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**Exercise set 11**

**You find solutions to the following exercises on the web page. Give it a try and ask if something is unclear:**

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Exam 1996.1; Exam 1996.6; Exam 2002.3

**These exercises will be presented / discussed in the exercise class:**

E31, E32, E33

**Exam 1996, 1** Given the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x - y \\ \dot{y} &= x^2 - 1.\end{aligned}$$

- a) Find and classify all equilibrium points of the system. Sketch the phase diagram.
- b) Does there exist a closed phase path surrounding all equilibrium points?

**Exam 1996, 6** Compute the index of the origin for the following systems

a)

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

b)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x + x^4 + y^5 \\ \dot{y} &= -y + xy^3.\end{aligned}$$

**Exam 2002, 3** a) State Bendixson's negative criterion.

- b) Determine whether or not the following system has non-constant periodic solutions.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= -x - y(1 + x^2 + x^4).\end{aligned}$$

c) Given the population model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= xF(x, y) \\ \dot{y} &= yG(x, y),\end{aligned}$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are  $C^1$  functions. Assume that  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} < 0$  and  $\frac{\partial G}{\partial y} < 0$ . Show that there are no closed phase paths in the first quadrant.

**E31** a) Show that the system

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

has a closed phase path inside the region

$$A_{a,b} = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq b, 0 < a < 1, b > 2\}.$$

b) Consider the system in a) for the region  $A_{\frac{3}{4}, 3}$ . Explain why the result in a) does not contradict Bendixson's negative criterion.

**E32** Given the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x + y - x\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \dot{y} &= -x + y - y\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- a) Classify the equilibrium point  $(0, 0)$  for both (1) and its linearisation.
- b) Show that the system has exactly one closed phase path.
- c) Define what it means to be a Poincaré map with Poincaré section  $\Sigma$ .
- d) Determine the Poincaré map with Poincaré section  $\Sigma = \{(x, 0) \mid x > 0\}$ .

**E33** a) Given the autonomous two-dimensional system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ , where  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$  is a Lipschitz function.

Explain which  $\omega$ -limit sets a phase path  $\Gamma$  can have if  $\Gamma$  lies inside a closed, bounded subset  $K$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

b) Given the following systems in polar coordinates

$$\dot{r} = (1 - r^2)^2 r \tag{2a}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = 1 \tag{2b}$$

and

$$\dot{r} = (1 - r^2)^2 r \tag{3a}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = 1 - r^2 \tag{3b}$$

Find and classify all possible  $\omega$ -limit sets and determine whether they are stable or unstable.