

# Math 142-2, Final

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## Instructions

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## Problem 1

A fictitious organism happens to come in three types (similar to how many animals come in male and female), which we can label  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ . These organisms have very peculiar reproduction habits.

- Type  $A$  and type  $B$  can together reproduce to form type  $C$ .
- Type  $B$  and type  $C$  can together reproduce to form type  $A$ .
- Type  $C$  and type  $A$  can together reproduce to form type  $B$ .
- Two members of the same type reproduce to form offspring of the same type.
- These organisms are unaware that they come in three types, as all members look and behave alike.
- The organisms adjust their birth rates so as to maintain a constant total population  $T$ .

All types have the same death rates. Devise a model that describes the populations  $A(t)$ ,  $B(t)$ , and  $C(t)$  and is consistent with the above observations. (5 points)

Let  $r$  be a factor by which the overall reproduction is reduced to maintain the population. Let  $s$  be the

death rate.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dA}{dt} &= 2rBC + rA^2 - sA \\ \frac{dB}{dt} &= 2rCA + rB^2 - sB \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= 2rAB + rC^2 - sC \\ 0 &= \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{dB}{dt} + \frac{dC}{dt} \\ &= r(A^2 + B^2 + C^2 + 2AB + 2CA + 2BC) - s(A + B + C) \\ &= r(A + B + C)^2 - s(A + B + C) \\ &= rT^2 - sT \\ r &= \frac{s}{T} \\ r &= \frac{s}{A + B + C} \\ \frac{dA}{dt} &= s \left( \frac{2BC + A^2}{A + B + C} - A \right) \\ \frac{dB}{dt} &= s \left( \frac{2CA + B^2}{A + B + C} - B \right) \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= s \left( \frac{2AB + C^2}{A + B + C} - C \right)\end{aligned}$$

## Problem 2

Assume that  $u = u_{\max}(1 - \rho/\rho_{\max})$ .

(a) Show that if  $\rho(x, 0) = \rho_{\max} - \rho(a - x, 0)$  then  $\rho(x, t) = \rho_{\max} - \rho(a - x, t)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . (5 points)

Let  $\hat{\rho}(x, t) = \rho_{\max} - \rho(a - x, t)$  and  $y = a - x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{\rho}(x, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho_{\max} - \rho(a - x, t)) \\
 &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho(a - x, t) \\
 &= -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(y, t) \\
 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{\rho}(x, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho_{\max} - \rho(a - x, t)) \\
 &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \rho(a - x, t) \\
 &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}(y, t) \\
 \frac{dq}{d\rho}(\hat{\rho}(x, t)) &= u_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{2\hat{\rho}(x, t)}{\rho_{\max}} \right) \\
 &= u_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{2(\rho_{\max} - \rho(a - x, t))}{\rho_{\max}} \right) \\
 &= -u_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{\rho(a - x, t)}{\rho_{\max}} \right) \\
 &= -\frac{dq}{d\rho}(\hat{\rho}(y, t)) \\
 \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} + \frac{dq}{d\rho}(\hat{\rho}) \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial x} &= -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(y, t) - \frac{dq}{d\rho}(\rho(y, t)) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}(y, t) \\
 &= -\left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}(y, t) + \frac{dq}{d\rho}(\rho(y, t)) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}(y, t) \right) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $\rho(x, t)$  is a solution to the differential equation with initial data  $\rho(x, 0)$ , then  $\hat{\rho}(x, t) = \rho_{\max} - \rho(a - x, t)$  is a solution to the same differential equation with initial data  $\hat{\rho}(x, 0)$ . Since  $\rho(x, 0) = \hat{\rho}(x, 0)$ , the solutions must be the same. Thus  $\rho(x, t) = \rho_{\max} - \rho(a - x, t)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

**(b) Let  $\rho(x, 0) = \frac{\rho_{\max}}{2}(1 + \sin(x))$  for the remaining parts of this problem. At  $t = 0$ , where will the cars move slowest? (5 points)**

The car velocity  $u$  is minimized at  $\rho = \rho_{\max}$ , where they are stopped. This occurs at  $x = (2n + \frac{1}{2})\pi$ .

**(c) At  $t = 0$ , where do the traffic waves move slowest? (5 points)**

Traffic waves move slowest when  $0 = q'(\rho) = u_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{2\rho}{\rho_{\max}} \right)$ , or  $\rho = \frac{\rho_{\max}}{2}$ . This occurs at  $x = n\pi$ .

