

1. Problem 3.1 #1 page 128 in the book
2. Let  $k(x) = (1/2) \exp(-|x|)$ . Consider the integral equation:

$$u(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k(x-y)F(u(y)) dy$$

Show that if  $u(x)$  is a solution to this, then

$$-u_{xx} + u(x) = F(u(x))$$

Suppose that  $g(u) = -u + F(u)$  has three zeros, say,  $u = 0, a, 1$  and that  $0 < a < 1$ . Also assume that  $g'(0) < 0$ ,  $g'(a) > 0$  and  $g'(1) < 0$  so that  $g$  looks roughly like the cubic function  $u(1-u)(u-1)$ . Write the above ODE as a phase plane problem

$$u_x = v \quad v_x = -g(u)$$

and use this to sketch possible bounded solutions  $u(x)$  on the whole line.

3. Consider the integral equation

$$u(t) = \int_0^{\infty} k(s)u(t-s) ds.$$

where

$$\int_0^{\infty} |k(s)| ds < \infty.$$

Show that  $u(t) = \exp(\lambda t)$  is a solution to this linear equation if  $\lambda$  satisfies certain criteria. Find such  $\lambda$  if

$$k(s) = A \exp(-\beta s) \cos(\alpha s)$$

where  $\beta, \alpha$  are positive.