## Math 5346 Rahman

Problem Set 2

- (1) For the simple frictional Pendulum sketch the phase plane for (a)  $\gamma^2 - 4k = 0$  and (b)  $\gamma^2 - 4k > 0$ .
- (2) Suppose we are far enough from Earth that  $g \ll 1$ , so  $\epsilon = g/L \ll 1$ . Then our Pendulum equation becomes

$$\ddot{\theta} + \gamma \dot{\theta} + \epsilon \sin \theta = 0 \tag{1}$$

and suppose it receives a tiny push  $\dot{\theta}(0) = \epsilon$  at position  $\theta(0) = 0$ .

Do we need Poincaré - Lindsted? Try to solve up to the first nonlinear order; i.e., the first order of  $\epsilon$  where the ODE is nonlinear and produces a nonzero result.