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- **1.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a function on sets. Show that for  $A, B \subseteq X$  and  $U, V \subseteq Y$ ,  $f(A \cup B) =$  $f(A) \cup f(B)$  and  $f^{-1}(U \cup V) = f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(V)$ . Does the corresponding statement hold for the intersection in place of the union? If yes prove this, if not, explain the dichotomy.
- 2. Calculate the stable manifold of the following nonlinear system in a small neighbourhood of its fixed point and show that the stable subsapce of the linearised system is tangent to the stable manifold at the fixed point:

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + x_1^2$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = x_3 + x_2^2.$$

- **3.** Find and classify the fixed points of the following systems and draw their phase portraits.
  - (i)  $\dot{x} = x y, \ \dot{y} = x + y 2xy;$
  - (ii)  $\dot{x} = 1 xy, \ \dot{y} = (x 1)y;$
  - (iii)  $\dot{x} = (1 + x 2y)x$ ,  $\dot{y} = (x 1)y$ ;
  - (iv)  $\dot{x} = \dot{x} y$ ,  $\dot{y} = x^2 1$ ;

  - (v)  $\dot{x} = -6y + 2xy, \ \dot{y} = y^2 x^2;$ (vi)  $\dot{x} = \sin(x)\cos(y), \ \dot{y} = \sin(y)\cos(x).$
- **4.** Use the Lyapunov function  $V(x,y,z)=x^2+y^2+z^2$  to show that the origin is an asymptotically stable fixed point of the system

$$\dot{x} = -y - xy^{2} + z^{2} - x^{3}$$

$$\dot{y} = x - y^{3} + z^{3}$$

$$\dot{z} = -xz - x^{2}z - yz^{2} - z^{5}.$$

Show that the trajectories of the linearized system near (x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0) lie on circles in planes perpendicular to (0,0,1), and so the origin is stable but not asymptotically stable for the linearized system.

**5.** For  $\sigma, \rho, \beta > 0$ , the Lorenz equations are:

$$\dot{x} = \sigma(y - x)$$

$$\dot{y} = \rho x - y - xz$$

$$\dot{z} = -\beta z + xy.$$

Determine conditions on the parameters for which the origin is asymptotically stable and conditions for which the origin is unstable.

6. Show that the planar two-body problem can be written as a Hamiltonian system with two degrees of freedom in  $\mathbb{R}^4 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ :

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$
$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}.$$

Find the gradient system orthogonal to this one in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .