

Homework Assignments

**Bifurcations: Theory and Applications**

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Let us recall some results mentioned in the lecture.

**Theorem:** [Flow box theorem]

For  $x \in X = \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $f \in C^1(X, X)$ , consider the ODE

$$\dot{x} = f(x).$$

Assume that  $f(0) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a local  $C^1$  diffeomorphism  $\Psi$  near  $x = 0$ , such that  $y = \Psi(x)$  satisfies

$$\dot{y} = e_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Theorem:** [Shoshitaishvili theorem]

For  $x \in X = \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $f \in C^1(X, X)$ , consider the ODE

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

where  $g(0) = 0$  and  $A := D_x f(0)$ . Then there exists a local  $C^0$  homeomorphism  $\Psi$  near  $x = 0$ , such that  $y := \Psi(x)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}^c &= h(y^c), \\ \dot{y}^h &= A^h y^h. \end{aligned}$$

The superscripts  $c$  and  $h$  respectively denote the projection of the dynamics on the center and hyperbolic parts of the spectral splitting given by the linearization  $A$ .

**Problem 1:** [Flow box theorem with parameters]

For  $x \in X = \mathbb{R}^N$ , and parameters  $\lambda \in \Lambda = \mathbb{R}^k$ , and  $f \in C^1(\Lambda \times X, X)$ , consider the ODE

$$\dot{x} = f(\lambda, x).$$

Use the standard flow box theorem quoted above to show that, for  $|\lambda|$  small enough, there exists a  $\lambda$ -dependent local  $C^1$  diffeomorphism  $\Psi(\lambda, \cdot)$  near  $x = 0$ , such that  $y = \Psi(\lambda, x)$  satisfies

$$\dot{y} = e_1.$$

Can you choose  $\Psi \in C^1$ ?

**Problem 2:** [Grobman-Hartman theorem with parameters]

Use the Shoshitaishvili theorem quoted above to prove the following Grobman-Hartman theorem with parameters:

For  $x \in X = \mathbb{R}^N$ , and parameters  $\lambda \in \Lambda = \mathbb{R}^k$ , and  $f \in C^1(\Lambda \times X, X)$ , consider the ODE

$$\dot{x} = f(\lambda, x).$$

Here  $f(0, 0) = 0$  and  $A := D_x f(0, 0)$  is hyperbolic. Then, for  $|\lambda|$  small enough, there exists a family of  $\lambda$ -dependent local homeomorphisms  $\Psi(\lambda, \cdot)$  near  $x = 0$ , such that  $y := \Psi(\lambda, x)$  satisfies

$$\dot{y} = Ay.$$

Can you choose  $\Psi \in C^0$ ?

**Problem 3:** [Shoshitaishvili theorem with parameters]

Use the Shoshitaishvili theorem quoted above to prove the following Shoshitaishvili theorem with parameters:

For  $x \in X = \mathbb{R}^N$ , and parameters  $\lambda \in \Lambda = \mathbb{R}^k$ , and  $f \in C^1(\Lambda \times X, X)$ , consider the ODE

$$\dot{x} = f(\lambda, x).$$

Here  $f(0, 0) = 0$  and  $A := D_x f(0, 0)$ . Then, for  $|\lambda|$  small enough, there exists a family of  $\lambda$ -dependent local homeomorphisms  $\Psi(\lambda, \cdot)$  near  $x = 0$ , such that  $y := \Psi(\lambda, x)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y}^c &= h(\lambda, y^c), \\ \dot{y}^h &= A^h y^h.\end{aligned}$$

Can you choose  $\Psi \in C^0$ ?

**Problem 4:** Consider the Arnol'd cat map  $A : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$  given by the  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ -matrix

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) Show that  $A$  maps the lattice  $\{(p/n, q/n) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Z}\}/\mathbb{Z}^2 \subset \mathbb{T}^2$  to itself, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (ii) Show that the periodic points of the cat map are a dense subset of  $\mathbb{T}^2$ .
- (iii) Show that the (global) unstable manifold  $W^u(0)$  of 0 is dense in  $\mathbb{T}^2$ .
- (iv) Show that the homoclinic points to 0 are dense.

[Extra credit] Are these statements also true for any hyperbolic matrix  $A \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , i.e. for  $1 \notin |\text{spec } A|$ ?