_0 < b$. By our hypothesis we have $p'_+(t_0) < 0$. Also, since t_0 is the smallest t such that $p(t) = c$, then $p(t) < c \forall t \in [a, t_0)$.

Assume for contradiction $\exists k \in [t_0, b) \ni p(k) > c$ and assume k_0 is the number "closest" to $t_0 \ni p(k) > c$.

Then for some "small" $h > 0$, $\frac{p(t_0+h)-p(t_0)}{h} < 0 \implies p(t_0+h) < c$. But if we chose h small enough so that $t_0 + h < k_0$, then we arrive at a contradiction. **QED**

3 Invariant Spaces

Let

$$(*) \quad u' = f(u), \quad u(0) = z, \quad t \geq 0$$

3.1 Definition

We say a space Λ is **invariant** for $(*)$ iff $z \in \Lambda \implies u_z(t) \in \Lambda \forall t \geq 0$.

3.2 Theorem

$\Lambda = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N \mid \vec{a}_k \cdot (x, y) \leq \alpha_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, m \}$ is invariant for $(*)$
 $\iff \vec{a}_k \cdot f(x, y) \leq 0$ when $\vec{a}_k \cdot (x, y) = \alpha_k$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

3.3 Example

Let

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} x' = x - x^2 - xy & x(0) = x_0 > 0 \\ y' = y - y^2 - xy & y(0) = y_0 > 0 \end{cases}$$

Let $\Lambda = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq x \leq \beta, 0 \leq y \leq \beta \} = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \begin{array}{l} (-1, 0) \cdot (x, y) \leq 0 \\ (0, -1) \cdot (x, y) \leq 0 \\ (1, 0) \cdot (x, y) \leq \beta \\ (0, 1) \cdot (x, y) \leq \beta \end{array} \right\}$ for some $\beta \geq 1$. We want to

show when $\vec{a}_k \cdot (x, y) = \alpha_k$ that $\vec{a}_k \cdot f(x, y) \leq 0$, $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

1. Let $k = 1$, then $x = 0$.

$$\vec{a}_1 \cdot f(0, y) = (-1, 0) \cdot (0, y - y^2) = 0 \leq 0$$

2. Let $k = 2$, then $y = 0$.

$$\vec{a}_2 \cdot f(x, 0) = (0, -1) \cdot (x - x^2, 0) = 0 \leq 0$$

3. Let $k = 3$, then $x = \beta$.

$$\vec{a}_3 \cdot f(\beta, y) = (1, 0) \cdot (\beta - \beta^2 - \beta y, y - y^2 - \beta y) = \beta - \beta^2 - \beta y \leq \beta - \beta^2 = \beta(1 - \beta) \leq 0 \text{ since } \beta \geq 1.$$

4. Let $k = 4$, then $y = \beta$.

$$\vec{a}_4 \cdot f(x, \beta) = (0, 1) \cdot (x - x^2 - \beta x, \beta - \beta^2 - \beta x) = \beta - \beta^2 - \beta x \leq \beta - \beta^2 = \beta(1 - \beta) \leq 0 \text{ since } \beta \geq 1.$$

\therefore For $\beta \geq 1$, Λ is invariant for (*).

4 Systems of Linear ODEs

Given

$$(\mathbf{H}) \quad u' = \mathbf{A}(t)u(t), \quad u(t_0) = z, \quad t \geq t_0$$

4.1 Matrix Solutions

We say $\mathbf{X}(t)$ is a matrix solution to (\mathbf{H}) iff

$$(\mathbf{MH}) \quad \mathbf{X}'(t) = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{X}(t) \quad \forall t \text{ on the domain}$$

To get a $N \times N$ matrix $\mathbf{X}(t)$ we must find solutions to (\mathbf{H}) , $\vec{x}_1(t), \dots, \vec{x}_N(t)$ and write $\mathbf{X}(t) = (\vec{x}_1(t), \dots, \vec{x}_N(t))$. Note that here, we can have $\vec{x}_i(t) = \vec{x}_j(t)$.

4.2 Fundamental Matrix Solutions

To get a FMS, you must first get a matrix solution which has N linearly independent columns, then write your FMS as:

$$\mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(t) = \mathbf{X}(t) [\mathbf{X}(t_0)]^{-1}$$

4.2.1 Properties of FMS

1. $\mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(0) = \mathbf{I}$
2. $\mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(s+t) = \mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(s) \mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(t)$
3. $[\mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(t)]^{-1} = \mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(-t)$

4.2.2 Alternate Form of FMS

$\mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{A}}$ can be shown using many methods. For simplicity we have $t_0 = 0$. This means

$$\mathbf{T}_\mathbf{A}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{A}} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t\mathbf{A})^i}{i!} = 1 + t\mathbf{A} + \frac{(t\mathbf{A})^2}{2!} + \dots$$

4.2.3 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

We can use eigenvalues and eigenvectors to determine the form of $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}(t)$.

Eigenvalue - λ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{A} \iff \mathbf{A}\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ where $\vec{v} \neq 0$. **Eigenvector** - \vec{v} is an eigenvector for $\lambda \iff \vec{v}$ satisfies the above equation for a given λ .

5 Phase Plots

Should review using eigenvalues and eigenvectors to determine phase plots of 2×2 systems.

6 Stability

Given

$$(*) \quad u' = f(u, t), \quad u(t_0) = z, \quad t \geq t_0$$

and $w(t)$ is a given function for $t \geq t_0$, then we define the following:

- **Stability** - If we start “close” to $w(t)$, we stay close to that solution.

$w(t)$ is **(S)** on $[t_0, \infty) \iff$

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta(t_0, \epsilon) \ni \|u(t_0) - w(t_0)\| < \delta \\ & \implies \|u(t) - w(t)\| < \epsilon \quad \forall t \geq t_0 \end{aligned}$$

- **Uniform Stability**

$w(t)$ is **(US)** on $[t_0, \infty) \iff$

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta(\epsilon) \ni \|u(t_1) - w(t_1)\| < \delta \text{ for any } t_1 \geq t_0 \\ & \implies \|u(t) - w(t)\| < \epsilon \quad \forall t \geq t_0 \end{aligned}$$

- **Asymptotic Stability** - If $w(t)$ is **(S)** and we start close to $w(t)$, then we go to $w(t)$.

$w(t)$ is **(AS)** on $[t_0, \infty) \iff$

$$w(t) \text{ is } \mathbf{(S)} \text{ and } \exists \eta(t_0) > 0 \ni \|u(t_0) - w(t_0)\| < \eta \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|u(t) - w(t)\| = 0$$

- **Uniform Asymptotic Stability** - $w(t)$ is **(AS)** and $u(t)$ converges to $w(t)$ at a uniform rate (or faster for higher t_0)

$w(t)$ is **(UAS)** on $[t_0, \infty) \iff$

$$\begin{aligned} & w(t) \text{ is } \mathbf{(AS)} \text{ and } \exists \eta > 0 \ni \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists T(\epsilon) \ni \|u(t_1) - w(t_1)\| < \eta \\ & \implies \|u(t) - w(t)\| < \epsilon \quad \forall t \geq t_1 + T(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

- **Exponential Stability** - $u(t)$ goes to $w(t)$ exponentially when we start “close enough”

$w(t)$ is **(ES)** on $[t_0, \infty) \iff$

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists \alpha(t_0) > 0 \ni \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta(t_0, \epsilon) \ni \|u(t_0) - w(t_0)\| < \delta \\ & \implies \|u(t) - w(t)\| \leq e^{-\alpha(t-t_0)} \end{aligned}$$

- **Uniform Exponential Stability** - $w(t)$ is **(ES)** and converges uniformly

$w(t)$ is **(UES)** on $[t_0, \infty) \iff w(t)$ is **(ES)** $\forall t \geq t_0$ and α, δ are independent of t_0

7 Lyapunov Theory

7.1 Definition

Let $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, $V : \Lambda \rightarrow [0, \infty)$. If V is a Lyapunov function, then

1. V is positive-definite (with respect to $w \in \Lambda$)
I.e. $V[w] = 0$ and $V[x] > 0$ if $x \in \Lambda$, $x \neq w$
2. V is Lipschitz continuous on each bounded subset of Λ
I.e. $\forall R > 0 \exists L_R > 0 \ni |V[x] - V[y]| \leq L_R \cdot \|x - y\| \quad \forall x, y \in \Lambda, \|x\|, \|y\| \leq R$

7.2 Property

Let $\mathcal{V}(\Lambda)$ contain all $V : \Lambda \rightarrow [0, \infty) \ni \forall R > 0$,

1. $\exists a \in CIP([0, \infty))$ (continuous, \uparrow (strictly), $a(0) = 0$, $a(r) > 0$) and $b > 0 \ni a(\|x\|) \leq V[x] \leq b \cdot \|x\|$.
2. V is Locally Lipschitz

7.3 Derivative of V

We can take the derivative of V in two ways:

1. $\frac{d}{dt} V[(x, y)] = \frac{d}{dx} V[(x, y)] \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{d}{dy} V[(x, y)] \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$
2. $\frac{d}{dt} V[u(t)] = \vec{\nabla} V[u(t)] \cdot \frac{du}{dt} = \vec{\nabla} V[u(t)] \cdot f(t, u(t))$
3. $\frac{d^\pm}{dt} V[t_0, x] = D_{(*)}^\pm V[t_0, x] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^\pm} \frac{V[x+h \cdot f(t, x)] - V[x]}{h}$

7.4 Important Lyapunov Theorems

7.4.1 Lyapunov Stability Theorem (US)

Suppose $\exists V \in \mathcal{V}(\Lambda) \ni$

$$(1) D_{(*)}^\pm V[t, x] \leq 0 \quad \forall (t, x) \in [0, \infty) \times \Lambda, \|x\| \leq R$$

Then the zero solution to (*) is **(US)**.

Proof Let $0 < \epsilon < R$, $t_0 \geq 0$ be given. Then we have $a(\|x\|) \leq V[x] \leq b \cdot \|x\| \quad \forall x \in \Lambda, \|x\| < R$

$$\frac{d^\pm}{dt} V[u(t)] = D_{(*)}^\pm V[t, u(t)] \leq 0 \quad \text{by (1)} \quad \implies V \text{ is non-increasing}$$

So then we get:

$$(2) V[u(t)] \leq V[u(t_0)] \quad \forall t \geq t_0 \ni \|u(t)\| \leq R$$

Choose $\delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0 \ni b \cdot \delta < a(R)$ (i.e., $b \cdot \delta \in \text{Rng}(a)$) and $a^{-1}(b \cdot \delta) < \epsilon$. (Remember $\|u(t_0)\| < \delta$)

So $a(\|u(t)\|) \leq V[u(t)] \leq V[u(t_0)] \leq b \cdot \|u(t_0)\| < b \cdot \delta \implies a(\|u(t)\|) < b \cdot \delta \implies \|u(t)\| < a^{-1}(b \cdot \delta) < \epsilon$

\therefore The zero solution to (*) is **(US)** .

QED

7.4.2 Lyapunov Asymptotic Stability Theroem (AS)

Suppose $V, W \in \mathcal{V}(\Lambda)$ and

$$(3) \quad D_{(*)}^{\pm} V[t, x] < -W[x] \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in \Lambda, \|x\| < R$$

Then the zero solution to (*) is **(AS)**.

Proof (*) is **(US)** by the previous theorem so we want to show **(AS)**. Assume $a(\|x\|) \leq V[x] \leq b \cdot \|x\|$ and $\bar{a}(\|x\|) \leq W[x] \leq \bar{b} \cdot \|x\| \quad \forall x \in \Lambda, \|x\| \leq R$.

Let η be ϵ if $\|u(t_0)\| < \eta$ then $\bar{a}(\|u(t)\|) \leq \bar{a}(R) \quad \forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0$. We claim the following:

$$(4) \quad \|u(t_0)\| < \eta \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V[u(t)] = 0$$

For contradiction, suppose $\|u(t_0)\| < \eta$ but $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V[u(t)] \neq 0$. Since $V[u(t)] \geq 0 \quad \forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0$, this is equivalent to saying $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V[u(t)] > 0$.

$$D_{(*)}^{\pm} V[t, u(t)] < -W[u(t)] \leq 0 \implies V[u(t)] \text{ is decreasing}$$

Thus we have $V[u(t)]$ is decreasing and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V[u(t)] > 0$ which means $\exists \alpha > 0 \quad \epsilon V[u(t)] \geq \alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0$. Then we have $b \cdot \|u(t)\| \geq V[u(t)] \geq \alpha \implies \|u(t)\| \geq \frac{\alpha}{b} \quad \forall t \geq t_0$.

Then $W[u(t)] \geq \bar{a}(\|u(t)\|) \geq \bar{a}(\frac{\alpha}{b}) \implies D_{(*)}^{\pm} V[u(t)] \leq -W[u(t)] \leq -\bar{a}(\frac{\alpha}{b}) \implies V[u(t)] - V[u(t_0)] \leq -\bar{a}(\frac{\alpha}{b}) \cdot (t - t_0)$; here we integrate from t_0 to t
 $\implies V[u(t)] \leq V[u(t_0)] - \bar{a}(\frac{\alpha}{b}) \cdot (t - t_0) \rightarrow -\infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$
 $\implies V[u(t)] \rightarrow -\infty$ which is a contradiction.

Thus, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V[u(t)] = 0$.

Now, $a(\|u(t)\|) \leq V[u(t)] \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty \implies \|u(t)\| \leq a^{-1}(V[u(t)]) \rightarrow 0$ since $V[u(t)] \rightarrow 0$ and $a(0) = 0 \implies a^{-1}(0) = 0$ all as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|u(t)\| = 0 \implies$ The zero solution to (*) is **(AS)**.

QED

7.5 Note About Positive-Definite Lyapunov Functions

If $V[(x, y)] = 2y^2$, V is not positive-definite since the only place where V should be 0 is at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$, but here V is 0 at a point such as $(1, 0)$.

