



- 1. (20%) Consider the system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  with  $f \in C^1(E)$ , where E is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be a trajectory of the system in a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that the  $\omega$ -limit set of  $\Gamma$  is a non-empty, closed, connected and compact subset of E.
- 2. (20%)
  - (a). State the Liouville's theorem.
  - (b). Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f \in C^1(E)$  and  $u(t,y) \in C^1(G)$  be a solution of the initial value problem:

$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$
 and  $x(0) = y$ .

where  $G = [-a, a] \times N_{\delta}(x_0), a > 0, x_0 \in E$  and  $\delta > 0$ . Show that for all  $t \in [0, a]$ 

$$\det \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(t, x_0) = \exp \int_0^t \nabla \cdot f(u(s, x_0)) ds.$$

- 3. (20%)
  - (a). State the Poincaré-Bendixson theorem in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (b). Show that there is a periodic orbit of the following system:

$$\dot{x} = -y + x(r^4 - 3r^2 + 1)$$
 and  $\dot{y} = x + y(r^4 - 3r^2 + 1)$ .

in the annular region  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 | 1 < |x| < 3\}$ . Here  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ .

- 4. (20%)
  - (a). State the Floquet's theorem.
  - (b). Let  $\gamma(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, 0)^T$  be a periodic orbit of the following system:

$$\dot{x} = x - y - x^3 - xy^2$$
,  $\dot{y} = x + y - x^2y - y^3$  and  $\dot{z} = \lambda z$ .

Show that  $\Phi(t)$  defined by

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \cos t & -\sin t & 0 \\ e^{-2t} \sin t & \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda t} \end{pmatrix}$$

is a fundamental matrix of the linearization of the above system about the periodic orbit  $\gamma(t)$ .

- (c). Find the characteristic exponents of  $\gamma(t)$ .
- 5. (20%)
  - (a). State the theorem of Dulac's Criteria.
  - (b). Use the Dulac function  $B(x,y) = be^{-2\beta x}$  to show that the system

$$\dot{x} = y$$
 and  $\dot{y} = -ax - by + \alpha x^2 + \beta y^2$ 

has no limit cycle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .