

## Final exam, Mathematical Modelling (WISB357)

Wednesday, 9 Nov 2022, 13:30-16:30, Olympos Hal 3

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- You may use one A4 sheet with hand-written notes (front and back) while working the problems.
  - Write your name on each page you turn in, and additionally, on the first page, write your student number and the *total number of pages submitted*.
  - For each question, motivation your answer.
  - You may make use of results from previous subproblems, even if you have been unable to prove them.
  - The maximum number of points per subproblem are given in italics between square brackets.
  - Your grade is the total earned points divided by 3.
  - The final exam weighs 60% in your grade for the course.
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**Problem 1.** [*Reaction equations; stability; model interpretation.*] The following model is the standard SIR model with ‘vital dynamics’

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= m(I + R) - \beta IS, \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \beta IS - (m + g)I, \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= gI - mR,\end{aligned}$$

with initial conditions  $S(0) = S_0 > 0$ ,  $I(0) = I_0 > 0$ ,  $R(0) = 0$ .

- [2pts] Use a conservation law to reduce the system to a problem for only  $S$  and  $I$ .
- [2pts] Explain why the solution must satisfy  $0 \leq S(t) \leq N$ ,  $0 \leq I(t) \leq N$ , where  $N = S_0 + I_0$ .
- [2pts] What are the steady states, and what assumptions (if any) are needed to satisfy the conditions of part (b).
- [2pts] For one of the steady states,  $I^* = 0$ . Under what conditions is this equilibrium stable?
- [2pts] For one of the steady states,  $I^* \neq 0$ . Under what conditions is this equilibrium stable?

**Problem 2.** [*Nonlinear conservation laws.*] Consider the Burgers equation, a hyperbolic conservation law,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0,$$

with initial condition

$$\rho(x, 0) = \rho_0(x) = \begin{cases} \rho_L, & x \leq 0 \\ \rho_R, & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

- [2pt] What is the flux function  $J(\rho)$  for this equation? What is the wave speed  $c(\rho)$ ?

- (b) [2pt] What is the Rankine-Hugoniot condition that determines the location of a shock wave for this wave function?
- (c) [2pt] Suppose  $\rho_L = 2$  and  $\rho_R = 1$ . Give the solution  $\rho(x, t)$  and make a sketch of the characteristics.
- (d) [4pt] Suppose  $\rho_R = 2$  and  $\rho_L = 1$ . Give the solution  $\rho(x, t)$  and make a sketch of the characteristics. (Hint: consider an initial condition  $\rho(x, 0)$  that varies linearly between  $\rho_L$  and  $\rho_R$  over an interval  $-\varepsilon \leq x < \varepsilon$ ; determine the solution for this initial condition; and examine the limit  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .)

**Problem 3.** [*Continuum mechanics; asymptotic expansions.*] The momentum equation from continuum mechanics in material coordinates is

$$R_0(A) \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2}(A, t) = R_0(A) F(A, t) + \frac{\partial T}{\partial A}(A, t), \quad 0 < A < \ell_0, \quad t > 0,$$

where  $R_0(A) > 0$  is the density in material coordinates,  $U(A, t)$  is the displacement of a cross-section  $A$  of air,  $F(A, t)$  is the net external body force, and  $T(A, t)$  is the stress.

Consider the steady state relation for a bungee cord of undeformed length  $\ell_0$ , affixed at  $A = 0$ , hanging freely with no load, i.e. boundary conditions

$$U(0) = 0, \quad T(\ell_0) = 0.$$

Suppose the density is uniform ( $R_0$  is independent of  $A$ ) and the external body force is constant  $F(A) = g > 0$  (gravity).

- (a) [2pts] Show that the steady-state stress  $T(A)$  satisfies

$$T(A) = R_0 g (\ell_0 - A).$$

- (b) [3pts] Suppose the bungee cord is nonlinear the the stress  $T(A)$  related to the strain  $\partial U / \partial A$  by

$$T(A) = E \frac{\partial U}{\partial A} + K \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial A} \right)^3,$$

where  $E > 0$  is the Young's modulus and  $K > 0$  is a small constant. Nondimensionalize the problem, taking  $U = \bar{U} u$ , and  $A = \bar{A} a$ , where  $\bar{U}$  and  $\bar{A}$  are dimensional constants and  $u$  and  $a$  are dimensionless. Show that the resulting problem has the form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial a} + \varepsilon \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial a} \right)^3 = 1 - a, \quad 0 < a < 1,$$

where  $u(0) = 0$ , and  $\varepsilon$  is a small constant.

- (c) [3pts] Find the the first two terms in the asymptotic expansion of  $u$  for small  $\varepsilon$ .
- (d) [2pts] Convert your answer from part (c) back to the dimensional quantity  $U(\ell_0)$  and estimate the deformed steady-state length of the bungee cord.