7.6 Norms As Lyapunov Functions

Define $M_{\pm}[z, x] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^{\pm}} \frac{\|z+h \cdot x\| - \|z\|}{h}$ as the left and right directional derivatives of $V[x]$ at z in the direction of x . If $M_{\pm}[z, x]$ both exist and are equal, then $V[x]$ is differentiable at z .

7.6.1 Properties of $M_{\pm}[z, x]$

1. $M_-[z, x] \leq M_+[z, x]$
2. $M_{\mp}[z, x] = -M_{\pm}[z, x]$
3. $|M_{\pm}[z, x]| \leq \|x\|$
4. $M_+[z, x + y] \leq M_+[z, x] + M_+[z, y]$ (“sublinear”)

and $M_-[z, x + y] \geq M_-[z, x] + M_-[z, y]$ (“superlinear”)
5. $M_{\pm}[s \cdot z, r \cdot x] = r \cdot M_{\pm}[z, x]$, $s, r > 0$ (linear with respect to x)
6. $M_{\pm}[z, \gamma \cdot z] = \operatorname{Re}(\gamma) \cdot \|z\| \forall \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$
7. $|M_{\pm}[z, x] - M_{\pm}[z, y]| \leq \|x - y\|$ (Lipschitz \rightarrow use triangle inequality)
8. $M_{\pm}[z, x + \gamma \cdot z] = M_{\pm}[z, x] + \operatorname{Re}(\gamma) \cdot \|z\|$

7.6.2 Bounding $M_{\pm}[x, \mathbf{A}x]$

$\mu[\mathbf{A}]$ is the smallest α such that $M_{\pm}[x, \mathbf{A}x] \leq \alpha \cdot \|x\|$. Note that if we can find one value of x such that $M_{\pm}[x, \mathbf{A}x] > 0$, then we immediately know $\mu[\mathbf{A}] > 0$.

7.6.3 Computing $M_{\pm}[z, x]$

If we're using $\|\cdot\|_1$ or $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ as our norm, then it is very hard to compute $M_{\pm}[z, x]$.

When we have a norm such as $\|\cdot\|_2$ though, it is slightly easier. We can write $M_{\pm}[z, x] = \frac{\langle z, x \rangle}{\|z\|}$ where we define $\langle z, x \rangle$ as the dot product and $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2$. Note here that $\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$. When showing what $M_{\pm}[z, x]$ is, use inner product properties (the dot product is one).

7.6.4 Important Theorems

Remember

$$\text{(LH)} \quad u' = \mathbf{A}u, \quad u(0) = z, \quad \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{A}}$$

then we have the following two important theorems:

Theorem

1. $\|e^{t\mathbf{A}}\| \leq 1 \forall t \geq 0 \iff \mu[\mathbf{A}] \leq 0$
2. $\|e^{t\mathbf{A}}\| \leq e^{-\alpha t} \forall t \geq 0 \iff \mu[\mathbf{A}] \leq -\alpha$

8 Linearization of ODEs

Let $f = (f_i)_1^N$, where $f_i : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We have $\vec{\nabla} f_i = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_N} \right)$. Then we define the Jacobian of f is

$$\text{defined to be } \mathbf{D}f(\vec{z}) = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_1(\vec{z}) \\ \vdots \\ \nabla f_N(\vec{z}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ for $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})$ and define

$$\text{(PDE)} \quad u' = \mathbf{A}u + g(t, u)$$

and let $\vec{z} \in \Lambda \ni f(\vec{z}) = \vec{0}$.

Theorem - (AS) by Linearization Suppose f is continuous, $f(\vec{z}) = \vec{0}$ and $\mathbf{D}f(\vec{z})$ exists (always does in C_1). If $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0 \forall \lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{D}f(\vec{z}))$, then the steady state solution $u(t) \equiv \vec{z}$ is **(ES)**.

Example Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\begin{cases} x' = -x + \sin(\alpha \cdot y) \\ y' = x - y + x^2 \end{cases}$ with $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ as a critical point. Analyze the stability of the system with parameter α . Use linearization: $\mathbf{D}f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \alpha \cos(\alpha \cdot y) \\ 1 + 2x & -1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathbf{D}f(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \alpha \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ which has eigenvalues $\lambda = -1 \pm \sqrt{\alpha}$. The critical values for this eigenvalue are $\alpha = 0, 1$.

$$\begin{cases} \alpha < 0 & \implies & \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0 \\ \alpha = 0 & \implies & \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) = -1 < 0 \\ 0 < \alpha < 1 & \implies & \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0 \\ \alpha = 1 & \implies & \text{one ev is } > 0 \\ \alpha > 1 & \implies & \text{at least one ev is } > 0 \end{cases}$$

\therefore We can conclude that the system is **(AS)** when $\alpha < 1$.