

Applied Analysis (ACM30020)

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Graded Assignment – Model Answers

Question 1: Local Existence Theory for ODEs

Consider the ODE system:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y), \quad x \geq a, \quad (1)$$

with initial condition $y(a) = y_0$. As before, construct the Picard iterative solution scheme:

$$y_{n+1}(x) = y_0 + \int_a^x F(x, y_n(x)) dx, \quad n \geq 0,$$

with initial guess $y_0(x) = y_0$. Suppose also that F is Lipschitz, with Lipschitz constant K , such that:

$$|F(x, y_2) - F(x, y_1)| \leq K|y_2 - y_1|,$$

for all x in an interval $(a, a + L)$, and all y_1 and $y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) Show that

$$\|y_{n+1} - y_n\|_\infty \leq KL\|y_n - y_{n-1}\|_\infty.$$

(b) Fix L such that $KL < 1$. Hence, deduce that $y_n \mapsto y_{n+1}$, which maps continuous functions to continuous functions, is a contraction mapping.

(c) Use the Contraction Mapping Principle to deduce that Equation (1) has a solution, valid for $x \in [a, a + L]$.

The solution constructed in this way is called a local solution as it is valid on the interval $[a, a + L]$. What happens for $x > a + L$ is anyone's guess. If the solution remains valid for all $x > a + L$, the solution is called a global solution.

(d) Consider the ODEs

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^3, \quad \frac{d}{dx}y^2 = -2y^4, \quad x > 0,$$

with $y(0) = y_0$. Say in each case whether or not a global solution exists.

For Part (a), we fix an interval $[a, L+a]$. We consider the function $|y_{n+1}(x) - y_n(x)|$. This is a continuous function, hence, it realises its maximum on the interval. In other words, there exists an $x_* \in [a, L+a]$ such that:

$$\max_{[a, L+a]} |y_{n+1}(x) - y_n(x)| = |y_{n+1}(x_*) - y_n(x_*)|.$$

and hence,

$$|y_{n+1}(x_*) - y_n(x_*)| = \|y_{n+1} - y_n\|_\infty, \quad x \in [a, L+a].$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_{n+1} - y_n\|_\infty &= \left| \int_a^{x_*} [F(x, y_n) - F(x, y_{n-1})] dx \right|, \\ &\stackrel{\Delta}{\leq} \int_a^{a+L} |F(x, y_n) - F(x, y_{n-1})| dx, \\ &\stackrel{\text{Lipschitz}}{=} \int_a^{a+L} K |y_n(x) - y_{n-1}(x)| dx, \\ &\leq KL \max_{x \in [a, L+a]} |y_n(x) - y_{n-1}(x)|, \\ &= KL \|y_n - y_{n-1}\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

For Part (b) we consider the map of functions,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : C([a, a+L]) &\rightarrow C([a, a+L]) \\ \varphi(y)(x) &\mapsto y_0 + \int_a^x F(s, y(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

By a similar calculation to Part (a), we have:

$$\|\varphi(y) - \varphi(z)\|_\infty \leq KL \|y - z\|_\infty, \quad (2)$$

for continuous function y and z in $C([a, a+L])$. Choosing $KL < 1$ makes φ into a contraction mapping in $C([a, a+L])$, as required by the Part (b). To set up Part (c), we further note that since

$$\varphi(y_n) = y_{n+1}, \quad (3)$$

it follows that:

$$\|y_{n+1} - y_n\|_\infty \leq KL \|y_n - y_{n-1}\|_\infty. \quad (4)$$

For Part (c), we look at the Contraction Mapping Principle, which states that a Contraction Map must have a fixed point. The distance

$$d(f, g) = \|f - g\|_\infty$$

makes $C([a, a+L])$ into a metric space. By inequality (4),

$$d(\varphi(y_n), \varphi(y_{n-1})) < d(y_n, y_{n-1}), \quad \text{provided } KL < 1.$$

Hence, φ is a contraction mapping, provided $KL < 1$. By the contraction mapping principle there exists a fixed point $y_* \in C([a, a + L])$ such that:

$$\varphi(y_*) = y_*,$$

or

$$y_*(x) = y_0 + \int_a^x F(x, y_*(x)) dx, \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, L + a].$$

This is exactly the solution of the IVP.

