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**MIDTERM EXAM  
Math 119A  
Temple-Winter 2012**

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- Show all of your work, and justify your answers for full credit.

**SCORES**

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**TOTAL:**

1. (16 pts) Use separation of variables to derive exact formulas for the solutions of the following fundamental initial value problems:

(a)  $\dot{x} = kx, x(t_0) = x_0 > 0.$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx \Rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x} = \int k dt \Rightarrow \ln|x| = kt + C$$

$$\Rightarrow x = c e^{kt} \text{ then } x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = c e^{kt_0} \Rightarrow c = \frac{x_0}{e^{kt_0}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{x_0}{e^{kt_0}} e^{kt} = x_0 e^{kt - kt_0} = x_0 e^{k(t-t_0)}$$

-2 for  $t_0 = 0$

Max -3 if do it twice

(b)  $\dot{x} = x^2, x(t_0) = x_0 > 0.$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 \Rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x^2} = \int dt \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{x} = t + C$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{t+C} \text{ then } x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = -\frac{1}{t_0+C} \Rightarrow t_0 + C = -\frac{1}{x_0}$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{x_0} - t_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-1}{t - \frac{1}{x_0} - t_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{t_0 + \frac{1}{x_0} - t}$$

2. (15 pts) Consider the ivp for the harmonic oscillator,

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} + kx &= 0 & (1) \\ x(0) = a, \quad \dot{x}(0) = b. \end{aligned}$$

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(a) Write the general solution: (you need not derive it).

*Full points.*  $\rightarrow x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t) \Rightarrow a = c_1$

$x'(t) = -c_1 \omega \sin(\omega t) + c_2 \omega \cos(\omega t) \Rightarrow b = c_2 \omega \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{b}{\omega}$

$x''(t) = -c_1 \omega^2 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \omega^2 \sin(\omega t)$

$\Rightarrow -c_1 \omega^2 \cos(\omega t) - c_2 \omega^2 \sin(\omega t) + kc_1 \cos(\omega t) + kc_2 \sin(\omega t) = 0$

$\Rightarrow k = \omega^2 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm \sqrt{k}$

$\Rightarrow x(t) = a \cos(\sqrt{k}t) + \frac{b}{\sqrt{k}} \sin(\sqrt{k}t)$

*This is extra*

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(b) Write (1) as a  $2 \times 2$  first order system in matrix form.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = v \\ \dot{v} = \ddot{x} = -kx \\ x(0) = a \\ \dot{x}(0) = b \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \frac{dv}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

\* note that it just silly to introduce a new variable  $x_1 = x$  ... that accomplishes nothing.

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(c) Circle all correct answers: Equation (1) is  
linear / homogeneous / autonomous / constant-coefficient

3. (18 pts) Recall the local existence theorem:

**Theorem 1** The (scalar) ivp  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$  has a unique solution  $x(t)$  defined for all  $t \in (t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon)$  so long as  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous in a neighborhood of  $x_0$ .

**Definition 1**  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous in a neighborhood of  $x_0$  if there exists constants  $\delta, K$  such that  $|f(x_2) - f(x_1)| \leq K|x_2 - x_1|$  for all  $x_1, x_2$  within a distance  $\delta$  of  $x_0$ , (i.e.,  $|x_i - x_0| < \delta$ ).

(9)

(a) Use  $\dot{x} = x^2$ ,  $x(0) = x_0 > 0$  to show  $\epsilon$  can depend on  $x_0$ .

This has no bearing on the argument:

$$\text{optional} \rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| = |x^2 - y^2| \leq |x+y||x-y| = k|x-y|, k = |x+y|$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is Lipschitz for every pair  $x, y < \infty$ , but  $k = k(x, y)$ .

From (b)  $\dot{x} = x^2$ ,  $x(0) = x_0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{x} = t + c \Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{x_0}$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = -\frac{1}{t - \frac{1}{x_0}}$$

If  $t = \frac{1}{x_0}$  then  $x(t)$  I.N.E.

since  $x(t)$  only exists until  $t = \frac{1}{x_0}$ ,  $x(t)$  is only guaranteed to exist for:

$$\epsilon \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) = \left(-\frac{1}{x_0}, \frac{1}{x_0}\right)$$

e.g.  $\varepsilon = f(x_0)$ .

Check for  
full points -

Note:  $f$  is Lipschitz for any  $\delta < 0$ , so this says nothing about  $\varepsilon = f(x_0)$ !

(9)

- (b) Use  $\dot{x} = x^{1/2}$ ,  $x(0) = 0$  to show that continuity of  $f$  alone is not enough to imply uniqueness of solutions.

$$(1) \int_0^x \frac{dx}{x^{1/2}} = \int_0^t dt \Rightarrow 2x^{1/2} \Big|_0^x = t \Rightarrow 2x^{1/2} = t \Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^2$$

$$(2) x(t) = 0 \text{ is also a solution}$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is continuous for all  $x > 0$ , but there is not  
a unique solution to the IUP.

