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**Ordinary Differential Equations 2**

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This paper contains **four** questions. All answers will be used for assessment.

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.

## 1. (25 marks)

This question consists of two independent parts.

## (a) (12 marks)

Consider the following ODE for  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \lambda y, \\ \dot{y} &= \lambda x,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda > 0$ .

## i. (8 marks)

Show that the resulting flow is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(\lambda t) & \sinh(\lambda t) \\ \sinh(\lambda t) & \cosh(\lambda t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Reminder:*  $\cosh(\lambda t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{\lambda t} + e^{-\lambda t})$  and  $\sinh(\lambda t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{\lambda t} - e^{-\lambda t})$ .

## ii. (4 marks)

Compute the global stable and unstable manifolds of the equilibrium.

## (b) (13 marks)

Consider the following ODE for  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y^2, \\ \dot{y} &= -y.\end{aligned}$$

Compute the stable and centre manifolds of the origin.

## 2. (25 marks)

Consider the following ODE for  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y, \\ \dot{y} &= x - x^3.\end{aligned}$$

## (a) (4 marks)

Compute the stability of the equilibrium at  $(0, 0)$ .

## (b) (2 marks)

Show that the function

$$V(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4}$$

is constant along trajectories.

## (c) (7 marks)

Sketch the phase portrait.

## (d) (6 marks)

Are there any homoclinic orbits? If yes, how many? Indicate them on the phase portrait. What value(s) does  $V$  take on them?

## (e) (3 marks)

Are there any periodic orbits, other than the equilibrium solutions?

## (f) (3 marks)

Are there any heteroclinic orbits?

## 3. (25 marks)

Although this question is independent of Question 2, it is recommended that Question 2 be attempted before this question.

Consider the following ODE for  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y, \\ \dot{y} &= x - x^3 - \alpha y,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha = 1$ .

## (a) (2 mark)

Identify the equilibria.

## (b) (4 marks)

Compute the stability of the equilibria other than  $(0, 0)$ .

## (c) (2 marks)

Are there any non-equilibrium periodic orbits?

## (d) (15 marks)

Use the LaSalle Invariance Principle to show that the trajectory starting at any  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  approaches one of the equilibria as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Hint: Use  $V(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4}$  as a Lyapunov function.*

## (e) (2 marks)

For which values of  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  do all answers to questions (3a) to (3d) above remain unchanged?

## 4. (25 marks)

Consider the ODE on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which in *polar coordinates* is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{r} &= r(\mu - r^2), \\ \dot{\theta} &= 2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2},\end{aligned}$$

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

## (a) (7 marks)

Describe the bifurcations of the equilibria as  $\mu$  is varied. What would be an appropriate name for this bifurcation?

## (b) (18 marks)

Let  $\mu = 1$  and  $\phi_t(\cdot), t \in \mathbb{R}$  be the resulting flow.

## i. (6 marks)

*Without computing the divergence of the vector field*, show that there exists a homoclinic orbit but no non-equilibrium periodic orbits.

## ii. (6 marks)

Let  $(r_o, \theta_o)$  be a point other than the origin. Show that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi_t(r_o, \theta_o) = (1, 0). \quad (1)$$

## iii. (6 marks)

Is  $(1, 0)$  a stable equilibrium? Explain why your answer is consistent with Equation (1) above.