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Homework #2

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(1) Consider the initial-value problem

$$\dot{u} = u(1-u), \quad u(0) = u_0. \quad (1)$$

(i) First, we find the explicit solution  $u(t; u_0)$  with  $u_0 \in (0, 1]$  for Problem (1).

The function  $f(x) = x(1-x)$  is in  $C^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Thus, it is locally Lipschitz. By Picard-Lindelöf theorem, Problem (1) has a unique local solution. Consequently,

it has unique solution on the maximal interval of existence. If  $u_0 = 1$ , we can check that the constant function  $u(t) \equiv 1$  solves Problem (1).

It is the unique solution. Now consider the case  $u_0 \in (0, 1)$ .

The solution  $u$  is continuous at  $t=0$ , so  $u(t)$  remains in  $(0, 1)$  if  $t$  is close to 0. For this reason, we can assume  $u(t) \in (0, 1)$  while manipulating the differential equation. We have

$$\frac{\dot{u}}{u(1-u)} = 1.$$

Taking the antiderivative both sides with respect to  $t$ , we get

$$\int \frac{du}{u(1-u)} = \int dt.$$

Thus,  $\log \frac{u}{1-u} = t + C_1$ . Taking the exponential of both sides, we get

$$\frac{u}{1-u} = C_1 e^t, \quad \text{for some constant } C_1 > 0.$$

Thus  $u(t) = \frac{C_1 e^t}{1 + C_1 e^t}$ . The condition  $u(0) = u_0$  gives  $C_1 = \frac{u_0}{1-u_0}$ . Hence,

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$$u(t) = \frac{u_0 e^t}{1 - u_0 + u_0 e^t} \quad (2)$$

We see that  $u(t)$  remains in  $(0, 1)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus,  $u$  given by (2) is the unique solution to Problem (1). Because of the uniqueness of solutions, we can view  $u$  as a function of  $t$  and  $u_0$ .

$$u(t; u_0) = \frac{e^t}{C + e^t}, \quad \text{where } C = \frac{1 - u_0}{u_0}. \quad (3)$$

Next, we compute the partial derivatives of  $u$ .

$$\partial_{u_0} u(t; u_0) = \frac{-e^t \partial_{u_0} C}{(C + e^t)^2} = \frac{e^t}{u_0^2 (C + e^t)^2} = \frac{e^t}{(1 - u_0 + u_0 e^t)^2}, \quad (4)$$

$$\partial_t u(t; u_0) = \frac{e^t (C + e^t) - e^t e^t}{(C + e^t)^2} = \frac{C e^t}{(C + e^t)^2}. \quad (5)$$

(ii) The equations (1) can be written as

$$\partial_t u(t; u_0) = u(t; u_0) - u(t; u_0)^2, \quad u(0; u_0) = u_0. \quad (6)$$

We only consider the case  $u_0 \in (0, 1)$ . Differentiating both sides with respect to  $u_0$ , we get

$$\partial_{u_0} \partial_t u(t; u_0) = \partial_{u_0} u(t; u_0) (1 - 2u(t; u_0)).$$

Put  $v(t) = \partial_{u_0} u(t; u_0)$ . We get  $\frac{dv}{dt}(t) = v(t)(1 - 2u(t; u_0))$ . Because  $u(0; u_0) = u_0$  for all  $u_0 \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\partial_{u_0} u(0, u_0) = 1$ . Thus,  $v(0) = 1$ . The initial-value problem that  $v$  solves is

$$\dot{v} = (1 - 2u)v, \quad v(0) = 1, \quad (7)$$

where  $u$  is the function given by (3).

Differentiating both sides of (6) with respect to  $t$ , we get

$$\partial_t \partial_t u(t; u_0) = \partial_t u(t; u_0) (1 - 2u(t; u_0)) =$$

$$= u(t; u_0)(1-u(t; u_0))(1-2u(t; u_0)).$$

Put  $w(t) = 2u(t; u_0)$ . We get  $\frac{dw}{dt}(t) = u(t; u_0)(1-u(t; u_0))(1-2u(t; u_0))$ . Because  $2u(0; u_0) = u(0; u_0)(1-u(0; u_0)) = u_0(1-u_0)$ ,  $w$  solves the initial-value problem

$$\dot{w} = u(1-u)(1-2u), \quad w(0) = u_0(1-u_0), \quad (8)$$

where  $u$  is the function given by (3).