For Part (d) we solve the ODEs directly. The first ODE is $dy/dx = y^3$. We separate the variables to get:

$$y^{-3} dy = dx.$$

We integrate and apply the initial condition $y(0) = y_0$ and get:

$$y = \frac{y_0}{\sqrt{1 - 2xy_0^2}}.$$

Thus, the solution exists on an interval $[0, x_c)$, where x_c is the singularity point such that

$$1 - 2x_c y_0^2 = 0 \implies x_c = \frac{1}{2y_0^2}.$$

Thus, there is only a local solution,

$$y(x) = \frac{y_0}{\sqrt{1 - 2xy_0^2}}, \quad x \in [0, \frac{1}{2y_0^2}).$$

The second ODE is $dy^2/dx = -2y^4$. We let $z = y^2$ and solve $dz/dx = -2z^2$. With the given initial condition we get:

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z_0} + 2x, \quad z_0 = y_0^2.$$

We solve for $y = z^2$ and get:

$$y(x) = \frac{y_0}{\sqrt{1 + 2xy_0^2}}.$$

Clearly, a globally defined solution exists for $x \in [0, \infty)$. However, if x is allowed to take negative values, there is a singularity at $x = x_c$ where $x_c = -1/(2y_0^2)$.

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Question 2: Bessel Functions

Take as given the following power-series representation of Bessel functions:

$$J_\nu(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r (x/2)^{\nu+2r}}{r! \Gamma(n+r+1)}. \quad (1)$$

(a) Prove:

$$(i) J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin(x);$$

$$(ii) J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos(x).$$

(b) Prove that for all ν :

$$(i) \frac{d}{dx} [x^\nu J_\nu(x)] = x^\nu J_{\nu-1}(x).$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx} [x^{-\nu} J_\nu(x)] = -x^{-\nu} J_{\nu+1}(x).$$

(c) Hence, prove that:

$$(i) J'_\nu(x) = \frac{1}{2} [J_{\nu-1}(x) - J_{\nu+1}(x)];$$

$$(ii) J_{\nu-1}(x) + J_{\nu+1}(x) = \frac{2\nu}{x} J_\nu(x).$$

For (a)(i), we have:

$$J_{1/2}(x) = (x/2)^{1/2} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r (x/2)^{2r}}{r! \Gamma(1+r+\frac{1}{2})}.$$

Consider the denominator

$$r! \Gamma(1+r+\frac{1}{2}) = \Gamma(r+1) \Gamma(r+1+\frac{1}{2}).$$

Use Legendre's duplication formula applied to $z = r + 1$:

$$\Gamma(z) \Gamma(z + \frac{1}{2}) = 2^{1-2z} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2z).$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(r+1)\Gamma\left(r+1+\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 2^{1-2(1+r)}\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(2(r+1)), \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2^{2r}}\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma((2r+1)+1), \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2^{2r}}\sqrt{\pi}(2r+1)!.\end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned}J_{1/2}(x) &= (x/2)^{1/2}\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r x^{2r}}{2^{2r}}\frac{2\cdot 2^{2r}}{(2r+1)!}, \\ &= (x/2)^{1/2}\frac{2}{x\sqrt{\pi}}\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r x^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)!}, \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}}\sin(x).\end{aligned}$$

For (a)(ii), we have:

$$J_{-1/2}(x) = (x/2)^{-1/2}\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r (x/2)^{2r}}{r!\Gamma\left(1+r-\frac{1}{2}\right)}.$$

