

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

School of Mathematics

MATH 20101  
ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS 2

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2 hours and 30 minutes

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*This paper contains **four** questions.  
All answers will be used for assesment.  
Calculators are **NOT** permitted in this examination.*

On this examination, the marking scheme is indicative and is intended only as a guide to the relative weighting of the questions.

*Do not turn over until instructed*

1. Consider the following autonomous vector field on the plane:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x, \\ \dot{y} &= 2x^2, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- (a) (5 marks) Compute the flow generated by this vector field.
- (b) (2 marks) Show that (1) has no periodic orbits.
- (c) (2 marks) Determine all of the nonhyperbolic fixed points for (1).
- (d) (4 marks) Show that  $x = 0$  and  $y = x^2 + c$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , are invariant manifolds for (1).
- (e) (8 marks) Describe how the invariant manifold structure of (1) restricts the motion of trajectories in the phase plane
- (f) (4 marks) Sketch the phase portrait for (1).

2. Consider the following autonomous vector field on the plane:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= xy^2, \\ \dot{y} &= -y + x^2, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

- (a) **(5 marks)** Show that  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  is a nonhyperbolic fixed point.
- (b) **(5 marks)** Compute the stable and center subspaces for the linearization of (2) about  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  and show that they are invariant under the linearized dynamics.
- (c) **(5 marks)** Compute an approximation to the center manifold of the origin through second order terms.
- (d) **(5 marks)** Sketch the flow on the center manifold near the origin.
- (e) **(5 marks)** Use the center manifold to determine the nature of the stability of  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  for (2).

3. Consider the following autonomous vector field on the plane:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \mu x - y - x(x^2 + y^2)^3, \\ \dot{y} &= x + \mu y - y(x^2 + y^2)^3, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2,\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  is a real parameter.

- (a) (4 marks) Discuss the types of bifurcations of equilibria for (3) that can occur as  $\mu$  is varied.
- (b) (6 marks) Sketch the bifurcation diagram.

Consider the following autonomous vector field on the  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\dot{x} = (x - \mu)\left(x - \frac{\mu}{2}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},\tag{4}$$

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  is a real parameter.

- (c) (5 marks) Sketch the equilibria of (4) in the  $\mu - x$  plane.
- (d) (10 marks) Sketch the complete bifurcation diagram for (4) in the  $\mu - x$  plane, and indicate the stability properties of all equilibria.