

1. (20%) Let r be a real scalar, D be an open set in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} with an element of D written as (t, x) , and $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a continuous function. Consider the following differential equation

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

From the following statements respectively:

- (a) For any $(t_0, x_0) \in D$ there is at least one solution of (1) passing through (t_0, x_0) .
 (b) If, in addition, $f(t, x)$ is locally Lipschitzian with respect to x in D , then for any $(t_0, x_0) \in D$, there exists a unique solution $x(t; t_0, x_0)$ of (1) passing through (t_0, x_0) . Furthermore, the domain D in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} of definition of the function $x(t; t_0, x_0)$ is open and $x(t; t_0, x_0)$ is continuous in D .
2. (20%) Consider the van der Pol equation

$$x'' + \epsilon(x^2 - 1)x' + x = 0. \quad (2)$$

From the following statements:

- (a) Equation (2) has a unique asymptotically stable limit cycle if for every $\epsilon > 0$. (State the theorem used.)
 (b) Let $D = \{(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 < 2\}$. Then $f \notin D$. (State the theorem used.)
3. Consider the following Predator-Prey system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = x(1 - \frac{x}{K} - \frac{ax}{a+x}) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = (\frac{bx}{a+x} - d)y \\ x(0) > 0, y(0) > 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

For various possible cases, do the following:

- (a) (20%) Do the stability analysis for each equilibrium with nonnegative components.
 (b) (20%) Find the stable manifold of each stable point.
4. (20%) If $p(x) + \epsilon = p(x) + \delta$ for all x , $\int_a^b p(x) dx > 0$, $p(x)$ is continuous, real and

$$\int_a^b |p(x)| dx \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon},$$

then prove that all solutions of the equation

$$x'' + p(x)x = 0, \quad (4)$$

are bounded on $[-\infty, \infty]$.

5. (20%) Suppose $p(x, y)$ has continuous first derivatives with respect to x, y . Show there is an $\epsilon_0 > 0$ such that for $|\epsilon| < \epsilon_0$ the equation

$$x'' - \epsilon(x) = \epsilon^2(x' + x + \epsilon p(x, x')), \quad \epsilon > 0 \quad (5)$$

has a unique periodic solution in a neighborhood of the unique periodic orbit of the van der Pol equation

$$x'' - 4(1 - x^2)x' + x = 0. \quad (6)$$