We use Legendre's duplication formula with $z = r + 1/2$ to re-write this as:

$$J_{-1/2}(x) = (x/2)^{-1/2}\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}(-1)^r\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2r}\frac{2^{2r}}{(2r)!}$$

Hence:

$$J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}}\cos(x).$$

For (b)(i), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}[x^\nu J_\nu(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx}\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r}}\frac{x^{2\nu+2r}}{r!\Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r}}\frac{(2\nu+2r)x^{2\nu+2r-1}}{r!\Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\ &= x^\nu\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r}2^{-1}}\frac{2(\nu+r)x^{\nu+2r-1}2^{-1}}{r!\Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\ &= x^\nu\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r(\nu+r)(x/2)^{\nu+2r-1}}{r!\Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\ &= x^\nu\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r(\cancel{\nu+r})(x/2)^{\nu+2r-1}}{r!(\cancel{\nu+r})\Gamma(\nu+r)}, \\ &= x^\nu\sum_{r=0}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^r(x/2)^{\nu-1+2r}}{r!\Gamma((\nu-1)+r+1)}, \\ &= x^\nu J_{\nu-1}(x).\end{aligned}$$

For (b)(ii), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-\nu} J_{\nu}(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r}} \frac{x^{2r}}{r! \Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\
&= \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r}} \frac{x^{2r}}{r! \Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\
&= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r}} \frac{2rx^{2r-1}}{r! \Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\
&= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r} \cdot 2^{-1} \cdot 2} \frac{rx^{2r-1}}{r! \Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\
&= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r-1}} \frac{x^{2r-1}}{(r-1)! \Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\
&= x^{-\nu} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^r}{2^{\nu+2r-1}} \frac{x^{2r-1+\nu}}{(r-1)! \Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\
&= x^{-\nu} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{(x/2)^{2r-1+\nu}}{(r-1)! \Gamma(\nu+r+1)}, \\
&\stackrel{p=r-1}{=} -x^{-\nu} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^p (x/2)^{2p+\nu+1}}{p! \Gamma((\nu+1)+p+1)}, \\
&= -x^{-\nu} J_{\nu+1}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

For (c)(i), we start off by using the results of part (b):

$$\begin{aligned}
x^{\nu} J'_{\nu} + \nu x^{\nu-1} J_{\nu} &= x^{\nu} J_{\nu-1}, & \times x^{-\nu} \\
x^{-\nu} J'_{\nu} - \nu x^{-\nu-1} J_{\nu} &= -x^{-\nu} J_{\nu+1}, & \times x^{\nu}.
\end{aligned}$$

After multiplying as indicated in red, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
J'_{\nu} + \nu x^{-1} J_{\nu} &= J_{\nu-1}, \\
J'_{\nu} - \nu x^{-1} J_{\nu} &= J_{\nu+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Adding up gives the required result:

$$J'_{\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (J_{\nu-1} - J_{\nu+1}). \quad (2)$$

Subtracting gives the required result for (c)(ii):

$$\frac{2\nu}{x} = J_{\nu-1} + J_{\nu+1}. \quad (3)$$

Question 4: Bessel Functions, again

The Bessel Functions in Equation (1) satisfy Bessel's differential equation, with $n = \nu$ (not necessarily an integer):

$$x^2 J_n''(x) + x J_n'(x) + (x^2 - n^2) J_n(x) = 0. \quad (4)$$

Re-scale by letting $y_1(x) = J_n(\lambda x)$ and $y_2(x) = J_n(\mu x)$, where $\lambda \neq \mu$ are scalars. Then, $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ satisfy scaled versions of Bessel's equation:

$$x^2 y_1''(x) + x y_1'(x) + (\lambda^2 x^2 - n^2) y_1(x) = 0, \quad (5a)$$

$$x^2 y_2''(x) + x y_2'(x) + (\mu^2 x^2 - n^2) y_2(x) = 0. \quad (5b)$$

Hence, prove the orthogonality relation:

$$\int_0^1 x J_n(\lambda x) J_n(\mu x) dx = \frac{\mu J_n(\lambda) J_n'(\mu) - \lambda J_n(\mu) J_n'(\lambda)}{\lambda^2 - \mu^2}, \quad \lambda \neq \mu. \quad (6)$$

Hint: Consider [Eq. (5a)] y_2 - [Eq. (5b)] y_1 .

