

Dynamical Systems

Question 1 (2005 paper.) Find and examine the fixed points of

$$\dot{\phi} = \psi, \quad \dot{\psi} = \phi^2 + \phi\psi - 1$$

Question 2 (2006 paper.) Find and examine the fixed points of

$$\dot{\phi} = -\psi, \quad \dot{\psi} = \phi^2 - \phi\psi - 1$$

Question 3 (2007 paper.) Find and examine the fixed points of

$$\dot{\phi} = \phi + \psi^2 + \psi, \quad \dot{\psi} = \phi + \psi^2 + 1$$

Question 4 (2009 paper.) Consider the following dynamical system.

$$\dot{\phi} = (\phi + 1)\psi, \quad \dot{\psi} = \phi(\psi - 1)$$

- (a) Show that the fixed points of this dynamical system are exactly $(0, 0)$ and $(-1, 1)$.
- (b) Examine the stability of each fixed point.