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Solution Set
Final Math 266A
Fall 2006

1. (a)

$$u = -2d \left((x-x_1)^{-1} + (x-x_2)^{-1} \right)$$

$$u_x = -2d \left(x_1 (x-x_1)^{-2} + x_2 (x-x_2)^{-2} \right)$$

$$u_{xx} = 2d \left((x-x_1)^{-2} + (x-x_2)^{-2} \right)$$

$$u_{xxx} = -4d \left((x-x_1)^{-3} + (x-x_2)^{-3} \right)$$

$$u u_x = -4d^2 \left((x-x_1)^{-3} + (x-x_2)^{-3} + (x-x_1)^{-1} (x-x_2)^{-2} + (x-x_1)^{-2} (x-x_2)^{-1} \right)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (x-x_1)^{-1} (x-x_2)^{-2} &= \frac{a}{(x-x_1)} + \frac{b}{(x-x_2)} + \frac{c}{(x-x_2)^2} \\ &= (x-x_1)^{-1} (x-x_2)^{-2} \left\{ a(x-x_2)^2 + b(x-x_1)(x-x_2) + c(x-x_1) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = a(x-x_2)^2 + b(x-x_1)(x-x_2) + c(x-x_1)$$

$$= (a+b)x^2 + (-2ax_2 - b(x_1+x_2) + c)x + (ax_2^2 + bx_1x_2 - cx_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b=0 \Rightarrow b=-a$$

$$c = 2ax_2 + b(x_1+x_2) = 2ax_2 - a(x_1+x_2) = a(x_2-x_1)$$

$$ax_2^2 + bx_1x_2 - cx_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = ax_2^2 - ax_1x_2 - a(x_2-x_1)x_1 = ax_2(x_2-x_1) - a(x_2-x_1)x_1$$

$$= a(x_2-x_1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = x_{12}^{-2} \quad b = -x_{12}^{-2} \quad c = -x_{12}^{-1}$$

$$x_{12} = (x_1 - x_2)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} u u_x &= -4d^2 \left\{ (x-x_1)^{-3} + (x-x_2)^{-3} + \left(x_{12}^{-2} (x-x_1)^{-1} - x_{12}^{-2} (x-x_2)^{-1} - x_{12}^{-1} (x-x_2)^{-2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(x_{21}^{-2} (x-x_2)^{-1} - x_{21}^{-2} (x-x_1)^{-1} - x_{21}^{-1} (x-x_1)^{-2} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Since $x_{21} = -x_{12}$

$$u u_x = -4\alpha^2 \left\{ (x-x_1)^{-3} + (x-x_2)^{-3} + x_{12}^{-1} (x-x_1)^{-2} - x_{12}^{-1} (x-x_2)^{-2} \right\}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + u u_x - \alpha u_{xx} &= -2\alpha \left\{ \dot{x}_1 (x-x_1)^{-2} + \dot{x}_2 (x-x_2)^{-2} \right\} \\ &\quad - 4\alpha^2 \left\{ (x-x_1)^{-3} + (x-x_2)^{-3} + x_{12}^{-1} (x-x_1)^{-2} - x_{12}^{-1} (x-x_2)^{-2} \right\} \\ &\quad + 4\alpha^2 \left\{ (x-x_1)^{-3} + (x-x_2)^{-3} \right\} \\ &= (x-x_1)^{-2} \left(-2\alpha \dot{x}_1 - 4\alpha^2 x_{12}^{-1} \right) \\ &\quad + (x-x_2)^{-2} \left(-2\alpha \dot{x}_2 + 4\alpha^2 x_{12}^{-1} \right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

if

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -2\alpha x_{12}^{-1} = -2\alpha (x_1 - x_2)^{-1} \\ \dot{x}_2 &= 2\alpha x_{12}^{-1} = -2\alpha (x_2 - x_1)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

(b) A similar calculation shows that

$$\dot{x}_k = -2\alpha \sum_{l \neq k} (x_k - x_l)^{-1}$$

2. (a) $Lu = 0$ has solution $e^{\lambda x}$ with $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$. Since this has a double root $\lambda = 1$, the second solution is $x e^x$.

$$u = a e^x + b x e^x$$

~~North's is a function is~~

The solutions $\varphi_1(x) = e^x(1-x)$

$$\varphi_{1,x} = (1-x-1)e^x = -x e^x$$

$$\varphi_2(x) = x e^x$$

$$\varphi_{2,x} = (1+x)e^x$$

hence

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1(0) & \varphi_{1,x}(0) \\ \varphi_2(0) & \varphi_{2,x}(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1(x) & \varphi_{1,x}(x) \\ \varphi_2(x) & \varphi_{2,x}(x) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} e^x(1-x) & -x e^x \\ x e^x & (1+x)e^x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-x^2+x^2)e^{2x} = e^{2x}$$

$$K(x,y) = \begin{cases} e^{-2y} (e^x(1-y)x e^x - y e^y e^x(1-x)) & \text{if } y < x \\ 0 & \text{if } x < y \end{cases}$$