Taking the hint, we have

$$x^2 (y_1'' y_2 - y_2'' y_1) + x (y_1' y_2 - y_1 y_2') + (\lambda^2 - \mu^2) x^2 y_1 y_2 = 0.$$

This can be re-written:

$$x^2 \frac{d}{dx} \underbrace{(y_1' y_2 - y_2' y_1)}_{=W} + xW = (\mu^2 - \lambda^2) y_1 y_2.$$

Hence:

$$\frac{dW}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} W = (\mu^2 - \lambda^2) y_1 y_2.$$

Identify the integrating factor in the LHS: $\mathcal{I} = e^{\int (1/x) dx} = e^{\log x} = x$. Hence:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (Wx) = (\mu^2 - \lambda^2) x y_1 y_2.$$

Integrate from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$ to obtain:

$$W(1) = (\mu^2 - \lambda^2) \int_0^1 x y_1 y_2 dx.$$

Filling in gives:

$$\int_0^1 x J_n(\lambda x) J_n(\mu x) dx = \frac{\mu J_n(\lambda) J_n'(\mu) - \lambda J_n(\mu) J_n'(\lambda)}{\lambda^2 - \mu^2},$$

as required.

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Question 4: Physical Application of Bessel Functions

A very long hollow cylinder of inner radius a and outer radius b (whose cross section is indicated in Figure 1 is made of conducting material of diffusivity κ . If the inner and outer surfaces are kept at temperature zero while the initial temperature is a given function $f(\rho)$, where ρ is the radial distance from the axis, show that the temperature at any later time t is given by:

$$u(\rho, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m e^{-\kappa \lambda_m^2 t} u_0(\lambda_m \rho), \quad (1)$$

where

$$u_0(\lambda_m \rho) = Y_0(\lambda_m a) J_0(\lambda_m \rho) - J_0(\lambda_m a) Y_0(\lambda_m \rho). \quad (2)$$

Here also, $f(\rho)$ has been expanded in terms of u_0 :

$$f(\rho) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m u_0(\lambda_m \rho),$$

where

$$A_m = \frac{\int_a^b \rho f(\rho) u_0(\lambda_m \rho) d\rho}{\int_a^b \rho [u_0(\lambda_m \rho)]^2 d\rho}. \quad (3)$$

Key information:

- The heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \kappa \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} \right), \quad t > 0.$$

- Fixed-temperature boundary conditions: $u(a, t) = 0$, $u(b, t) = 0$.
- Bounded solution $|u(\rho, t)| < M$, for all $t \geq 0$.
- Initial condition: $u(\rho, 0) = f(\rho)$.

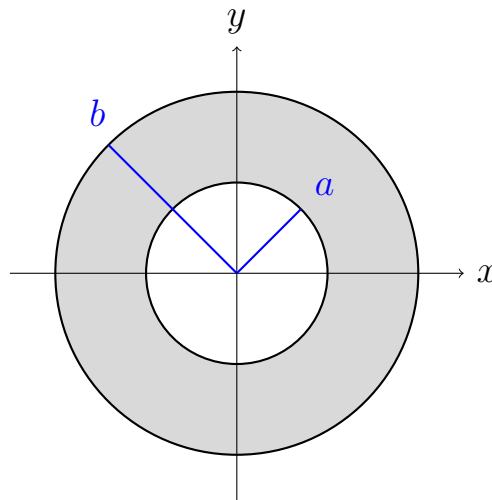


Figure 1: Setup for Question 4

- Rootfinding condition: The equation

$$Y_0(\lambda a)J_0(\lambda b) - J_0(\lambda a)Y_0(\lambda b) = 0$$

has positive roots $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$.