\* Showing not Lipschitz or explaining what more  
is needed is extra.

\* Also showing continuity  $\not\Rightarrow$  Lipschitz  
is largely irrelevant.

4. (20 pts) (a) Draw the phase portrait for the ode

$$\dot{x} = f(x) = 2(x+3)(x+1)x(2x-1)(x-1)(x-2)$$

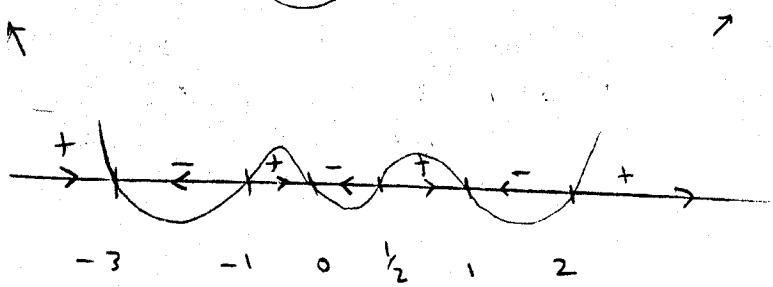
(10)

on the  $x$ -axis along with the graph of  $f$ .

$$+x^6$$

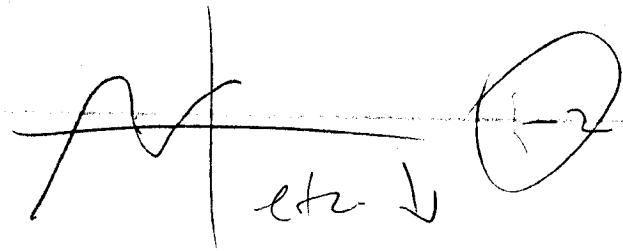
$$x = -3, -1, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2 \Rightarrow 6 \text{ roots}$$

$\Rightarrow$



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get it backwards:



(10)

- (b) Use the approximation  $f(x) \approx f(1) + f'(1)(x-1)$  for  $x$  near  $x = 1$  to approximate solutions of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  near  $x = 1$ , and deduce the stability/instability of the rest point.

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \approx f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) \text{ sufficiently close to } x=1.$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x) - f(1)| \leq |f'(1)| |x-1|$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\xi}_{\text{error}} \approx f'(1) \xi \quad \text{where } \xi = (x-1) \text{ is a perturbation about } x=1.$$

Stable if  $f'(1) < 0$  b/c  $\xi \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

u.s. if  $f'(1) > 0$  b/c  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$  " "

Now in this ex.

$$f'(1) = (x-1)' \Big|_{x=1} [2(x+3)(x+1) \times (2x-1)(x-2)] \Big|_{x=1}$$

$$= x \cdot 2(x+3)(x+1) \times (2x-1)(x-2) \Big|_{x=1}$$

$$= 2(4)(2)(1)(1)(-1)$$

$$= -16$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(1) < 0 \Rightarrow \xi = x_0 e^{-16t} \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$$

other terms will all be zero

Using LSA = +5

Explaining it = +5

using  $f(x) \approx f(1)(x-1)$   
in almost any way...

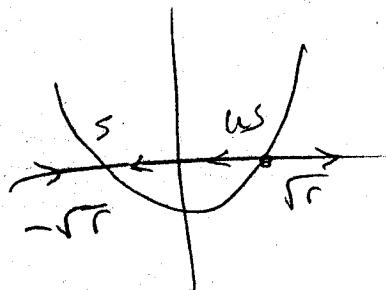
Big idea.

5. (16 pts) Draw the phase portrait for each  $r = \text{constant}$  and construct the bifurcation diagram for each of the following ODE's. Justify and label (saddle-node, transcritical, pitch-fork).

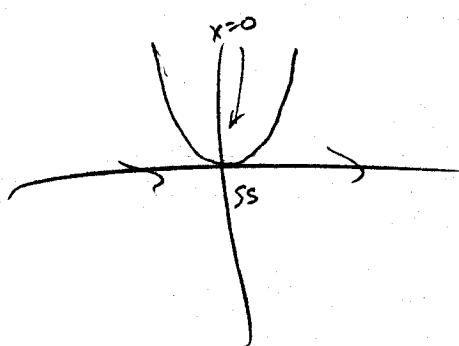
(a)

$$(a) \dot{x} = r + x^2$$

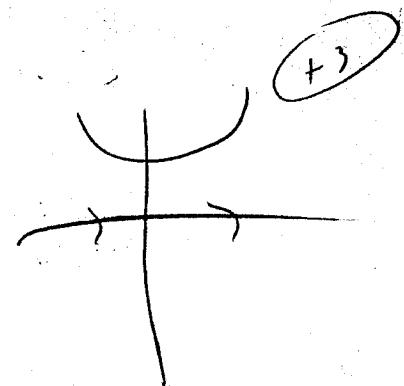
$$\begin{aligned} r + x^2 &= 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = -r \\ &\Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{-r} \end{aligned}$$



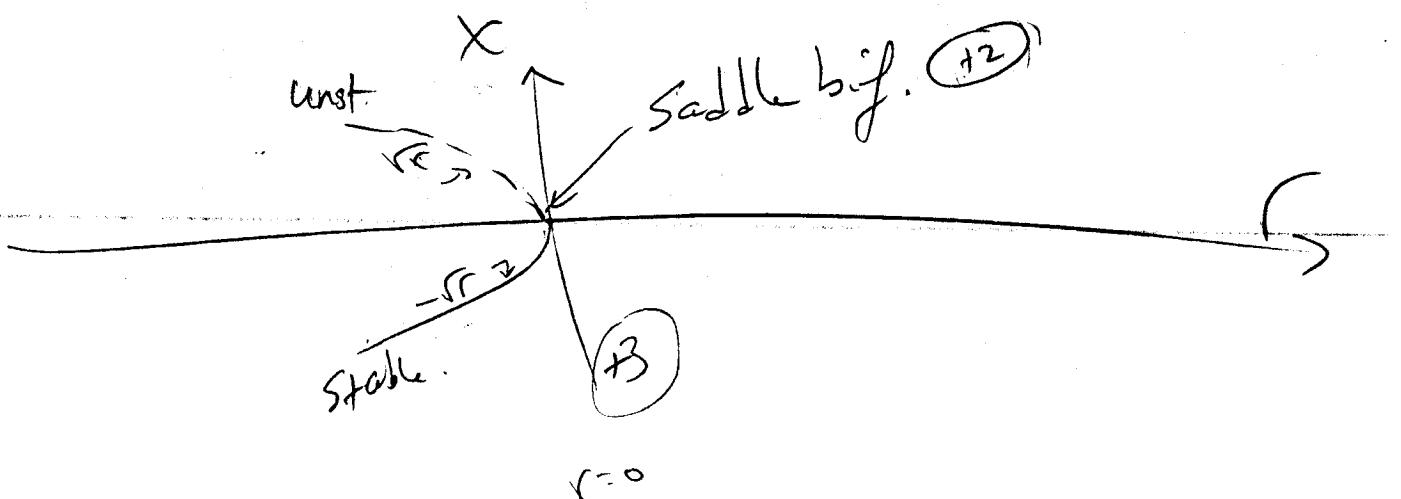
$$r < 0$$



$$r = 0$$



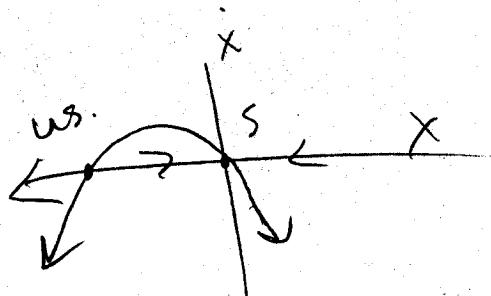
$$r > 0$$



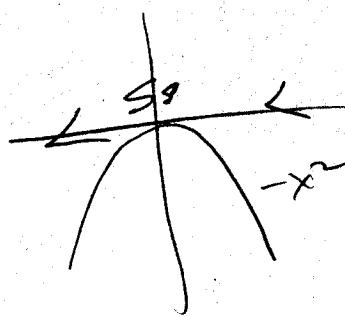
$$(b) \dot{x} = rx - x^2$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow rx-x^2=0 \Rightarrow x(r-x)=0$$