**(d) When will the first shocks form? (5 points)**

The first shock forms at

$$T = \min_x \frac{\rho_{\max}}{2u_{\max} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}(x, 0)} = \frac{\rho_{\max}}{2u_{\max} \max_x \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}(x, 0)} = \frac{1}{u_{\max}}.$$

**(e) Where will the first shocks form? (5 points)**

The first shocks will form from the characteristics that start where  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}(x, 0)$  is maximized, which occurs at  $x_0 = 2n\pi$ . Since  $\rho_0 = \rho(x_0, 0) = \frac{\rho_{\max}}{2}$ , these characteristics move with velocity  $q'(\rho_0) = 0$ . Since the characteristics corresponding to the first shocks do not move, the shocks will form at  $x = 2n\pi$ . Note that the answer to (d) is not needed to answer this question.

**(f) With what velocity will those shocks move? (5 points)**

The shocks are stationary. The symmetry from (a) ensures this.

An alternative strategy is to note that the characteristics from  $x_0$  and  $-x_0$  reach the origin at the same time and represent different densities but the same flux.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dq}{d\rho} &= u_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{2\rho}{\rho_m a x} \right) \\ \frac{dq}{d\rho}(\rho(x_0, 0)) &= u_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{2 \frac{\rho_{\max}}{2} (1 + \sin(x_0))}{\rho_m a x} \right) \\ &= u_{\max} (1 - (1 + \sin(x_0))) \\ &= -u_{\max} \sin(x_0) \\ z(t) &= -u_{\max} \sin(x_0)t + x_0 \end{aligned}$$

We are interested in  $z(t) = 0$ , and we note that if  $z(t) = 0$  for some  $x_0$  and  $t$ , then would also be zero with  $-x_0$  and  $t$ . These are the two characteristics that will meet at the shock that formed at  $x = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} q &= u_{\max} \rho \left( 1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_m a x} \right) \\ q(\rho(x_0, 0)) &= u_{\max} \frac{\rho_{\max}}{2} (1 + \sin(x_0)) \left( 1 - \frac{\frac{\rho_{\max}}{2} (1 + \sin(x_0))}{\rho_m a x} \right) \\ &= \frac{\rho_{\max} u_{\max}}{2} (1 + \sin(x_0)) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sin(x_0)) \right) \\ &= \frac{\rho_{\max} u_{\max}}{4} (1 + \sin(x_0)) (2 - (1 + \sin(x_0))) \\ &= \frac{\rho_{\max} u_{\max}}{4} (1 + \sin(x_0)) (1 - \sin(x_0)) \end{aligned}$$

Then, we see that  $q(\rho(x_0, 0)) = q(\rho(-x_0, 0))$  but  $\rho(x_0, 0) \neq \rho(-x_0, 0)$ . Finally

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{q_+ - q_-}{\rho_+ - \rho_-} = \frac{q(\rho(x_0, 0)) - q(\rho(-x_0, 0))}{\rho(x_0, 0) - \rho(-x_0, 0)} = 0.$$

