

1. Consider a one-dimensional system [20 pt]

$$\dot{x} = x^4 + r + 1.$$

- (a) Determine and classify the fixed points of the system.  
 (b) Are there any bifurcations in the system? If yes, determine the critical values of  $r$  and sketch what happens to the fixed points in the bifurcations.
2. Suppose that we have a chaotic dynamical system, so that the uncertainties in the initial positions are (a)  $|\delta_0| = 10^{-3}$  or (b)  $|\delta_0| = 10^{-12}$ , respectively. Requiring an error tolerance of  $10^{-2}$  in the position, how much longer in time can we predict the behavior in case (b) compared with case (a)? [20 pt]

3. Explain briefly the following concepts ( $\leq 20$  words each): [20 pt]

- (a) Bifurcation
- (b) Poincaré section
- (c) Liapunov exponent
- (d) Brody mixing
- (e) Logistic map
- (f) Strange attractor
- (g) Level repulsion
- (h) Gaussian unitary ensemble
- (i) Fractal
- (j) Bohigas conjecture

4. What is the essential message of the Poincaré-Bendixson theorem? Give an example (or two) of low-dimensional chaotic systems for which the theorem does not apply. [10 pt]

5. Explain briefly the concept of *quantum chaos* and the most important findings behind the theory (half a page at maximum). [20 pt]

6. Consider the billiard systems sketched below. Which of them are regular, and which are non-regular (at least partly chaotic)? Reasoning is not required. [10 pt]