We now solve (7). Because  $v(0) = 1$ ,  $v(t)$  remains positive when  $t$  is close to 0. Thus,

$$\frac{\dot{v}}{v} = 1-2u = 1 - \frac{2e^t}{C+e^t} = \frac{C-e^t}{C+e^t}.$$

Taking the antiderivative both sides with respect to  $t$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \log v &= \int \frac{C-e^t}{C+e^t} dt \stackrel{y=C+e^t}{=} \int \frac{2C-y}{y} \frac{dy}{y-C} = \int \left( \frac{-2}{y} + \frac{1}{y-C} \right) dy \\ &= \log \frac{y-C}{y^2} + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $v(t) = C_2 \frac{y-C}{y^2} = \frac{C_2 e^t}{(C+e^t)^2}$ . The condition  $v(0) = 1$  yields  $C_2 = (C+1)^2$ .

$$\text{Thus, } v(t) = \frac{(C+1)^2 e^t}{(C+e^t)^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{u_0}\right)^2 e^t}{\left(\frac{1-u_0}{u_0} + e^t\right)^2} = \frac{e^t}{(1-u_0 + u_0 e^t)^2}.$$

This confirms the formula (4).

Now we solve (8). By (3),

$$u(1-u)(1-2u) = \frac{e^t}{C+e^t} \frac{C}{C+e^t} \frac{C-e^t}{C+e^t} = \frac{C e^t (C-e^t)}{(C+e^t)^3}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } w(t) &= \int u(1-u)(1-2u) dt = \int \frac{C e^t (C-e^t)}{(C+e^t)^3} dt \\ &\stackrel{y=C+e^t}{=} \int \frac{C(y-C)(2C-y)}{y^3} \frac{dy}{y-C} \\ &= \int \frac{C(2C-y)}{y^3} dy = \frac{C(y-C)}{y^2} + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{C e^t}{(C + e^t)^2} + \text{const.}$$

The condition  $w(0) = u_0(1 - u_0) = \frac{C}{(C+1)^2}$  yields  $w(t) = \frac{C e^t}{(C + e^t)^2}$ . This confirms formula (5).

(2) Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be a continuous function such that  $f(x) \cdot x \leq 0$  for all  $x$  with  $|x|$  sufficiently large. We show that the initial-value problem

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad (1)$$

has at least one local solution, and that every local solution can extend to a global solution (i.e. for all  $t \geq 0$ ).

Step 1: Show that Problem (1) has a solution on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

There is a number  $R > |x_0|$  such that  $f(x) \cdot x \leq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $|x| \geq R$ .

For  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , we define  $g(x) = f(x) - \varepsilon x$ . Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function

such that

$$\begin{cases} \varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ \varphi(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \text{supp } \varphi \subset \overline{B_1(0)}, \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi \, dx = 1. \end{cases}$$

Such a function exists, for example  $\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} C \exp\left(\frac{1}{|x|^2 - 1}\right), & |x| < 1 \\ 0, & |x| \geq 1. \end{cases}$

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $\varphi_n(x) = n^d \varphi(nx)$ . Then the sequence  $(\varphi_n)$  is an approximate identity on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Put  $g_n = \varphi_n * g$ . Then  $g_n \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$  and

$(g_n)$  converges to  $g$  uniformly on every bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . There exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$

such that  $|g_n(x) - g(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon R}{2} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, |x| < 2R, \forall n \geq N$

By shifting the indices of the sequence  $g_n(x)$  if necessary, we can assume  $N=1$ .

Thus, 
$$g_n(x) \cdot x = (g_n(x) - g(x)) \cdot x + g(x) \cdot x$$

$$\leq |g_n(x) - g(x)| |x| + f(x) \cdot x - \varepsilon |x|^2$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon R}{2} |x| - \varepsilon |x|^2 = \varepsilon |x| \left( \frac{R}{2} - |x| \right) < 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, R \leq |x| < 2R. \tag{2}$$

We first show that the initial-value problem

$$\dot{x} = g_n(x), x(0) = x_0 \tag{3}$$

has a global solution (i.e. for all  $t \geq 0$ ). Because  $g_n \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$ , it is locally Lipschitz. By Picard-Lindelöf theorem, Problem (3) has a unique local solution.