- Second solution: If $J_0(x)$ is the first solution of Bessel's ODE or order $\nu = 0$, then $Y_0(x)$ is the corresponding second solution, which has a singularity as $x \rightarrow 0$.

Solution – we use separation of variables to write $u(\rho, t)$ as $R(\rho)T(t)$. We substitute into the heat equation and get:

$$\frac{T'(t)}{\kappa T} = \frac{R'' + \frac{1}{\rho}R'}{R} = \text{Const.} = -\lambda^2.$$

We take $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ for a bounded solution. Thus:

$$\rho R'' + R' + \lambda^2 \rho R = 0.$$

Multiply up by ρ to get:

$$\rho^2 \frac{d^2 R}{d\rho^2} + \rho \frac{dR}{d\rho} + \lambda^2 \rho^2 R = 0.$$

Introduce a scaled variable $x = \rho\lambda$, with corresponding dependent variable $\tilde{R}(x) = R(\rho)$. Thus:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 \tilde{R}}{dx^2} + x \frac{d\tilde{R}}{dx} + x^2 \tilde{R} = 0.$$

This is Bessel's ODE of order $\nu = 0$. The solutions are:

$$\tilde{R}(x) = \begin{cases} J_0(x), \\ Y_0(x). \end{cases}$$

The second solution $Y_0(x)$ blows up as $x \rightarrow 0$. However, a contribution from this second solution is allowed because $x > a$. Thus, the solution is:

$$R(\rho) = \alpha J_0(\rho\lambda) + \beta Y_0(\rho\lambda).$$

The full solution $u(\rho, t) = T(t)R(\rho)$ is therefore:

$$u(\rho, t) = e^{-\lambda^2 \kappa t} [\alpha J_0(\rho\lambda) + \beta Y_0(\rho\lambda)].$$

The boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha J_0(\lambda a) + \beta Y_0(\lambda a) &= 0, \\ \alpha J_0(\lambda b) + \beta Y_0(\lambda b) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

In matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_0(\lambda a) & Y_0(\lambda a) \\ J_0(\lambda b) & Y_0(\lambda b) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad (4)$$

Non-trivial solutions for α and β exist provided the determinant of the matrix in Equation (4) is zero. Therefore:

$$J_0(\lambda a)Y_0(\lambda b) - J_0(\lambda b)Y_0(\lambda a) = 0. \quad (5)$$

The positive roots of Equation (5) are labelled as λ_1, λ_2 , etc. Back-substitution into the first of the boundary conditions gives:

$$\beta = -\alpha \frac{J_0(\lambda a)}{Y_0(\lambda a)}.$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} u(\rho, t) &= e^{-\kappa \lambda^2 t} \left[a J_0(\rho\lambda) - a \frac{J_0(\lambda a)}{Y_0(\lambda a)} Y_0(\rho\lambda) \right], \\ &= A e^{-\kappa \lambda^2 t} \left[\underbrace{Y_0(\lambda a) J_0(\lambda\rho) - J_0(\lambda a) Y_0(\lambda\rho)}_{=u_0(\lambda\rho)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

For a general solution, we sum over the different eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 , etc.:

$$u(\rho, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m e^{-\kappa \lambda_m^2 t} u_0(\lambda_m \rho).$$

Initial conditions:

$$u(\rho, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m u_0(\lambda_m \rho) = f(\rho).$$

Multiply both sides by $\rho u_0(\lambda_n \rho)$ and integrate:

$$\int_a^b \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m u_0(\lambda_m \rho) u_0(\lambda_n \rho) \rho \, d\rho = \int_a^b f(\rho) u_0(\lambda_n \rho) \rho \, d\rho.$$

Use the orthogonality of Bessel functions to obtain:

$$A_m = \frac{\int_a^b \rho f(\rho) u_0(\lambda_m \rho) d\rho}{\int_a^b \rho [u_0(\lambda_m \rho)]^2 d\rho}.$$

Putting it all together, we have:

$$u(\rho, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m e^{-\kappa \lambda_m^2 t} u_0(\lambda_m \rho). \quad (6a)$$

where

$$A_m = \frac{\int_a^b \rho f(\rho) u_0(\lambda_m \rho) d\rho}{\int_a^b \rho [u_0(\lambda_m \rho)]^2 d\rho}. \quad (6b)$$

Equation (6) is the required solution.

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Question 5: Analysis of solutions of ODEs

Consider the following modified SEIR model, which accounts for vaccination in the susceptible class:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\frac{\beta IS}{N} - mS + b(1 - \nu)N, \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{\beta IS}{N} - fE - mE, \quad (1b)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = fE - rI - mI, \quad (1c)$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = rI + b\nu N - mR, \quad (1d)$$

$$N(t) = S(t) + E(t) + I(t) + R(t). \quad (1e)$$

The parameters β , m , b , f , and r are all positive parameters with dimensions of $[\text{Time}]^{-1}$. The parameter $\nu \in [0, 1]$ is the proportion of susceptibles that are vaccinated.

(a) Show that

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = (b - m)N. \quad (2)$$

(b) Show that disease-free and endemic equilibria exist if and only if $b = m$.

(c) Compute the endemic equilibrium explicitly. Show that the endemic equilibrium reverts to the solution discussed in Assignment 2 when $\nu = 0$, once appropriate changes have been made for the symbols representing the rates.

(d) Take as given the initial conditions $S(0) > 0$, $E(0) = 0$, $I(0) > 0$, and $R(0) = 0$. Using an approach similar to that in Assignment 2, show that the solution to Equation (1) is positivity-preserving, in the sense that, $S(t)$, $E(t)$, $I(t)$ and $R(t)$ remain positive for all $t > 0$.

For part (a), we add up $dS/dt + dE/dt + dI/dt + dR/dt$ to get the required equation.

Notice that the solution for $N = S + E + I + R$ is available in closed form:

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{(b-m)t} \quad (3)$$

where N_0 is the initial population, $N_0 = N(0)$. We make two further observations which will be helpful in answering the remaining question parts:

- (i) $N(t) = \text{Const.}$ if and only if $b = m$.
- (ii) $N(t) > 0$ for all $t \geq 0$.

For part (b), a steady state can exist if and only if $N(t) = \text{Const.}$ Hence, in what follows, we can assume that $b = m$. However, we keep the calculations general, and fix $b = m$ only at the end. To compute steady states, we set:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\frac{\beta IS}{N} - mS + b(1 - \nu)N, \\ 0 &= \frac{\beta IS}{N} - fE - mE, \\ 0 &= fE - rI - mI, \\ 0 &= rI + b\nu N - mR. \end{aligned}$$

The disease-free steady state has $I = 0$. Hence, $E = 0$. The other values are:

$$S = \frac{b(1 - \nu)}{m}N, \quad R = \frac{b\nu}{m}N.$$

Restoring $b = m$ in the steady state, as well as the subscript $*$ for the steady state, we have, in the disease-free state:

$$S_* = (1 - \nu)N, \quad E_* = 0, \quad I_* = 0, \quad R_* = \nu N.$$

For the endemic equilibrium, we group together the steady-state equations as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\beta IS}{N} + mS &= b(1 - \nu)N, \\ \frac{\beta IS}{N} &= fE + mE, \\ fE &= rI + mI, \\ rI + b\nu &= mR. \end{aligned}$$

It will be helpful to subtract the first two of these to get:

$$mS = b(1 - \nu)N - (f + m)E \quad (4)$$

We have:

$$I = \frac{mR - b\nu N}{R}. \quad (5)$$

Also:

$$E = \frac{r + m}{f}I = \frac{r + m}{f} \frac{mR - b\nu N}{R}. \quad (6)$$

Hence, from Equation (4), we have:

$$S = \frac{b(1-\nu)N}{m} - \frac{f+m}{m} \frac{r+m}{f} \frac{mR-b\nu N}{r}. \quad (7)$$

We plug Equation (7) back into $b(1-\nu)N = mS + \beta IS/N$:

$$\begin{aligned} b(1-\nu)N &= b(1-\nu)N - (f+m) \left(\frac{r+m}{f} \right) \left(\frac{mR-b\nu N}{r} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta}{N} \frac{mR-b\nu N}{r} \left[\frac{b(1-\nu)N}{m} - \left(\frac{f+m}{m} \right) \left(\frac{r+m}{f} \right) \left(\frac{mR-b\nu N}{r} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying this gives an expression for R_* – the value of R in the equilibrium state:

$$R_* = N \frac{r}{\beta} \left[\frac{b(1-\nu)}{m} \frac{\beta}{f+m} \frac{f}{r+m} - 1 \right] + \frac{b\nu N}{m}. \quad (8)$$

We can double-check that this reverts to the formula in Assignment 2 in the event where $\nu = 0$ and $b = m$:

$$R_*(\nu = 0, b = \mu, m = \mu) = N \frac{r}{\beta} \left[\frac{\beta}{f + \mu} \frac{f}{r + \mu} - 1 \right]. \quad (9)$$

By suitable relabelling of the rates f and r , the formula in Assignment 2 is recovered. Lastly, we take $b = m$ to obtain the final expression for R_* , which depends parametrically on N :

$$R_*(N) = N \frac{r}{\beta} \left[(1-\nu) \frac{\beta}{f + \mu} \frac{f}{r + \mu} - 1 \right] + \nu N. \quad (10a)$$

Back-substitution then gives:

$$I_* = \frac{mN}{\beta} \left[(1-\nu) \frac{\beta}{f + m} \frac{f}{r + m} - 1 \right], \quad (10b)$$

$$E_* = \frac{r+m}{f} \frac{mN}{\beta} \left[(1-\nu) \frac{\beta}{f + m} \frac{f}{r + m} - 1 \right], \quad (10c)$$

$$S_* = \frac{f+m}{m} \frac{r+m}{f} \frac{mN}{\beta}. \quad (10d)$$

Equations (10) are the required endemic equilibrium.

For part (d), we reason out the answer in the same way as Assignment 2. The starting-point here is the observation that from Equation (3), we have $N(t) > 0$. Hence, we have:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} + \underbrace{\left(m + \frac{\beta I}{N} \right)}_{=P(t)} S = b(1-\nu)N. \quad (11)$$

For contradiction, let there be a time $t_* > 0$ such that $I(t_*) = 0$. Then, on $[0, t_*)$ we have $I(t) > 0$. Following Assignment 2, a solution for S can be extracted:

$$S(t) = \underbrace{\frac{S(0)}{\mathcal{I}(t)} + \frac{b(1-\nu)}{\mathcal{I}(t)} \int_0^t N(t)\mathcal{I}(t)dt}_{>0},$$

where

$$\mathcal{I} = e^{\int_0^t P(t)dt}.$$

Hence, $S(t) > 0$ for all $t \in [0, t_*)$. A similar calculation yields $E(t) > 0$ for all $t \in [0, t_*)$. Moving on the I -equation, we have:

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \underbrace{fE}_{>0} - (r + m)I,$$

where the term in the underbrace is positive for $t \in [0, t_*)$. Hence:

$$\frac{dI}{dt} > -(r + m)I, \quad t \in (0, t_*).$$

By Gronwall's Inequality,

$$I(t) > I(0)e^{-(r+m)t}, \quad t \in (0, t_*),$$

and by continuity of the solution of the ODE,

$$I(t_*) > I(0)e^{-(r+m)t_*},$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, $I(t) > 0$ for all $t \geq 0$. A similar calculation establishes positivity of $R(t)$. Hence, the solution of the ODE is positivity-preserving, for $t \geq 0$.