$$G(x,y) = K(x,y) + \alpha(y)\varphi_1(x) + \beta(y)\varphi_2(x)$$

with

$$\alpha(y) = K(0,y) = 0$$

$$\beta(y) = -(K(1,y) + \varphi_1(1)\alpha(1)) / \varphi_2(1)$$

$$= -\varphi_1(1)\alpha(1) / \varphi_2(1)$$

$$= -e^{-2y} (e^y(1-y)e^1 + 0) / e^1 = -e^{-y}(1-y)$$

$$G(x,y) = \begin{cases} -y e^{-y} e^x(1-x) & y < x \\ -e^{-y}(1-y)x e^x & x < y \end{cases}$$

Check $G_{xx} - 2G_x + 1 = 0$ for $x \neq y$ since G is a linear combination of $(1-x)e^x$ and xe^x . ✓

$$G(x=y+, y) = G(x=y-, y) = -x(1-x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$G(0, y) = G(1, y) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$G_x(x=y+, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-y e^{-y} e^x (1-x)) \Big|_y = -y e^{-y} (e^x (1-x) - 1) \\ = -y^2.$$

$$G_x(x=y-, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-e^{-y} (1-y) x e^x) \Big|_y = -(1-y) e^{-y} (e^x (1+x)) \\ = -(1-y^2)$$

$$[G_x] = y^2 - (-(1-y^2)) = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(b) \quad Lu = \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} - 2 \frac{du}{dx} + u = e^{2x} (e^{-2x} u_x)_x + u$$

$$\text{Set } v = e^{-2x}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 u(Lv) e^{-2x} dx &= \int_0^1 u e^{2x} (e^{-2x} u_x)_x e^{-2x} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 u (e^{-2x} v_x)_x dx \\ &= \int_0^1 -u_x e^{-2x} v_x dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (u_x e^{-2x})_x v dx \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{-2x} (Lu) v dx \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. (a) \int v L u dx &= \int v (u_{xx} - a e^{-x^2} u) dx \\
 &= \int -v_x u_x - a e^{-x^2} u v dx \\
 &= \int v_{xx} u - a e^{-x^2} u v dx \\
 &= \int (L v) u dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad L \varphi_k = \lambda_k \varphi_k &\Rightarrow \lambda_k \int \varphi_k^2 dx = \int \varphi_k (\varphi_{kxx} - a e^{-x^2} \varphi_k) dx \\
 &= \int -\varphi_{kx}^2 - a e^{-x^2} \varphi_k^2 dx \\
 &< 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \lambda_k < 0$$

$$(c) \quad \lambda_1(a) = \inf_{\|u\|=1} (u, Lu) = \inf_{\|u\|=1} \int u L u dx$$

$$\text{Now } \int u L u dx = \int -u_x^2 - a e^{-x^2} u^2 dx$$

This is a decreasing function of a , i.e. if $a_1 < a_2$

$$\int u L_2 u dx < \int u L_1 u dx \quad \text{for } L_2 = L(a_2)$$

Thus

$$\inf_{\|u\|=1} \int u L_2 u dx < \inf_{\|u\|=1} \int u L_1 u dx$$

$$\lambda_1(a_2) < \lambda_1(a_1)$$

4. Fixed points are $\dot{\theta} = 0$, $\sin \theta = 0$, i.e. $\bar{\theta} = 0, \pi$ (plus multiples of 2π). The type is determined by the linearized eqn

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\theta}' \\ \dot{\theta}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos \bar{\theta} & -b \end{pmatrix}$$

The λ -values are $\lambda(\lambda + b) + \cos \bar{\theta} = 0$

$$\lambda^2 + b\lambda + \cos \bar{\theta} = 0$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4\cos \bar{\theta}})$$

For $\bar{\theta} = \pi$, $\cos \bar{\theta} = -1$, then $\sqrt{b^2 - 4\cos \bar{\theta}} = \sqrt{b^2 + 4} > b$ so that $\lambda_+ > 0 > \lambda_-$. This is a saddle for all b

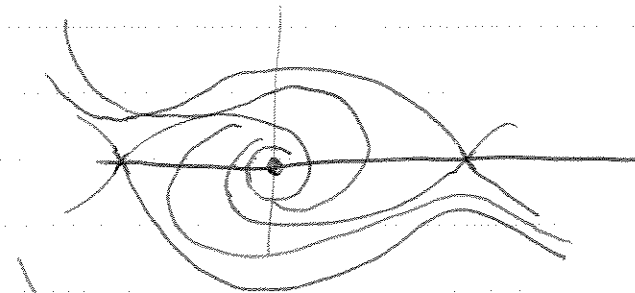
For $\bar{\theta} = 0$, $\cos \bar{\theta} = 1$, then $\sqrt{b^2 - 4\cos \bar{\theta}} = \sqrt{b^2 - 4}$

