

Homework assignment
Differentialgleichungen III
Problem Sheet 10

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Problem 1: Complete the details in the proof of the theorem of linear instability from the last lecture. In particular, show that

(i) Let $a \in X_1^\alpha$, $\|a\|_\alpha \leq \frac{\rho}{2M}$. Prove that

$$J(v)(t) := e^{-L_1(t-n)}a + \int_n^t e^{-L_1(t-s)}E_1g(v(s))ds + \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-L_2(t-s)}E_2g(v(s))ds, \quad t \leq n,$$

is a contraction on Ω , provided that ρ is small enough.

(ii) If $v \in \Omega$ is a solution of the integral equation $v(t) = J(v)(t)$, $t \leq n$, then it is a solution of

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + Lv = g(v), \quad t < n.$$

(iii) $\|v(n)\|_\alpha \geq \frac{1}{2}\|a\|_\alpha$.

Problem 2: Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx} + \lambda(u - au^3), & x \in (0, \pi), t > 0, \\ u|_{x=0} = u|_{x=\pi} = 0, \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0(x), \end{cases}$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda \neq 1$. Prove that the zero solution is asymptotically stable if $\lambda < 1$ and unstable if $\lambda > 1$.

Problem 3: Theorem (use without a proof): Assume the requirements of the theorem of linear instability hold, except that the requirements on $g(z)$, $\sigma(L)$ are replaced by:

- (i) for a constant $p > 1$

$$\|f(u_0 + z) - f(u_0) - Bz\| = O(\|z\|_\alpha^p)$$

as $z \rightarrow 0$ in X^α .

- (ii) $\sigma(L) \cap \{Re\lambda < 0\}$ is nonempty.

Then the equilibrium u_0 is unstable.

Problem: Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $f(0) = 0$. Let $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)^T$ and consider the problem

$$u_t = u_{xx} + f(u), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0. \quad (1)$$

- (i) Show that (1) defines a local dynamical system near 0 in $\mathcal{H}^1(\mathbb{R}) := \underbrace{H^1(\mathbb{R}) \times \dots \times H^1(\mathbb{R})}_{n \text{ times}}$.
- (ii) Show that if all eigenvalues of the matrix $f'(0)$ have negative real part, then the origin is asymptotically stable, and that if at least one eigenvalue of $f'(0)$ has positive real part, then the origin is unstable.