Let  $x$  be the unique solution in a maximal interval  $t \in [0, \alpha)$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq \infty$ .

Suppose by contradiction that  $\alpha < \infty$ . We show that  $|x(t)| \leq R$  for all  $t \in [0, \alpha)$ .

$$\beta := \inf \{ s \in [0, \alpha) : |x(t)| \leq R \quad \forall t \in [0, s] \}.$$

Suppose that  $\beta < \alpha$ . Then  $|x(\beta)| = R$  because of the continuity of  $x$ . For every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $t_k$  such that  $\beta < t_k < \min \{ \alpha, \beta + \frac{1}{k} \}$  and  $|x(t_k)| > R$ . Then

$$\frac{d|x|^2}{dt}(\beta) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x(t_k)|^2 - |x(\beta)|^2}{t_k - \beta} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x(t_k)|^2 - R^2}{t_k - \beta} \geq 0.$$

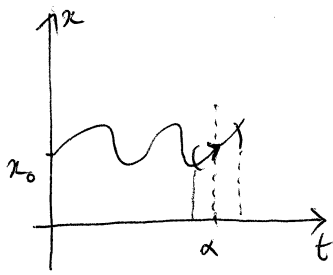
On the other hand, by taking the dot product by  $x$  both sides of (3), we get  $\dot{x} \cdot x = g_n(x) \cdot x$ . Thus,

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d|x|^2}{dt}(\beta) = g_n(x(\beta)) \cdot x(\beta) \stackrel{(2)}{<} 0.$$

This is a contradiction. Hence,  $\beta = \alpha$  and  $|x(t)| \leq R$  for all  $t \in [0, \alpha)$ .

Let  $(t_k)$  be a sequence in  $[0, \alpha)$  that converges to  $\alpha$ . Because  $(x(t_k))$  is

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bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , it has a converging subsequence. By replacing  $(t_k)$  by this subsequence, we can assume  $(x(t_k))$  converges to some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . We show that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \alpha^-} x(s) = a.$$

Denote  $\tilde{M} = \max_{|x| \leq R} |g_n(x)|$ .

$$x(s) = x(t_k) + \dot{x}(\xi_{s,k})(s - t_k) = x(t_k) + g_n(x(\xi_{s,k}))(s - t_k),$$

for some  $\xi_{s,k}$  lying between  $s$  and  $t_k$ . Thus,

$$|x(s) - x(t_k)| = |g_n(x(\xi_{s,k}))| |s - t_k| \leq M |s - t_k| \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $|x(s) - a| \leq M |s - \alpha|$ . Hence,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \alpha^-} x(s) = a$ . In addition,

$$\dot{x}(s) = g_n(x(s)) \rightarrow g_n(a) \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow \alpha^-.$$

Thus,  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$  extend continuously to  $\alpha$ . The initial-value problem

$$\dot{x} = g_n(x), \quad x(\alpha) = a$$

has a unique local solution in some interval  $(\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta)$  by Picard-Lindelöf theorem. It leads to a continuation of the solution to Problem (3) beyond  $\alpha$ .

This is a contradiction. Thus,  $\alpha = \infty$ . In other words, Problem (3) has a unique global solution, say  $x_n$ . We also showed that

$$|x_n(t)| \leq R \quad \forall t \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

Next, we show that the initial-value problem

$$\dot{x} = g(x), \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad (5)$$

has a solution on  $[0, 1]$ . Denote  $\bar{B}_R = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x| \leq R\}$ . Recall that  $(\bar{B}_R)$

is a normed space with  $\|u\|_{\bar{B}_R} = \sup_{x \in \bar{B}_R} |u(x)|$ . Viewing  $g_n, g$  and  $f$  as

functions on  $\bar{B}_R$ , we have

$$\|g_n\|_{\bar{B}_R} = \|p_n * g\|_{\bar{B}_R} \leq \|g\|_{\bar{B}_{R+1}} = \|f - \varepsilon x\|_{\bar{B}_{R+1}} \leq \|f\|_{\bar{B}_{R+1}} + \varepsilon(R+1). \quad (6)$$

Put  $M = \max_{|x| \leq R+1} |f(x)| + R+1$ . Then

$$|g_n(x)| \leq M \quad \forall x \in \bar{B}_R, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then,  $|x_n(t)| = |g_n(x_n(t))| \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, t \geq 0$ .

