

4. (20%) Consider the equation of simple pendulum with damping

$$\theta'' + \beta\theta' + k^2 \sin \theta = 0, \quad \beta > 0, k > 0, \quad (5)$$

and its equivalent system

$$\begin{cases} \theta' = \psi \\ \psi' = -k^2 \sin \theta - \beta\psi. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

(a) Prove  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \theta'(t) = 0$  by using the decreasing property of the energy function for system (6).

(b) Sketch the approximate orbits of system (6) in the phase plane.

5(a). (5%) State the Poincare-Bendixson Theorem.

(b) (15%) Use the Poincare-Bendixson to prove the following system possesses a limit cycle:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \gamma x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) - \frac{mx}{a+x} y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \left(\frac{mx}{a+x} - d\right) y, \\ x(0) > 0, y(0) > 0, \end{cases} \quad \gamma, K, m, a, d > 0. \quad (7)$$