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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF MASTERS OF  
SCIENCE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

### SMA 5131: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION IV

DATE: APRIL 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.**

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms as used in stability of ODEs, and sketch a dynamic system in a plane to represent each case. (6 marks)
- Stable point
  - Asymptotically stable point
  - Unstable point
- b) For each of the following ODE's, find all steady states and determine stability of those steady states.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 2x + 1 \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ry(1 - y), r > 0 \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

- c) Distinguish the four types of equilibrium points and illustrate your answer using diagrams. (8 marks)

d) Determine the stability of the equilibrium point (0, 0) of the system  $\begin{matrix} \dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_2^3 \end{matrix}$  given

the Lyapunov function  $v(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2$  (3marks)

e) Using Centre Manifold Theorem, determine the stability of the solution of the system at

the origin  $\begin{matrix} \dot{x} = xy \\ \dot{y} = y - x^2 \end{matrix}$  (7marks)

**QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)**

a) Find the linearization of the system below at each equilibrium point and determine the

$\begin{matrix} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = -x_1 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -x_2 + x_1^2 \\ \frac{dx_3}{dt} = x_3 + x_1^2 \end{matrix}$  stability at these point (6marks)

b) Define Lyapunov function and identify why it is used to determine stability of Equilibrium points. (5 marks)

c) Define a Hamilton system with n degree of freedom. (4 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)**

a) Determine the stability of the system  $\begin{matrix} \dot{x}_1 = -x_2 + \alpha x_1^3 \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 + \alpha x_2^3 \end{matrix}$  where  $\alpha$  is a real number using a suitable Lyapunov function. (7 marks)

b) Use centre Manifold Theorem to determine the qualitative behaviour near the non hyperbolic critical points at the origin for the system  $\begin{matrix} \dot{x} = -x - y - xy \\ \dot{y} = 2x + y + 2xy \end{matrix}$  (8 marks)



#### QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

Compute the one-parameter family of Centre Manifold and describe the dynamics on Center

Manifold of the following system. Identify how the dynamic depend on  $\epsilon$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x - 2y + \epsilon x \\ \dot{y} &= 3x - y - x^2\end{aligned}$$

(15 marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

- a) Define Bifurcation of a fixed point (3 marks)
- b) Describe the types of bifurcation using examples and diagrams (12marks)