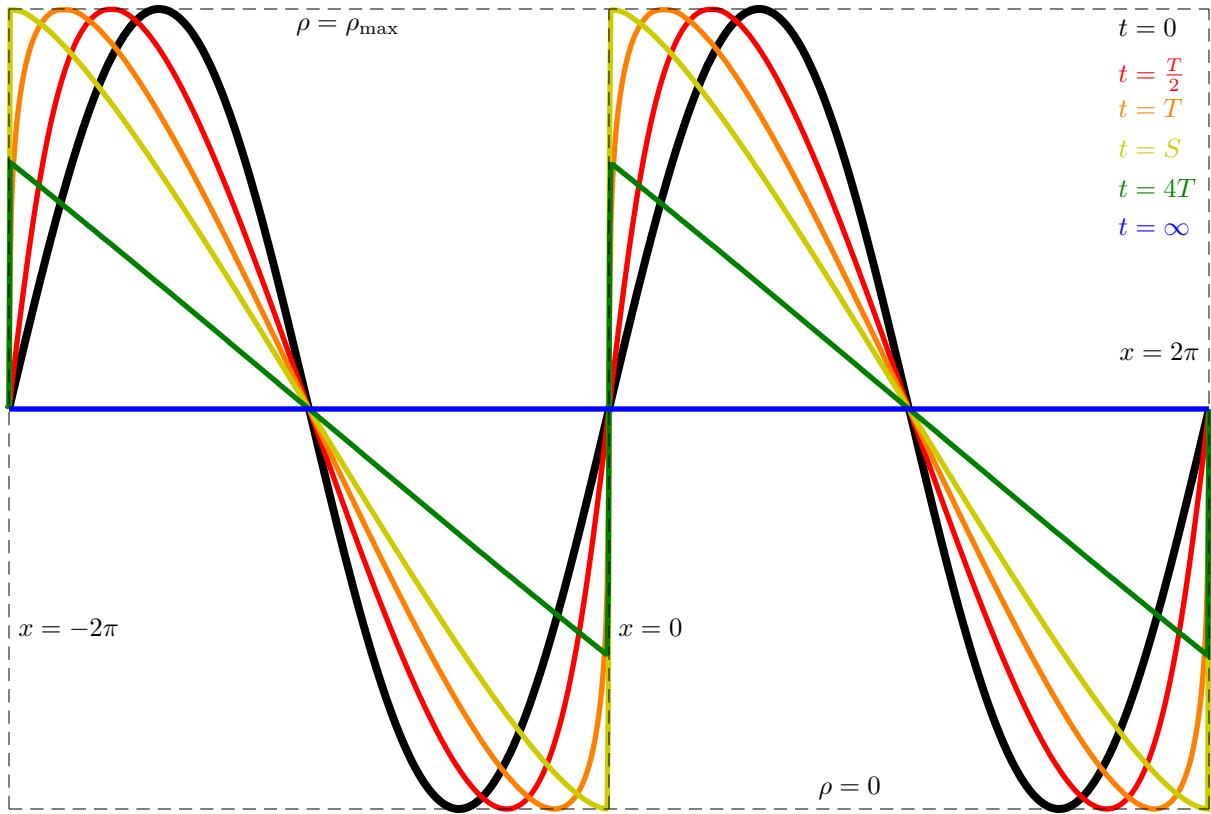
Note that if you guessed that (e) was 0, for example by a symmetry argument, then  $0 = -u_{\max} \sin(x_0)t + x_0$  yields the answer to (d) directly:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= -u_{\max} \sin(x_0)t + x_0 \\
 u_{\max} \sin(x_0)t &= x_0 \\
 t &= \frac{x_0}{u_{\max} \sin(x_0)} \\
 0 &= \frac{dt}{dx_0} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{dx_0}{dx_0}(u_{\max} \sin(x_0)) - x_0 \frac{d}{dx_0}(u_{\max} \sin(x_0))}{(u_{\max} \sin(x_0))^2} \\
 &= \frac{u_{\max} \sin(x_0) - x_0 u_{\max} \cos(x_0)}{(u_{\max} \sin(x_0))^2} \\
 0 &= \sin(x_0) - x_0 \cos(x_0) \\
 x_0 &= \tan(x_0) \\
 x_0 &= 0 \\
 t &= \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{x_0}{u_{\max} \sin(x_0)} \\
 \frac{1}{t} &= u_{\max} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x_0)}{x_0} \\
 &= u_{\max} \\
 t &= \frac{1}{u_{\max}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(g) For how long  $S$  will there be stopped cars? (5 points)

Consider the stopped cars at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (the situation is periodic, so all of places with stopped cars will behave the same). The characteristic velocity here is  $-u_{\max}$ , so the stopped cars will be at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} - u_{\max}t$  until these cars reach the shock at  $x = 0$ . This occurs at time  $t = \frac{\pi}{2u_{\max}}$ . At this point, these characteristics are swallowed by the shock, and there are no longer stopped cars.

(h) If  $T$  is the time at which the first shock forms, sketch the traffic density for  $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$  at  $t = 0$ ,  $t = \frac{T}{2}$ ,  $t = T$ ,  $t = S$ ,  $t = 4T$ , and  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Do not attempt to solve the PDE analytically. (5 points)



### Problem 3

The PDE  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$  is called the inviscid Burgers' equation. Because of its very simple and relatively intuitive behavior, it is classically studied as a way of understanding how PDEs behave, studying shocks and rarefactions, and testing numerical methods.

(a) Write this PDE in conservation form  $U_t + F_x = 0$ . What is the flux? What is the conserved quantity? (5 points)

Conservation form is  $U_t + F_x = 0$ , so  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{v^2}{2} \right) = 0$  is in conservation form. The flux is  $F = \frac{v^2}{2}$ , and the conserved quantity is  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v dx$ .

(b) What is the local characteristic velocity? (5 points)

The local characteristic velocity is  $v$ . (Compare to the PDE for conservation of cars.) The simplicity of the characteristics is what makes it relatively easy to work with.

(c) If  $v = \rho$ , this PDE can be thought of as the equation for conservation of cars with some traffic following model  $u(\rho)$ . What is this traffic following model  $u(\rho)$ ? Is this model reasonable? (5 points)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} &= 0 \\
\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + q'(\rho) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} &= 0 \\
q'(\rho) &= \rho \\
q(\rho) &= \frac{1}{2} \rho^2 + c_1 \\
u(\rho) &= \frac{\rho}{2} + \frac{c_1}{\rho}
\end{aligned}$$

If  $c_1 \neq 0$ , then  $u(0)$  is unbounded. On the other hand, if  $c_1 = 0$ , then  $u'(\rho) \geq 0$ , which is also objectionable. This model is not reasonable.

(d) Show that the more general transformation  $v = a\rho + b$  allows this PDE to be transformed into the equation for conservation of cars with the traffic following model  $u = u_{\max}(1 - \rho/\rho_{\max})$ ; find  $a$  and  $b$ . In other words, conservation of cars with this simple car following model behaves exactly the same as Burgers' equation; understanding how one evolves immediately provides insight into the behavior of the other. (5 points)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\
&= a \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + a(a\rho + b) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \\
0 &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + (a\rho + b) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \\
0 &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u_{\max} \left( 1 - \frac{2\rho}{\rho_{\max}} \right) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \\
a &= -\frac{2u_{\max}}{\rho_{\max}} \\
b &= u_{\max}
\end{aligned}$$

## Problem 4

For each system below, determine the equilibrium points and classify each as stable, neutrally stable, or unstable. (5 points each)

(a)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -2x$

The system is linear with  $A = (-2)$ , so that  $\lambda = -2$ . The system has an equilibrium at the origin that is stable.

(b)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -2y$        $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2x$

The system is linear with  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $0 = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -2 \\ 2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 4$ , so that  $\lambda = \pm 2i$ . The system has an equilibrium at the origin that is neutrally stable.

$$(c) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = -2z \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = 2y$$

The system is linear with

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 &= \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -\lambda & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\lambda^3 - 8 \\ &= -(\lambda + 2)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 4) \\ \lambda &\in \{-2, 1 \pm i\sqrt{3}\} \end{aligned}$$

Since the complex eigenvalues have positive real part, the system has an equilibrium at the origin that is unstable.

$$(d) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = e^{xy} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x^2 + y^2 - 1$$

$e^{xy} = 0$  is not possible, so there are no equilibria for this system.

$$(e) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = e^{xy} - 1 \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x^2 - y^2 - 1$$

From  $e^{xy} - 1 = 0$ , we must have  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ .  $x^2 - y^2 - 1 = 0$  has no solutions when  $x = 0$ . When  $y = 0$ ,  $x = \pm 1$ . There are two equilibria to consider. Next, let's linearize the system about the point  $x = x_0$ ,  $y = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^{xy} - 1) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(e^{xy} - 1) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2 - y^2 - 1) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 - y^2 - 1) \end{pmatrix}_{x=x_0, y=0} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} ye^{xy} & xe^{xy} \\ 2x & 2y \end{pmatrix}_{x=x_0, y=0} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_0 \\ 2x_0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



The characteristic equation is  $\lambda^2 - 2x_0^2 = 0$ , so that  $\lambda = \pm x_0\sqrt{2}$ . Since  $x_0 = \pm 1$ ,  $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{2}$  for both equilibria, making them both unstable.

## Problem 5

Consider the model (where  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  are any real numbers)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = xy \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 - 1$$

(a) Locate the equilibria and classify each as {stable, neutrally stable, unstable} and {node, saddle point, spiral/loop}. (5 points)

The equilibria are located at  $(0, 1)$  and  $(0, -1)$ . Linearizing about  $(0, y_0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xy) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(xy) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(y^2 - 1) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y^2 - 1) \end{pmatrix}_{x=0, y=y_0} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} y & x \\ 0 & 2y \end{pmatrix}_{x=0, y=y_0} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} y_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2y_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = y_0$  and  $\lambda = 2y_0$ . Thus, the equilibrium  $(0, 1)$ , with  $y_0 = 1$ , is an unstable node, and the equilibrium  $(0, -1)$ , with  $y_0 = -1$ , is a stable node.

(b) Plot the phase plane for this model. Be sure to include the equilibria, isoclines with arrows, and sample trajectories. (5 points)