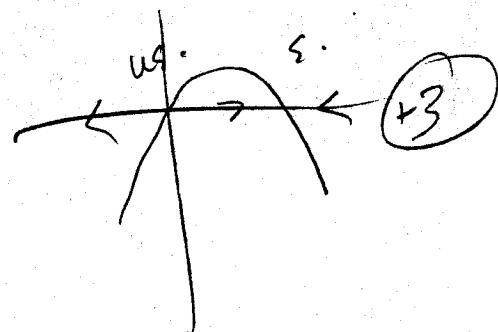
$$x=0 \text{ or } x=r$$



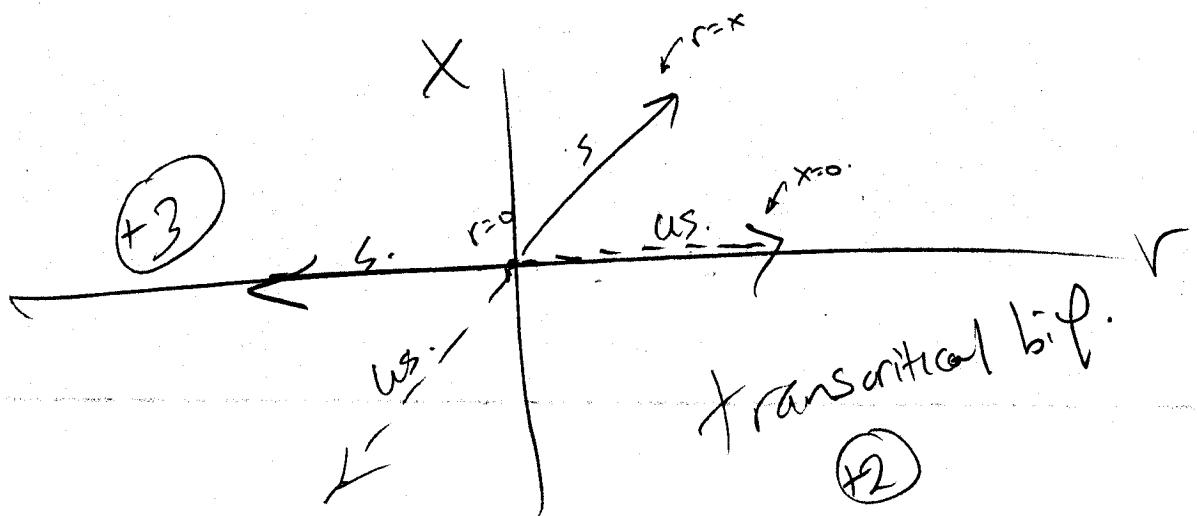
$$r < 0$$



$$r = 0$$



$$r > 0$$



\*  $\gamma \geq 0$  is o.k.

"physical solution"

6. (15 pts) Draw the phase portrait for each  $\gamma = \text{constant}$  and construct the bifurcation diagram for the equation

$$\dot{\phi} = -\sin \phi + \gamma \sin \phi \cos \phi,$$

(the overdamped bead on a rotating hoop.)

$$0 = -\sin \phi + \gamma \sin \phi \cos \phi$$

$$= \sin \phi (\gamma \cos \phi - 1) \quad \text{take } \phi \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \phi = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \phi = \frac{1}{\gamma}$$

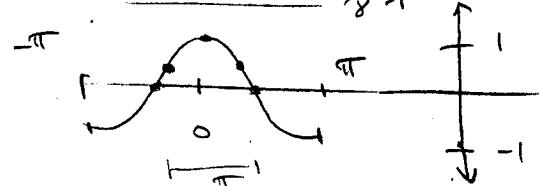
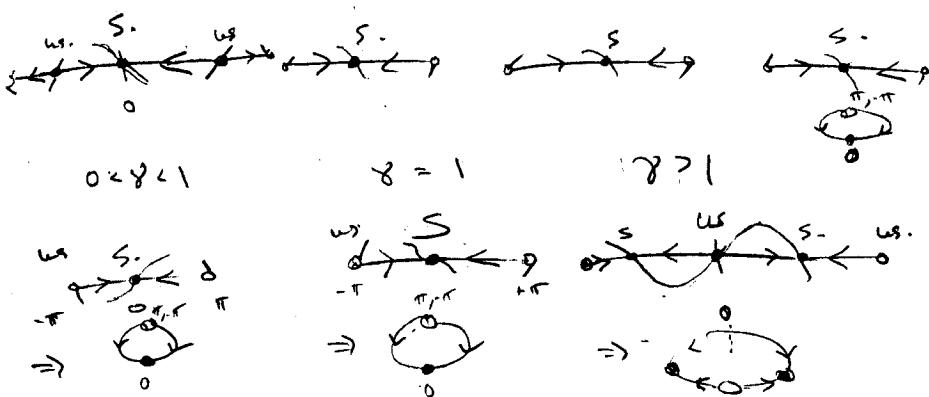
$$\phi = 0, \pm \pi \quad \text{trans point.} \Rightarrow |\gamma| < 1 + \text{none}$$

$$\gamma < -1 \quad \gamma = -1 \quad -1 < \gamma < 0 \quad \gamma = 0$$

$$|\gamma| = 1 + 1 \text{ fp.}$$

$$|\gamma| > 1 + 2 \text{ fp.}$$

$$|\gamma| > 1$$



$\phi$  vs.  $\gamma$ : atypical pitchfork bif. vs. supercritical pitchfork (not required)

