

Midterm Term I

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(1) (40pts)

Given the nonlinear system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 1 - xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x - y^3$$

- (a) Find all the critical points of the system
- (b) Chose any one of the critical points in part (a) and find the corresponding linear system near that critical point
- (c) Find the eigenvalues of the corresponding linear system in part (b)
- (d) Based on your result from part (c), discuss the nature and stability of the nonlinear system

Hint: Translate axes by the substitutions $X = x - h$, $Y = y - k$, where h and k are chosen so that the critical point becomes $(0,0)$

(2) (40pts)

- (a) Derive the expression for the Laplace transform of e^{at}
- (b) Use the Laplace transform to solve the initial value problem:

$$y''(t) + y(t) = \sin 2t ; \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

(3) (20pts)

Determine the Fourier series of the periodic square-wave function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -K & -L \leq x < 0 \\ K & 0 \leq x < L \end{cases}$$