

1. (40%)

Let  $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth and non-constant function. Consider the initial-value problem

$$\begin{cases} E \begin{bmatrix} p' \\ q' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla V(p) \\ q \end{bmatrix}, t > 0, \\ p(0) = p_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, q(0) = q_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n}$  and  $I_n = \text{diag}[1, \dots, 1] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are constant

matrices. Answer the following questions:

- A. Calculate matrix  $E^2$  (10%)
- B. Find eigenvalues of matrix  $E$  (10%)
- C. Find a function  $H = H(p, q)$  such that  $\frac{d}{dt}H(p, q) = 0$  for  $t > 0$  and  $(p, q)$  is a solution of system (1). Justify your answer. (10%)
- D. Find a function  $V = V(p)$  such that  $(0, 0)$  is a stable equilibrium of system (1). Justify your answer. (10%)

2. (40%)

Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $a_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 1 & \text{if } j = i + 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- A. Can matrix  $A$  be invertible? (10%)
- B. Calculate  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^k}{k!}$  (10%)
- C. Calculate  $e^A$  (10%)
- D. Prove that the zero vector is an asymptotically stable equilibrium of the system  $x' = Ax$  (10%)

3. (20%)

Solve the initial value problem

$$y' = \frac{3x^2}{3y^2 - 4}, \quad y(1) = 0$$

and determine the interval in which the solution is valid.