

12. Homework Assignment  
**Dynamical Systems II**

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**Problem 1:** Consider the parameter-dependent vector field

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= 2(x+y)^2 + x - y - \lambda, \\ \dot{y} &= -x + y - \lambda.\end{aligned}$$

Sketch the flow for small  $|\lambda|$  and justify your claims.

**Problem 2:** Let  $\mathcal{M}^c = \text{graph } \psi$  be a  $\mathcal{C}^1$  center manifold of the flow  $\phi^t$  to the vector field

$$\dot{x} = Ax + g(x)$$

with  $g(0) = 0$ ,  $Dg(0) = 0$ .

Here  $\psi : E^c \rightarrow E^h$  where  $\mathbb{R}^N = E^c \oplus E^h$  is the eigenspace decomposition w.r.t.  $A$ .

Prove that  $\mathcal{M}^c$  is tangential to  $E^c$ , i.e.  $\psi'(0) = 0$ .

*Hint:* Use the invariance of  $\mathcal{M}^c$  under the flow  $\phi^t$ .

**Problem 3:** Consider the set  $M$  of matrices defined by

$$M := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ -b & -c & 0 \end{pmatrix}, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Show, that for each  $A \in M$  the set  $\{\exp(A^T t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a subgroup of  $SO(3)$ . Describe this group.  $SO(3)$  denotes the set of orthogonal matrices with determinant one.

**Problem 4:** Consider the Lie group  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ , i.e. the set of real  $2 \times 2$  matrices with determinant one.

- (i) Show, that the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ , that is the tangent space of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  at Id is the space of real  $2 \times 2$  matrices with trace zero.
- (ii) Is the matrix exponential  $\exp : \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  surjective?