

## 2. Interval of existence of maximal solutions

**Exercise 2.1. Proof of the theorem about compact subsets and maximal solutions.**

We fix a compact subset  $A \subset U$ , a solution  $\varphi : (\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  of  $(S)$  and  $t_0 \in (\alpha, \beta)$ . We suppose that

$$\forall t \in (t_0, \beta), (t, \varphi(t)) \in A.$$

1. Prove that  $\beta < +\infty$  and that there exists  $l \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and a sequence  $(t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $(t_0, \beta)^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} t_n = \beta$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(t_n) = l.$$

2. Let  $\tilde{\varphi} : (\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be the map whose restriction to  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is  $\varphi$  and such that  $\tilde{\varphi}(\beta) = l$ . Prove that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is a solution of  $(S)$ .
3. Complete the proof of the theorem.

**Exercise 2.2** What can be said about the interval of existence of maximal solutions of the following differential equations?

$$\begin{aligned} (E_1) \quad & y'(t) = \cos(e^t y(t)) \\ (E_2) \quad & y'(t) = \cos(y(t))t^2 + \arctan(y(t)). \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 2.3** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be a  $C^1$  map. Suppose there exists  $R > 0$  such that, for any point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $\|x\| \geq R$ ,  $f(x)$  vanishes. Prove that any solution of the differential equation  $y' = f(y)$  is bounded. What can be deduced about the interval of definition of maximal solutions?

**Exercise 2.4**

1. Prove that maximal solutions of the following differential equations are defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{cases} x' = xy^2 \\ y' = -yx^2 \end{cases}$$

2. Prove that maximal solutions of the following differential equations are defined on a neighbourhood of  $+\infty$ .

$$\begin{cases} x' = -xy^2 \\ y' = -yx^2 \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 2.5** We denote by  $(S)$  the following differential system

$$\begin{cases} x' = x^3 + y^2x \\ y' = y^3 + yx^2 \end{cases}.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} I &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ t &\mapsto (x(t), y(t)) \end{aligned}$$

be a maximal solution of  $(S)$  and let  $f(t) = x(t)^2 + y(t)^2$ .

1. Find a differential equation  $(E)$  satisfied by  $f$ .
2. What can we deduce about the interval  $I$ ?

**Exercise 2.6. Proof of the linear Gronwall lemma.**

1. Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a differentiable function defined on an open interval  $I$ . Let  $t_0 \in I$ . Assume there exists  $A > 0$  and  $B \geq 0$  such that

$$\forall t \in [t_0, +\infty) \cap I, f'(t) \leq Af(t) + B.$$

Prove that

$$\forall t \in [t_0, +\infty) \cap I, f(t) \leq f(t_0)e^{(t-t_0)A} + \frac{B}{A}(e^{(t-t_0)A} - 1).$$

2. Prove the linear Gronwall lemma in the case where, for any  $t \in [t_0, +\infty) \cap I$ ,  $\|\varphi(t)\| > 0$ . Hint : take  $\psi(t) = \|\varphi(t)\|$  and use the first question.
3. Prove the linear Gronwall lemma in the general case.

**Exercise 2.7** What can be said about the interval of existence of maximal solutions of the following differential systems ?

$$(S_1) \begin{cases} x' = \arctan(y)x + 2y + \cos(t) \\ y' = \sin(y)x \end{cases}$$

$$(S_2) \begin{cases} x' = -3x + 2e^{-x^2}y + \frac{1}{1+y^2} \\ y' = -\cos(ty)x + \frac{y}{1+x+x^2} + \arctan(t) \end{cases} .$$

**Exercise 2.8. Linear differential systems.**

1. Prove that linear differential systems satisfy the hypothesis of the existence and uniqueness theorem.
2. Prove the theorem about the interval of definition of maximal solutions of linear differential systems.

**Exercise 2.9. Continuity with respect to the initial solution** For  $\epsilon > 0$ , let

$$K_\epsilon = \{(t, p) \in [t_-, t_+] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \|p - \varphi_{t_0}^t(x_0)\| \leq \epsilon\}.$$

1. Prove that there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $K_\epsilon \subset U$ .
2. In what follows, we fix  $\epsilon > 0$  such that the above property is satisfied. Prove that there exists  $k > 0$  such that, for any points  $(t, p) \in K_\epsilon$  and  $(t, p') \in K_\epsilon$ ,

$$\|f(t, p) - f(t, p')\| \leq k \|p - p'\|.$$

3. Fix  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\delta e^{k(t_+ - t_-)} < \epsilon$ . Let

$$V = \{y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|y_0 - x_0\| < \delta\}.$$

Prove the theorem of continuity with respect to the initial condition with  $k > 0$  and  $V$  defined as above.

**Exercise 2.10** What can be said about the interval of existence of maximal solutions  $y_{max}$  of the differential equation  $y' = (\cos(ty) + 2)y^2$  which are defined at 0 in terms of  $y_0 = y_{max}(0)$ .

**Exercise 2.11** Let  $U$  be an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a continuous function which is locally lipschitzian with respect to the phase variable. Denote by  $(E)$  the differential equation  $x' = f(t, x)$ . Let  $\varphi : (\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a subsolution of  $(E)$  and  $\rho : (\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a solution of  $(E)$ . Let  $t_0 \in (\alpha, \beta)$ .

1. Suppose that  $\varphi(t_0) \leq \rho(t_0)$  and that, for any  $t \in [t_0, \beta)$ ,  $\varphi'(t) < f(t, \varphi(t))$ . Suppose for a contradiction that there exists  $t_1 > t_0$  such that  $\varphi(t_1) > \rho(t_1)$ . We let

$$\tau = \inf \{t \in [t_0, \beta), \varphi(t) > \rho(t)\}.$$

- (a) Prove that  $\varphi'(\tau) < \rho'(\tau)$ .
  - (b) Find a contradiction. What can we conclude?
2. Now, we just suppose that  $\varphi(t_0) \leq \rho(t_0)$  and that  $\varphi$  is a subsolution of  $(E)$ . Deduce from the first part of the exercise that, for any  $t \in [t_0, \beta)$ ,  $\varphi(t) \leq \rho(t)$  by using, for  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $f_\epsilon(t, x) = f(t, x) + \epsilon$ .

**Exercise 2.12** Adapt Exercise 2.11 to provide a proof of the nonlinear higher-dimensional Gronwall lemma.