For  $0 \leq s, t \leq 1$ ,

$$|x_n(t) - x_n(s)| = |x_n(\xi)| |t-s| \leq M|t-s| \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (7)$$

If we view  $x_n$  as its restriction on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $x_n \in C([0, 1])$ . By (4),  $(x_n)$  is bounded. By (7),  $(x_n)$  is equicontinuous. By Arzela-Ascoli theorem,  $(x_n)$  has a convergent subsequence. By replacing  $(x_n)$  by this subsequence, we can assume  $(x_n)$  converges to some  $x_\varepsilon \in C([0, 1])$ .

Recall that  $C([0, 1])$  is a normed space with  $\|v\|_{[0, 1]} = \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |v(t)|$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_n(x_n) - g(x_\varepsilon)\|_{[0, 1]} &\leq \|g_n(x_n) - g(x_n)\|_{[0, 1]} + \|g(x_n) - g(x_\varepsilon)\|_{[0, 1]} \\ &\leq \|g_n - g\|_{\bar{B}_R} + \|g(x_n) - g(x_\varepsilon)\|_{[0, 1]}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Because  $g$  is continuous on the compact set  $\bar{B}_R$ , it is uniformly continuous there. For each  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $\delta' > 0$  such that  $|g(x) - g(y)| < \delta$  for all  $x, y \in \bar{B}_R$ ,  $|x - y| < \delta'$ . There exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|x_n - x_\varepsilon\|_{[0, 1]} < \delta'$  for all  $n > N$ . Thus,

$$\|g(x_n) - g(x_\varepsilon)\|_{[0, 1]} < \delta \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n > N.$$

Then (8) implies  $\|g_n(x_n) - g(x_\varepsilon)\|_{[0, 1]} < \|g_n - g\|_{\bar{B}_R} + \delta \quad \forall n > N$ .

Because  $\|g_n - g\|_{\bar{B}_R} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $g_n(x_n) \rightarrow g(x_\varepsilon)$  in  $C([0, 1])$ . Thus,  $x_n \rightarrow g(x_\varepsilon)$

in  $C([0,1])$ .

$$x_n(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t \dot{x}_n(s) ds \rightarrow x_0 + \int_0^t g(x_\varepsilon(s)) ds.$$

Thus,  $x_\varepsilon(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t g(x_\varepsilon(s)) ds.$

This implies  $x_\varepsilon$  is a solution to Problem (5). We also showed that

$$\|x_\varepsilon\|_{[0,1]} \leq R \quad \forall \varepsilon \in (0,1).$$

Next, we show that Problem (1) has a solution on  $[0,1]$ . We have

$$|x_\varepsilon(t) - x_\varepsilon(s)| = |\dot{x}_\varepsilon(\xi)| |t-s| = |g(x_\varepsilon(\xi))| |t-s| \stackrel{(6)}{\leq} M |t-s| \quad \forall \varepsilon \in (0,1) \\ \forall t, s \in [0,1].$$

Thus, the set  $\{x_\varepsilon : \varepsilon \in (0,1)\}$  is bounded and equicontinuous in  $C([0,1])$ . By Arzela-Ascoli theorem, there is a convergent sequence  $(x_{\varepsilon_n})$  in  $C([0,1])$ . Denote

$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{\varepsilon_n}. \quad \text{Then } \|g(x_{\varepsilon_n}) - f(x_{\varepsilon_n})\|_{[0,1]} = \underbrace{\varepsilon_n}_{\text{bounded}} \|x_{\varepsilon_n}\|_{[0,1]} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Because  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\bar{B}_R$ , we have

$$\|f(x_{\varepsilon_n}) - f(x)\|_{[0,1]} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus,  $\|g(x_{\varepsilon_n}) - f(x)\|_{[0,1]} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Equivalently,  $\|\dot{x}_{\varepsilon_n} - f(x)\|_{[0,1]} \rightarrow 0$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$x_{\varepsilon_n}(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t \dot{x}_{\varepsilon_n}(s) ds \rightarrow x_0 + \int_0^t f(x(s)) ds, \quad \forall t \in [0,1]$$

Hence,  $x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x(s)) ds, \quad \forall t \in [0,1].$

This means  $x$  is a solution on the interval  $[0,1]$  to Problem (1).