$$b < 2, \quad \sqrt{b^2 - 4} = i\sqrt{4 - b^2}$$

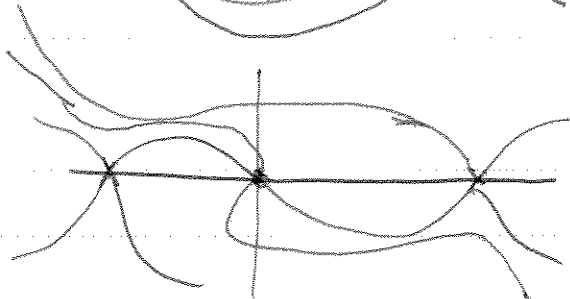
$$\operatorname{Re} \lambda = -\frac{1}{2}b, \quad \operatorname{Im} \lambda = \pm \sqrt{4 - b^2}$$

This is a stable spiral

$b > 2$, $0 < \sqrt{b^2 - 4} < b$, $\lambda < 0$. This is a stable node



$b < 2$



$b > 2$

5. (a) Fixed point...

$$y = x = b^{-1} \frac{x}{1+x}$$

$$1 = b^{-1}(1+x)^{-1} \\ x=0 \text{ or } x = b^{-1} - 1$$

Two solutions

$$(i) (x_1, y_1) = (0, 0)$$

$$(ii) (x_2, y_2) = (b^{-1} - 1, b^{-1} - 1)$$

Bifurcation at $b=1$ where these two are equal

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{1+x} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x} \right) \\ = (1+x)^{-2}$$

$$(i) \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e\text{-values } \lambda_{\pm} = (\lambda+1)(\lambda+b) - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + (1+b)\lambda + (b-1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} (-(1+b) \pm \sqrt{(1+b)^2 - 4(b-1)})$$

$$\text{For } 0 < b < 1,$$

$$\lambda_- < 0 < \lambda_+$$

$$b > 1$$

$$\lambda_+ < \lambda_- < 0$$

$$(ii) \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ (1+x)^{-2} & -b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ b^2 & -b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e\text{-values } \lambda_{\pm} = \lambda^2 + (1+b)\lambda + (1+b^2) = 0$$

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} (-(1+b) \pm \sqrt{(1+b)^2 + 4(b-b^2)})$$

$$\text{For } 0 < b < 1,$$

$$\lambda_- < \lambda_+ < 0$$

$$b > 1,$$

$$\lambda_- < 0 < \lambda_+$$

Transcritical Bifurcation.

$$\dot{x} = y + \mu x$$

$$\dot{y} = -x + \mu y - x^2 y$$

(b) Critical points

$$y = -\mu x$$

$$0 = -x - \mu^2 x + \mu x^3 \Rightarrow$$

$$x=0 \text{ or}$$

$$\mu(1 - \mu^2) + \mu x^2 = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1 - \mu^2}{\mu}$$

$x=y=0$ is a fixed pt

No other fixed points near $x=y=0$ for $\mu \approx 0$.

Polar coordinates $(x, y) = r(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$

With some work, one finds

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} r^2 \right) = 2\mu r^2 - r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \theta = -1 - r^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

For $\mu < 0$, r^2 is strictly decreasing \Rightarrow

$(0,0)$ is a stable spiral

For $\mu > 0$, r^2 dominates $r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta$ for $r \ll 1 \Rightarrow r^2$ increasing near $r=0$

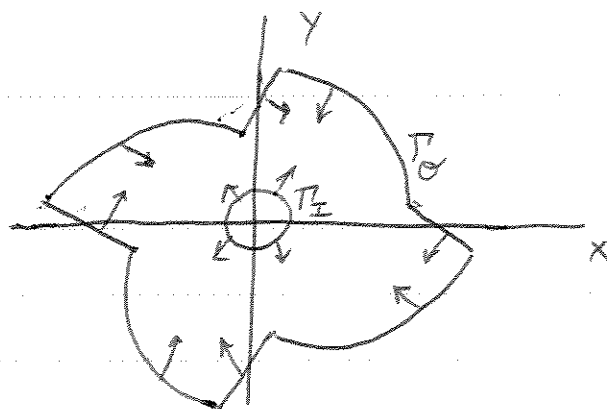
$\Rightarrow (0,0)$ is an unstable spiral

Periodic orbits

For $r^2 \gg 2\mu$, r^2 is decreasing except for a small interval of θ near $0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

Also θ is strictly decreasing

One can thus see that flow is incoming at the following body



For $0 < \mu < 1$.

On P_I , flow is incoming, since $(0,0)$ is an unstable node.

On P_0 , flow is incoming on straight segments since $\dot{\theta} < 0$.
flow is incoming on nearly circular arcs, because they avoid intervals around $0, \pi/2, \pi, 3\pi/2$.

For $\mu < 1$, the outer boundary P_0 can be very small.

So there is a periodic orbit by Poincaré-Bendixon and it goes to $(0,0)$ as $\mu \rightarrow 0+$.