Step 2: Suppose  $x$  is a solution on an interval  $[0, \delta]$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , to Problem (1).

We show that  $x$  can extend to a solution on  $[0, \infty)$ .

To do so, it suffices to show that  $x$  can extend to a solution on  $[0, \delta+1]$ .



Indeed, by applying this result repetitively, we can extend  $x$  to a solution on  $[0, \delta+2]$ , then  $[0, \delta+3]$ , and so on. By Step 1, there is a solution  $y$  to the initial value problem

$$\dot{y} = f(y), \quad y(0) = x(\delta)$$

on the interval  $[0, 1]$ . By defining  $x(t) := y(t-\delta)$  for  $t \in [\delta, \delta+1]$ , we get

$$x \in C([0, \delta+1]) \text{ and } \dot{x} = f(x) \quad \forall t \in [0, \delta+1] \setminus \{\delta\}.$$

Because  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \delta} \dot{x}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \delta} f(x(t)) = f(x(\delta))$ ,  $x$  is differentiable at  $t = \delta$  and  $\dot{x}(\delta) = f(x(\delta))$ . Therefore,  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  for all  $t \in [0, \delta+1]$ .

③ Theorem 7.6 in Amann "Ordinary Differential Equations" 1990 (page 100) gives us a criterion for global existence of solutions to an ODE. We state a consequence which is enough for our purpose.

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be a locally Lipschitz function and  $u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \subset \mathbb{R}$  be the maximal interval of existence for the initial-value problem

$$\dot{u} = f(u), \quad u(0) = u_0.$$

If  $\alpha > -\infty$  then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \alpha^+} |u(t)| = \infty$ . If  $\beta < \infty$  then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \beta^-} |u(t)| = \infty$ .

In the following, we study whether each given initial-value problem has a global solution (i.e. for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Denote by  $(\alpha, \beta)$  the maximal interval of existence. Because initial conditions are specified at  $t = 0$ ,  $\alpha < 0 < \beta$ .

(i)  $\dot{x} = \sin x, \quad x(0) = x_0. \quad (1)$

In this case,  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sin x$ . Because  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ , it is locally Lipschitz.

$$x(t) = x(0) + t \dot{x}(\xi_t) = x_0 + t \sin \xi_t \quad \forall t \in (\alpha, \beta).$$

Thus,  $|x(t)| \leq |x_0| + |t|$  for all  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$ . This implies that  $x$  does not blow up in finite time. Therefore, Problem (1) has a global solution.

$$(ii) \quad \dot{x} = x - x^3, \quad x(0) = 2. \quad (2)$$

$f(x) = x - x^3$  is locally Lipschitz because it is in  $C^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Suppose there is  $t_0 \in (\alpha, \beta)$  such that  $x(t_0) = 1$ . Then the constant function  $y_1(t) \equiv 1$  solves the problem  $\dot{y} = y - y^3$ ,  $y(0) = x(t_0)$ . On the other hand, the function  $y_2(t) = x(t+t_0)$  also solves this problem. By the uniqueness of solutions,  $x(t+t_0) = 1$  for all  $t$ .

This is a contradiction because  $x(0) = 2$ . Therefore,  $x(t) \neq 1$  for all  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$ .

Because  $x$  is continuous on  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $x(0) > 1$ ,  $x(t) > 1$  for all  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $\dot{x}(t) = x(t) - x(t)^3 < 0$ . Thus,  $x$  is decreasing on  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $x(t) \geq x(0) = 2$  for all  $t \in (\alpha, 0)$ . Then

$$\dot{x}(t) = x(t) - x(t)^3 \leq x(t)^2 - x(t)^3 = -x(t) + x(t)^2(2 - x(t)) \leq -x(t)^2 \quad \forall t \in (\alpha, 0).$$

$$\text{Thus,} \quad \int_{t_0}^0 \frac{\dot{x}(s)}{x(s)^2} ds \leq \int_t^0 -ds \quad \forall t \in (\alpha, 0),$$

$$\text{which gives} \quad -\frac{1}{x(0)} + \frac{1}{x(t)} \leq t \quad \forall t \in (\alpha, 0).$$

$$\text{Because } x(0) = 2, \quad \frac{1}{x(t)} \leq t + \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall t \in (\alpha, 0). \quad (3)$$

If  $\alpha < -\frac{1}{2}$  then  $-\frac{1}{2} \in (\alpha, 0)$ . Substituting  $t = -\frac{1}{2}$  into (3), we get  $x(-\frac{1}{2}) < 0$ .

This is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\alpha \geq -\frac{1}{2}$ . It implies that the local solution to Problem (2) cannot extend beyond  $t = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$(iii) \quad \dot{x} = x - x^3, \quad x(0) = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (4)$$

The function  $f$  is the same as in Problem (2). By the same argument as in Part (ii), we can show that  $x(t) \notin \{0, 1\}$  for all  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$ . Because  $x$  is continuous on  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $x(0) \in (0, 1)$ ,  $x(t) \in (0, 1)$  for all  $t \in (\alpha, \beta)$ . The boundedness of  $x(t)$  implies  $\alpha = -\infty$  and  $\beta = \infty$ . In other words, Problem (4) has a global solution.

$$(iv) \quad \dot{x} = \frac{4x^3 + y}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}, \quad \dot{y} = \frac{y^5 - x^5}{x^4 + y^4 + 1}, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad y(0) = y_0. \quad (5)$$

In this case,  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $f(x, y) = \left( \frac{4x^3 + y}{x^2 + y^2 + 1}, \frac{y^5 - x^5}{x^4 + y^4 + 1} \right)$ .

$f$  is locally Lipschitz because it is in  $C^1(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2)$ . Denote the maximal interval of existence by  $J$  (instead of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to avoid confusion of notations). Put  $u = (x, y)$  and  $u_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ . Problem (5) is equivalent to

$$\dot{u} = f(u), \quad u(0) = u_0. \quad (6)$$

Then  $u(t) = u_0 + \int_0^t \dot{u}(s) ds = u_0 + \int_0^t f(u(s)) ds \quad \forall t \in J$ .

Thus,  $|u(t)| \leq |u_0| + \left| \int_0^t |f(u(s))| ds \right| \quad \forall t \in J. \quad (7)$

We now estimate  $|f(u)|$ .

$$|4x^3 + y| \leq 4|x|^3 + |y| \leq 4|u|^3 + |u| = |u|(4|u|^2 + 1) \leq 4|u|(1 + |u|^2)$$

$$|y^5 - x^5| \leq |y|^5 + |x|^5 \leq 2|u|^5,$$

$$x^4 + y^4 + 1 \geq \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)^2 + 1 = \frac{1}{2}|u|^4 + 1.$$

Hence,  $|f(u)|^2 = \frac{|4x^3 + y|^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + 1)^2} + \frac{|y^5 - x^5|^2}{(x^4 + y^4 + 1)^2} \leq \frac{16|u|^2(1 + |u|^2)^2}{(|u|^2 + 1)^2} + \frac{4|u|^{10}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}|u|^4 + 1\right)^2}$

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$$\leq 16|u|^2 + \frac{16|u|^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}|u|^4\right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{2}|u|^4 + 1\right)^2} \leq 16|u|^2 + 16|u|^2.$$

Thus,  $|f(u)| \leq 4\sqrt{2}|u|$ . Substituting this estimate into (7), we get

$$|u(t)| \leq |u_0| + \left| \int_0^t 4\sqrt{2}|u(s)| ds \right| \quad \forall t \in J.$$

Gronwall's inequality then gives us an explicit estimate for  $|u(t)|$ :

$$|u(t)| \leq |u_0| + 4\sqrt{2}|u_0| \left| \int_0^t e^{4\sqrt{2}|t-s|} ds \right| \quad \forall t \in J.$$

This implies that  $u(t)$  does not blow up in finite time. Therefore, Problem (6) has a global solution (i.e. for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ).