

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF DYNAMICS

(Ch 9 Boyce & DiPrima)

We want qualitative insights into the solutions of a system of equations of the form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, t) & t > 0 \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

here y, y_0 and f are \mathbb{R}^n

Perhaps we'd like to determine whether a solution is stable or not.

Background: Take $(\dagger) \frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ $t > 0$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

A is a constant matrix.

The solution of (†) is found by computing the 2 eigenvectors and associated eigenvalues

$$\therefore \underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \underline{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \underline{v}_2$$

where $\lambda_{1,2}$ are the roots of the quadratic equation (characteristic):

$$p(\lambda) = \det(\Lambda - \lambda_i I) = 0 \quad i=1,2$$

The e'vectors are non-trivial solutions

$$(\Lambda - \lambda_i I) \underline{v}_i = 0 \quad i=1,2$$

There are 3 basic outcomes, for the root finding problem, each leading to a different temporal behavior.

We examine these next:

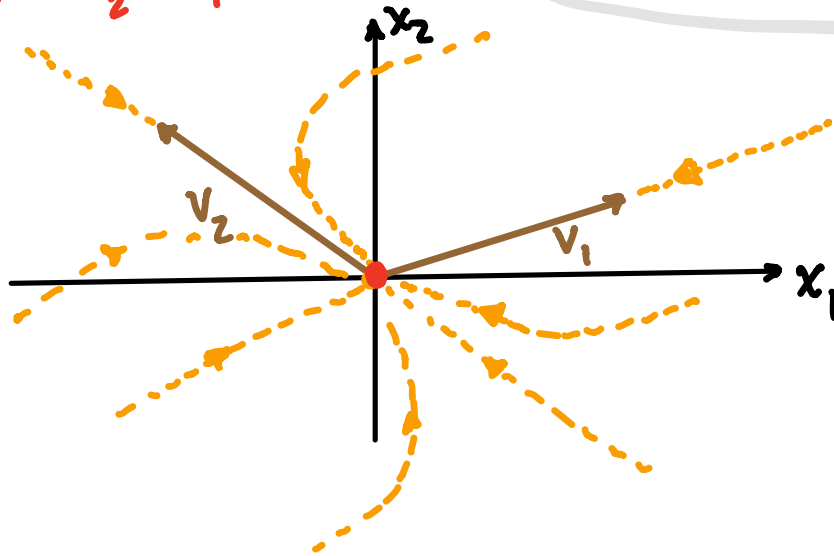
Assume $t > 0$ in what follows:

REAL UNEQUAL ROOTS (E'VALUES)

(A) Same sign case: both either positive or negative real roots.

if $\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 0$:

$$\underline{x} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \underline{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \underline{v}_2$$

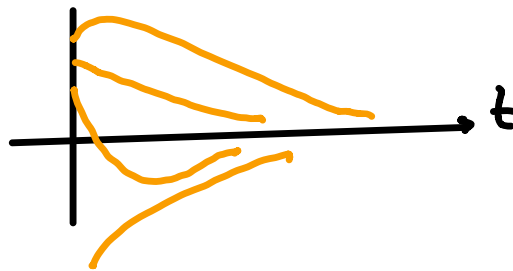


$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \underline{x}(t) = \underline{0}$$

We say that $(0,0)$ is a "STABLE NODAL POINT"

Rule: No matter what initial conditions you choose $\underline{x}(0) = (x_1(0), x_2(0))$, if you wait long enough, the solution will asymptote to $(0,0)$.

Recall: $x_i(t)$



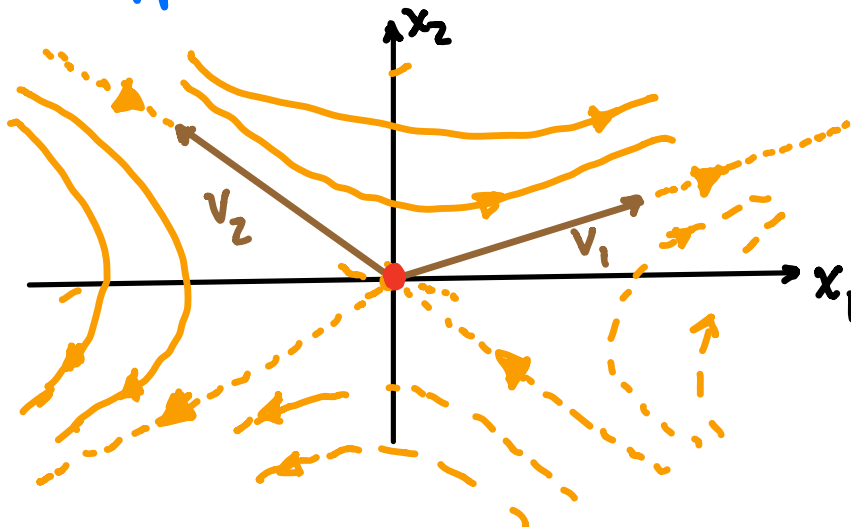
if $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$: then $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \underline{x}(t) = \underline{\infty}$

Similar picture to the one above but with trajectories effectively leaving from $\underline{x} \approx \underline{0}$ (unless $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$)

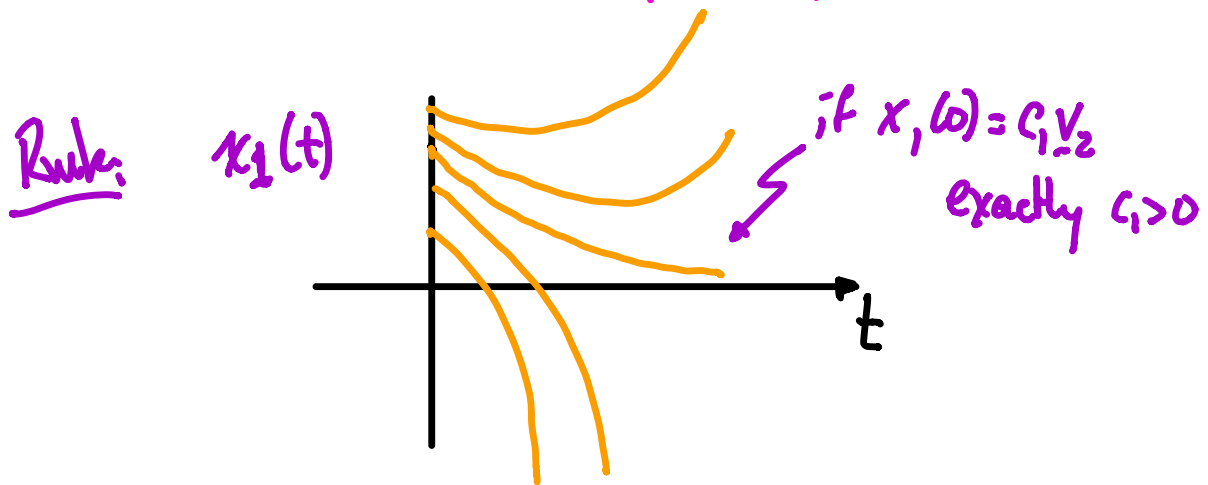
UNSTABLE NODAL POINT

(B) Real and Unequal with Opposite Sign:

Suppose $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$



SADDLE POINT



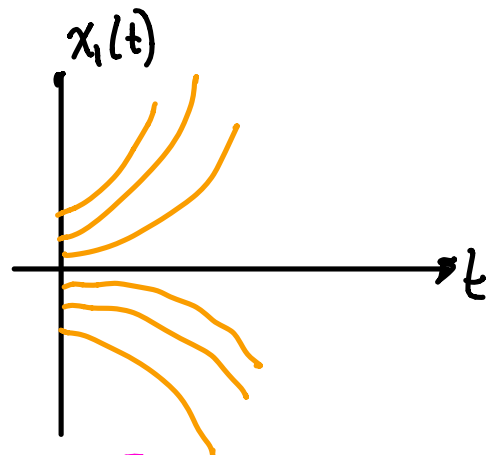
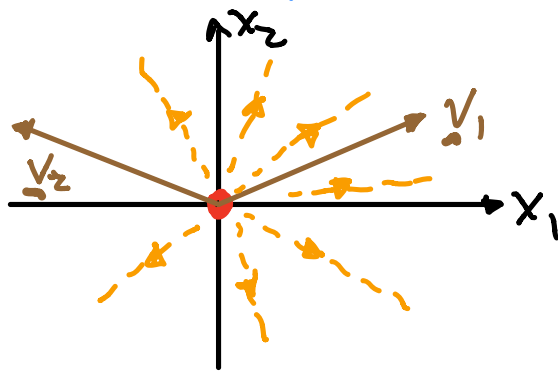
EQUAL ROOTS (E'VALUES)

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \equiv \lambda$$

(A) Two independent eigenvectors

$$\underline{x}(t) = e^{\lambda t} [c_1 \underline{v}_1 + c_2 \underline{v}_2]$$

Suppose $\lambda > 0$



UNSTABLE PROPER NODE

Suppose $\lambda < 0$

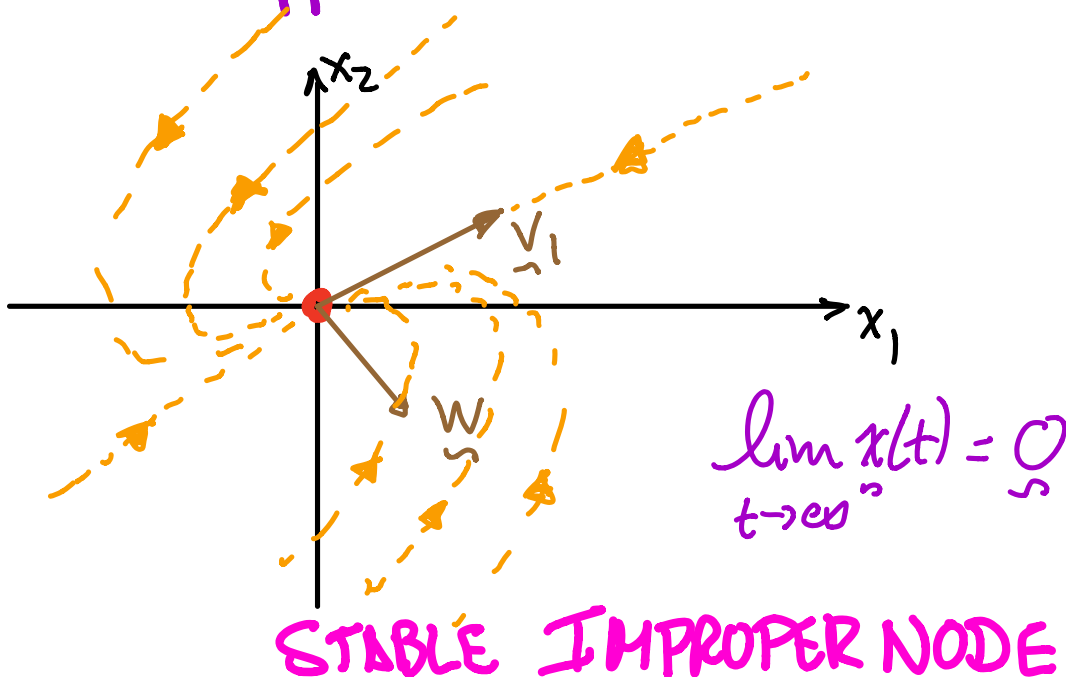
As above but now every solution will tend to 0 as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

STABLE PROPER NODE

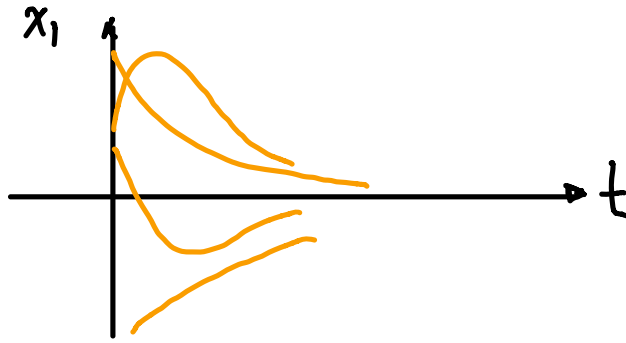
(B) Only v_1 is found $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$

$$x(t) = c_1 v_1 e^{\lambda t} + c_2 (v_1 t + w_1) e^{\lambda t}$$

Suppose $\lambda < 0$



STABLE IMPROPER NODE



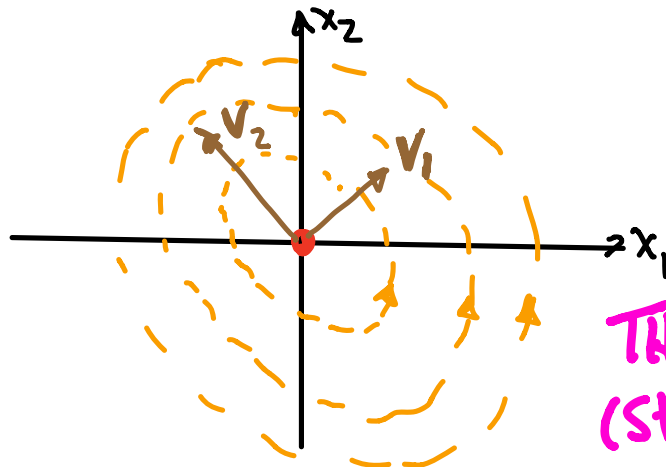
SUPPOSE $\lambda > 0$ arrows turn away from $(0,0)$.

UNSTABLE IMPROPER NODE.

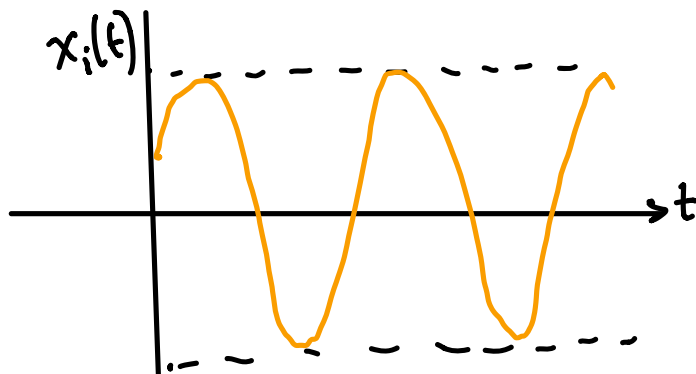
COMPLEX ROOTS (EVALUES)

these will be $\lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta$
complex conjugates

(A) $\alpha = 0$ Solutions are sinusoidal



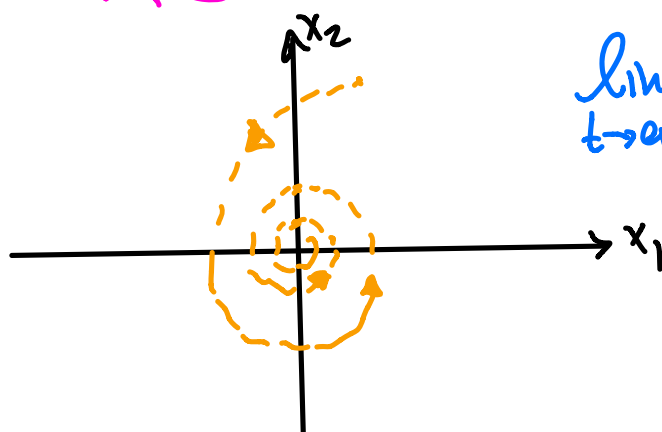
THIS IS A "CENTER"
(stable)



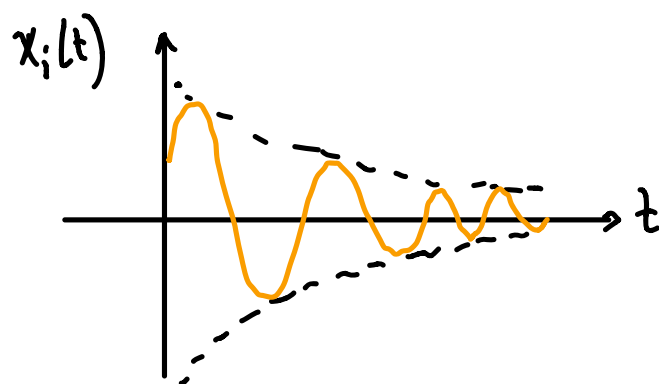
$x_{1,2}(t)$ are
sinusoidal
in time

(B) $\alpha < 0$

STABLE SPIRAL



$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \underline{0}$$



(C) $\alpha > 0$

UNSTABLE SPIRAL

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) \text{ diverges.}$$

It looks like the above spiral, but arrows are reverse. The solution oscillates as it grows exponentially,

Def: A system of ODEs

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \underset{\sim}{f}(y, t)$$

is called **autonomous** if

$$\underset{\sim}{f}(y, t) = \underset{\sim}{f}(y)$$

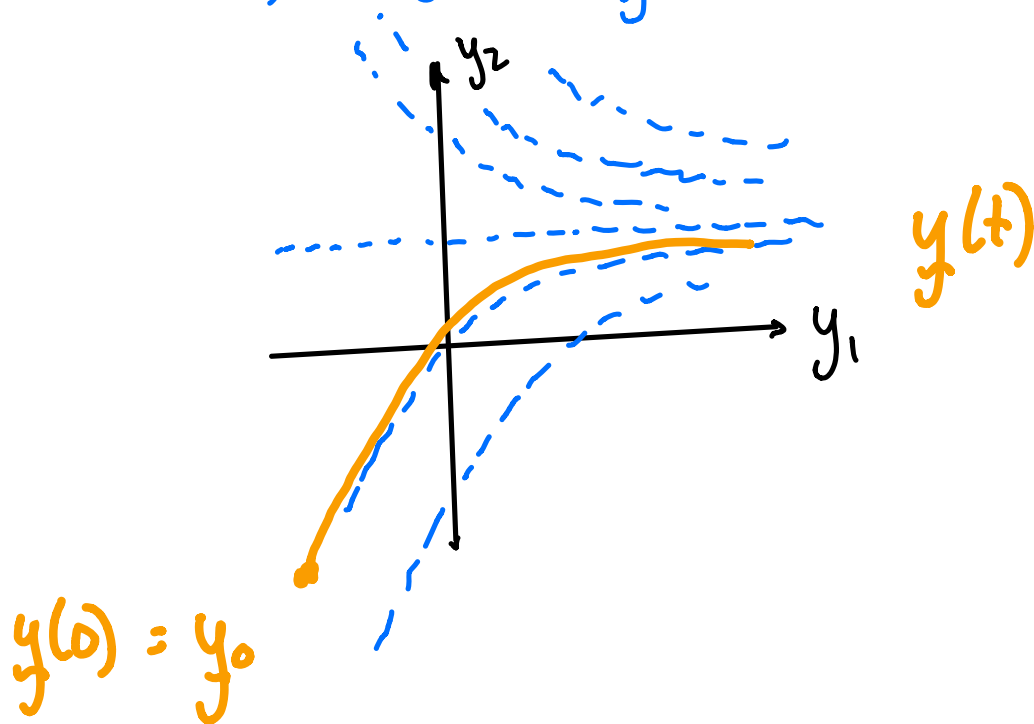
i.e. no explicit time dependence in $\underset{\sim}{f}$.

An autonomous system

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \underset{\sim}{f}(y)$$

has derivatives that only depend on the state of y and not t explicitly.

Slope Fields: $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$ indicates that the derivative of y does not change in time and that the **slope** of the solution $y(t)$ is given by $f(y)$. Plots of the slopes allow us to reconstruct y , since the derivative is always tangent to y :



The slope field is less useful in the case $\tilde{f}(y, t)$ since the slope field is changing in time, ...

CRITICAL (EQUILIBRIUM) POINTS

of a $\frac{dy}{dt} = \tilde{f}(y)$ are vectors

y^* such that

$$\frac{dy^*}{dt} = 0 = f(y^*)$$

i.e. y^* are roots of $f(y) = 0$ If t is interpreted as time, then we also call the equilibrium points **Stationary Points** of $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$.

$$\text{ex) } \frac{dx}{dt} = -(x-y)(1-x-y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x(2+y) \quad t > 0$$

$$\text{let } \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \text{ let } \underline{f} = \begin{pmatrix} -(x-y)(1-x-y) \\ x(2+y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } \frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = \underline{f}(\underline{x}) \quad t > 0$$

is an autonomous dynamical system.

To find critical points: set $\frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = 0$
and solve for x^*, y^* in

$$(x-y)(1-x-y) = 0$$

$$x(2+y) = 0$$

The critical pts are: $\underline{x}_1^* = (0,0)$,

$$\underline{x}_2^* = (0, 1), \quad \underline{x}_3^* = (-2, -2), \quad \underline{x}_4^* = (3, -2) //$$

ex) Find the critical points to

$$\frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = \underline{A} \underline{x}$$

$$\underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

here $\underline{f} = \underline{A} \underline{x}$, ODE is autonomous.

The only critical point is $\underline{x}^* = \underline{0} //$

STABILITY OF CRITICAL POINTS

For $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{f}(\underline{x})$, $t > 0$ with critical points \underline{x}^* , i.e. $\underline{f}(\underline{x}^*) = 0$,

is said to be **STABLE** if
for every $\underline{x} = \underline{\phi}(t)$ which

satisfies

$$\|\phi(0) - x^*\| < \delta \quad \delta > 0$$

there exists

$$\|\phi(t) - x^*\| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } t \geq 0$$



So $\phi(t)$ remains in some neighborhood of x^*

A critical point is **ASYMPTOTICALLY**

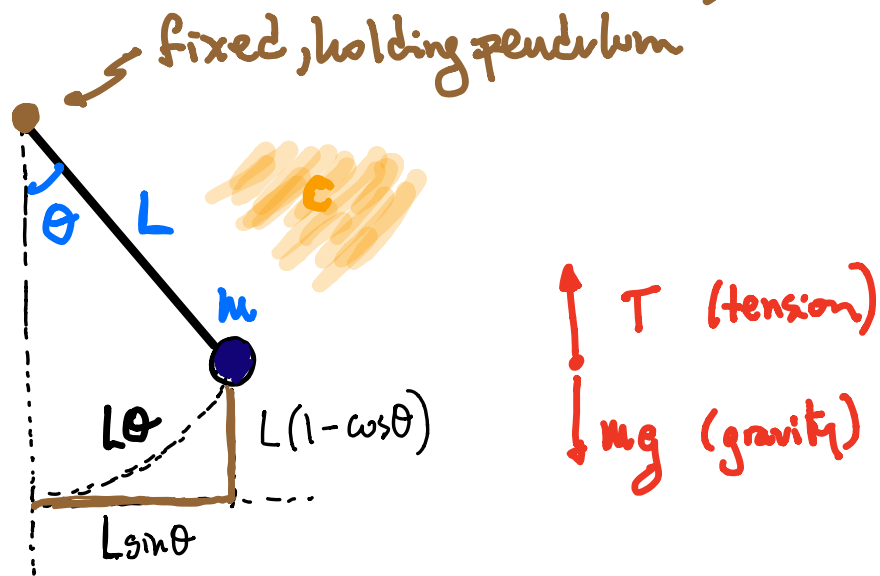
stable if it is stable and there exists

a $\delta_0 > 0$ s.t.

$$\|\phi(0) - x^*\| < \delta_0 \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t) = x^*$$

i.e. it will reach a critical point as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

THE PENDULUM (AN APPLICATION)



Momentum Conservation

$$(*) \quad mL^2 \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -cL \frac{d\theta}{dt} - mgL \sin \theta$$

$c \geq 0$ but small Resistive Coefficient

$$[c] = \frac{ML}{T}$$

$$\text{let } \begin{cases} \omega^2 \equiv g/L & [\omega] = T^{-1} \\ \gamma \equiv \frac{c}{mL} \geq 0 & [\gamma] = T^{-1} \end{cases}$$

Substituting into (*)

$$(\dagger) \quad \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \omega^2 \sin\theta = 0$$

$$\text{let } x \equiv \theta \\ y \equiv \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$\text{let } \underline{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore (\dagger)$ is cast as

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\omega^2 \sin x - \gamma y$$

$$\text{or } \frac{d\underline{X}}{dt} = \underline{f}(\underline{X})$$

$$\text{where } \underline{f}(\underline{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ -\omega \sin x - \gamma y \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark: Clearly, an autonomous system

$$\frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = \underline{f}(\underline{x}).$$

Find Critical Points: (x^*, y^*)

$$\text{set } \frac{dx}{dt} = 0 = \begin{pmatrix} y^* \\ -\omega^2 \sin x^* - \gamma y^* \end{pmatrix}$$

we find a countably-infinite set:

$$y^* = 0 \quad -\omega^2 \sin x^* - \gamma y^* = 0$$

or $y^* = 0 \quad x^* = \pm n\pi \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Stability of Critical Points (c.p.)

Rule: so clearly the c.p. correspond to the bob being either downright or upright:

$$y^* = 0 \\ x^* = n\pi, \text{ even}$$



$$y^* = 0 \\ x^* = n\pi \text{ odd}$$

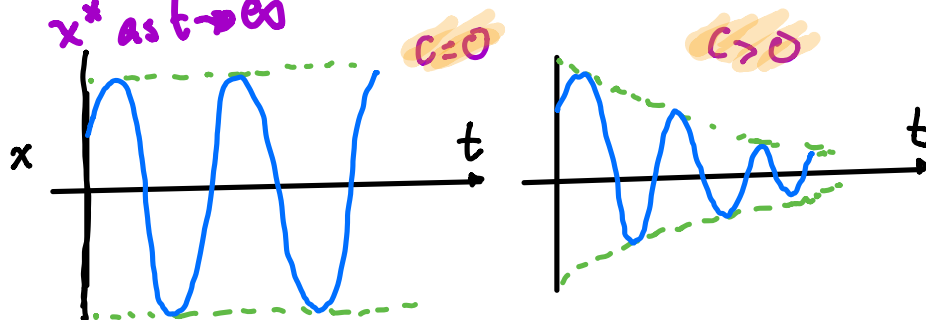
To investigate stability of both c.p.

$$\text{let } x = x^* + \delta\theta \text{ (say, at } t=0)$$

$$|\delta\theta| \ll 1$$

Rule: What do we expect?

For n even: $x^* = 0$ is stable ($c=0$)
and asymptotically stable ($c>0$). $x(t)$
will always stay close to x^* or decay to
 x^* as $t \rightarrow \infty$



For n odd we expect that the slightest
perturbation $\delta\theta$ will lead $x(t)$ to depart
 $x^* = \pi$. Unstable

Rule: To investigate the stability we will examine
how small perturbations $\delta\theta$ affect the behavior
of $\tilde{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ near (x^*, y^*) as $t \rightarrow \infty$

This is a (local) Linear Stability Analysis

LOCAL LINEAR STABILITY ANALYSIS

We look at the dynamics of $\delta \underline{x}$, small perturbations about \underline{x}^* , where $|\underline{x}| = O(1)$ and $|\delta \underline{x}| \ll 1$.

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \right) \frac{d \underline{x}}{dt} = \underline{f}(\underline{x}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \underline{f} \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

Assume the existence of e.p. \underline{x}^*

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{f}(\underline{x}^*) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \underline{x}(t) = \underline{x}^* + \delta \underline{x}(t)$$

Substitute into (1):

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\underline{x}^* + \delta \underline{x}) = \underline{f}(\underline{x}^* + \delta \underline{x})$$

$$\text{but } \frac{d \underline{x}^*}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta \underline{x} = \underline{f}(\underline{x}^* + \delta \underline{x})$$

$$= \underline{f}(\underline{x}^*) + \left. \frac{\partial \underline{f}}{\partial \underline{x}} \right|_{\underline{x}=\underline{x}^*} \delta \underline{x} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \underline{f}}{\partial \underline{x}^2} \right] \delta \underline{x}^2 + \dots$$

but $f(x^*) = 0$

and we're assuming that $|\delta x| \ll 1$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} \delta \underline{x} = \left. \frac{\partial \underline{f}}{\partial \underline{x}} \right|_{\underline{x} = \underline{x}^*} \delta \underline{x} + O(|\delta x|^2) \quad (\#)$$

The Matrix

$$\underline{J} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial \underline{f}}{\partial \underline{x}} \right|_{\underline{x} = \underline{x}^*} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \text{ is called}$$

the **Jacobian matrix**

Rule: To calculate the Jacobian matrix, assume $\underline{f} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, \underline{f} continuous & \underline{f}' continuous, for \underline{x} near \underline{x}^* .

$$\frac{\partial \underline{f}}{\partial \underline{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then $\underline{J} = \left. \frac{\partial \underline{f}}{\partial \underline{x}} \right|_{\underline{x} = \underline{x}^*}$ becomes a matrix of constants //

ex) let $\frac{d}{dt} \equiv (\cdot)$

$$\dot{x} = y$$

$$\dot{y} = -\omega^2 \sin x - \gamma y$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\vec{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ -\omega^2 \sin x - \gamma y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial \vec{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 \cos x & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J = \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial \vec{x}} \Big|_{x=x^*} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 \cos x^* & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

For n even:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

bob at

$$\begin{cases} \theta^* = 0 \\ \frac{d\theta^*}{dt} = 0 \end{cases}$$

For n odd:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ +\omega^2 & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

bob at

$$\begin{cases} \theta^* = \pi \\ \frac{d\theta^*}{dt} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Back to Stability

Rule: Want to examine whether $\delta \underline{x}$ perturbations about \underline{x}^* remain close to \underline{x}^* , as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Rule: linear (infinitesimal) perturbations will either oscillate, grow, decay, or a combination of oscillation/growth or oscillation/decay.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta \underline{x} = \underline{J} \delta \underline{x}$$

Rule: this is a system of the form
 $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A} \underline{x}$
so we know how to solve

The solution $\delta \underline{x} = c_1 \underline{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \underline{v}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + \dots + c_n \underline{v}_n e^{\lambda_n t}$

Found by computing

$$\det(\underline{J} - \lambda_i \underline{I}) = 0 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$(\underline{J} - \lambda_i \underline{I}) \underline{v}_i = 0$$

Rule: You might need to use the reduction of order procedure if system has repeated λ .

Rule: When can you justify a linear approximation,
in some radius $r = |\delta x|$ of \underline{x}^* ?

① We require that the $O(|\delta x|^2)$ terms remain
small for all t , for δx sufficiently small:

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{d}{dt}(\underline{x}^* + \delta \underline{x}) = \frac{d}{dt} \delta \underline{x} = J \delta \underline{x} + O(|\delta \underline{x}|^2)$$

small $\forall t$

Equation (*) is of the form

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = A \underline{x} + \underline{g}(\underline{x})$$

$$\text{where } \underline{g}(\underline{x}) = O(|\delta \underline{x}|^2)$$

(hence the requirement of $O(|\delta x|^2)$ be
small means that

$$\lim_{\|\underline{x}\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\underline{g}(\underline{x})\|}{\|\underline{x}\|} = 0$$

This requirement should be true x near x^* , i.e.

$$\lim_{\|\delta x\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|g(x^* + \delta x)\|}{\|\delta x\|}$$

(2) We also require that $J \delta \underline{x} = 0$
 i.e. that a linear approximation exist.
 (we already assumed that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{x}}$ be continuous
 near \underline{x}^*)

(3) We also require that \underline{x}_j^* be isolated
 i.e. \exists a ball around \underline{x}_j^* containing \underline{x}_j^*
 and no other critical $\underline{x}^* \neq \underline{x}_j^*$.

RETURN TO PENDULUM PROBLEM:

Case $\underline{x}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{pmatrix}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -\gamma \end{pmatrix} \delta \underline{x} \equiv A \delta \underline{x}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 = -\lambda(-\gamma - \lambda) + \omega^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + \gamma\lambda + \omega^2 = 0$$

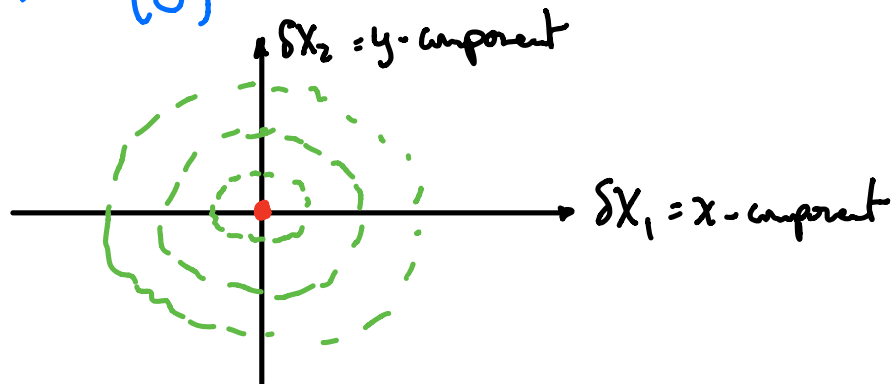
$$\delta \underline{x} = e^{-\gamma/2 t} \left[c_1 \underline{v}_1 e^{i\omega_d t} + c_2 \underline{v}_2 e^{-i\omega_d t} \right]$$

$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{\gamma}{2} \pm \frac{i}{2} \sqrt{4\omega^2 - \gamma^2} = -\frac{\gamma}{2} \pm i\omega_d$

if $\gamma = 0$: $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i\omega$

The solution δX is oscillatory

Then (0) is a **CENTER** (stable)



These are curves of constant energy. Perturbations oscillate forever.

if $\gamma > 0$: the solution has a time

dependence $e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos \omega_d t \\ \sin \omega_d t \end{Bmatrix}$

where $\omega_d \equiv (\omega^2 - (\gamma/2)^2)$

the **damped** frequency.

So solutions decay as $t \rightarrow \infty$ but also

oscillate if $\omega^2 > (\gamma/2)^2$ **STABLE SPIRAL**

or simply decay if $\omega^2 \leq (\gamma/2)^2$

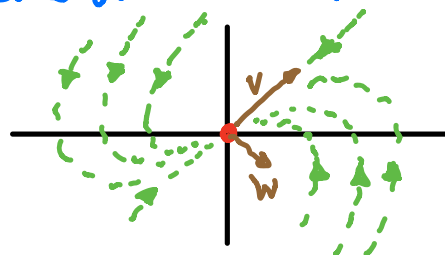
STABLE NODE

There are 2 cases: $4\omega^2 = \gamma^2$ and $4\omega^2 < \gamma^2$

if $\gamma^2 = 4\omega^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\gamma/2$

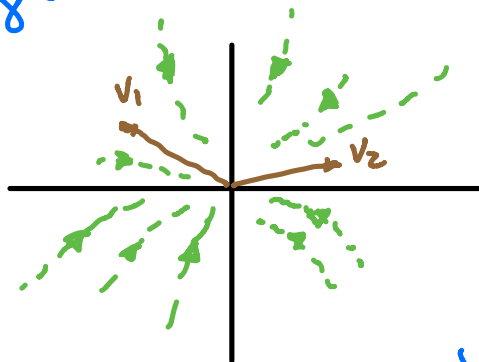
$$\delta \underline{x} = c_1 \underline{v} e^{\lambda t} + c_2 (\underline{w} + \underline{v} t) e^{\lambda t}$$

since $\lambda < 0$ the $\delta \underline{x}$ decays to 0 as $t \rightarrow \infty$



Improper stable node

if $4\omega^2 < \gamma^2$



$$\delta \underline{x} = c_1 \underline{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \underline{v}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{\gamma}{2}(1 \pm \delta) \quad \text{where } \delta < 1$$

$$\therefore \lambda_{1,2} < 0$$

Case $\underline{x}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \pi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{pmatrix}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & -\gamma \end{pmatrix} \delta \underline{x} = \underline{A} \delta \underline{x}$$

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda(\gamma - \lambda) - \omega^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{\gamma}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\gamma^2 + 4\omega^2}$$

One of the eigenvectors will have exponential growth, the other has exponential decay.

A SADDLE (UNSTABLE)

$$\delta \underline{x} = e^{-\gamma t/2} \left(c_1 \underline{v}_1 e^{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\gamma^2 + 4\omega^2} t} + c_2 \underline{v}_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\gamma^2 + 4\omega^2} t} \right)$$

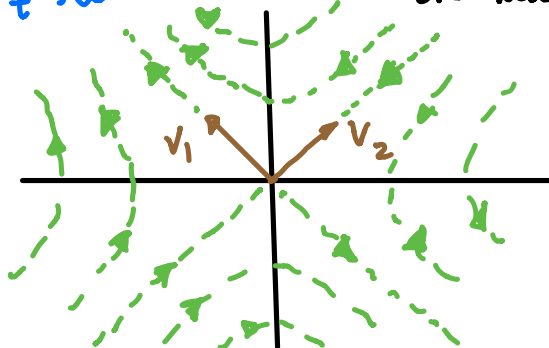
clearly, as $t \rightarrow \infty$, the \underline{v}_2 contribution becomes small compared to \underline{v}_1 component.

So for $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \underline{x} &\approx e^{-\gamma t/2} c_1 \underline{v}_1 e^{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\gamma^2 + 4\omega^2} t} \\ &= e^{\frac{\gamma}{2} t (\sqrt{1+\varepsilon} - 1)} c_1 \underline{v}_1 \end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$

$\therefore \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \delta \underline{x}$ diverges (unless the dynamics are exactly aligned with \underline{v}_2)



**SADDLE
(UNSTABLE)**

THE PHASE PLANE

These are plots of the position & momentum (or velocity) variables of the dynamics.

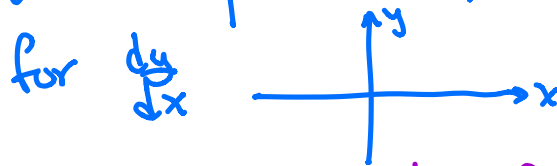
For the pendulum problem, the position $\theta = x$, and the velocity is $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = y$

To construct the phase plane for

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = -\omega^2 \sin x - \gamma y \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\omega^2 \sin x - \gamma y}{y}$$

We then produce a phase plane



Prink: Let's build the phase plane for an easy case, when $\gamma = 0$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{-\omega^2 \sin x}$$

$$\therefore -\omega^2 \sin x \, dx = y \, dy$$

Seperable ODE so we can integrate:

$$(\#) C = \frac{1}{2} y^2 + \omega^2 (1 - \cos x)$$

where c is a constant

Multiply $(\#)$ by mL^2 and revert back to θ and $d\theta/dt$ variables:

$$mL^2 C = \frac{1}{2} mL^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 + mgL(1 - \cos \theta)$$

The units of $\frac{1}{2} mL^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2$ is energy.

$$\therefore \text{let } mL^2 C = E$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} mL^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2}_{\text{Kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{mgL(1 - \cos \theta)}_{\text{potential energy}} \quad (\#)$$

total energy

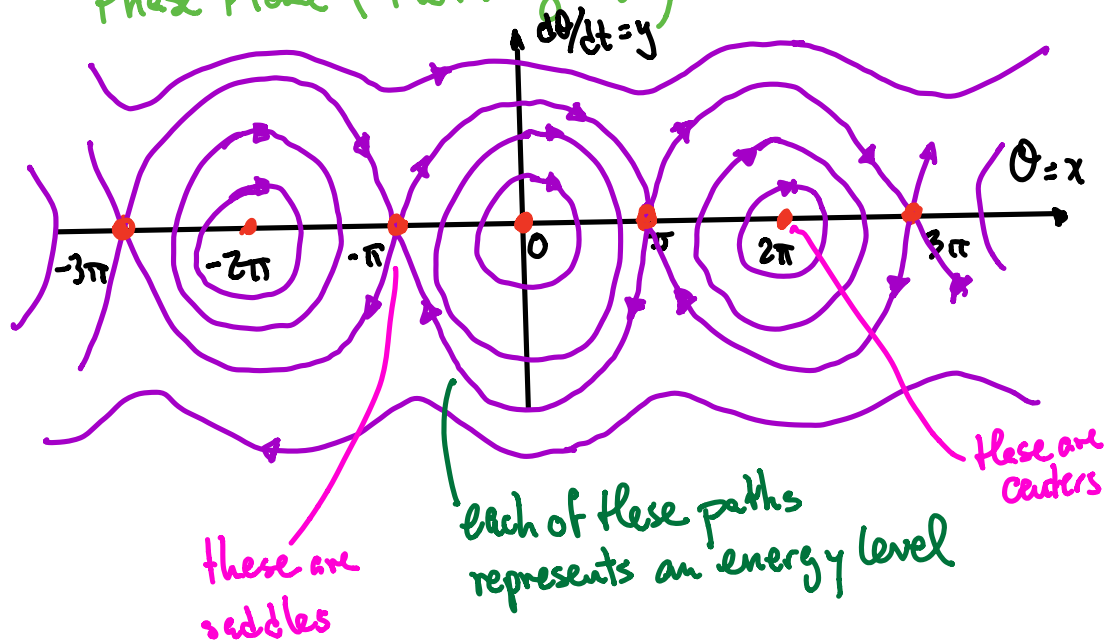
We note that if $\frac{d\theta}{dt}(t=0) = A$ and $\theta(t=0) = B$

initial conditions then

$$\begin{aligned} E(t=0) &= \frac{1}{2} mL^2 A^2 + mgL(1 - \cos B) \\ &= E(t) \end{aligned}$$

it's a constant of motion.

Phase Plane (Plotting $\dot{\theta}$) we see



Rule: The above phase plane captures dynamics GLOBALLY. Certain system called "hyperbolic" can be fully characterized globally from a local analysis of critical points. //

Rule: There are serious limitations to local linear stability. In what follows we consider one such situation. We focus on it because (a) it's easy, (b) common & possibly easily identified, (c) there are a few theoretical constructs that allow us to discern whether they are relevant to our analysis of a system for which little is known.

def: Periodic Solutions a periodic solution to $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{f}(\underline{x})$, $t > 0$, satisfies

$$(*) \quad \underline{x}(t+T) = \underline{x}(t) \quad \forall t$$

where $T \in \mathbb{R}$ is called the **period**. It is the smallest number for which (*) is true.

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PERIODIC SOLUTIONS & LIMIT CYCLES

linear stability analysis has rather limited dynamics in time: things grow/decay exponentially or as a power of t , and they can also oscillate. It cannot capture a class of problems that are periodic called **limit cycles**.

let's look a system that has a limit cycle & show that linear stability analysis yields the wrong qualitative outcomes.

a) Consider

$$(\exists) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y-x(x^2+y^2) \\ -x+y-y(x^2+y^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } \underline{x} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

(\exists) has $\underline{x}^* = (0,0)$ as a critical point.

Let's do linear stability analysis:

$$\underline{x} = \underline{x}^* + \delta \underline{x}, \text{ then from } (\exists)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta \underline{x} = J \delta \underline{x} \text{ where } J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p(\lambda) = \det(J - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = 1 \pm i$$

so the $\delta \underline{x}$ has exponentially growing oscillating solutions. We see that

\underline{x}^* should be unstable. Unstable spiral.

It turns out that we can solve (\exists) exactly:

$$\text{let } x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \tan \theta = y/x$$

substitute into (3):

$$(\dagger) \quad r \frac{dr}{dt} = r^2(1 - r^2)$$

$$\text{i.e. } x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} = (x^2 + y^2) - (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

The solution of (†) is $r(t) = 1$

To find an equation for θ : Multiply the first eq of (3) by y and subtract the second multiplied by x :

$$y \frac{dx}{dt} - x \frac{dy}{dt} = x^2 + y^2$$

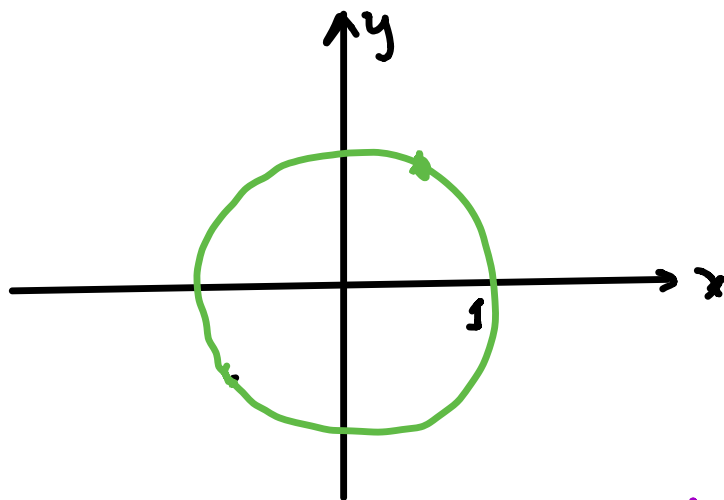
$$r \sin \theta \frac{d}{dt}(r \cos \theta) - r \cos \theta \frac{d}{dt}(r \sin \theta) = r^2$$

$$\text{or } -r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = r^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -1 \Rightarrow \theta(t) = -t + \theta_0$$

So the exact solution of (7) is

$r=1, \theta=-t+\theta_0$, and clearly periodic



Remark: This is not the only solution.

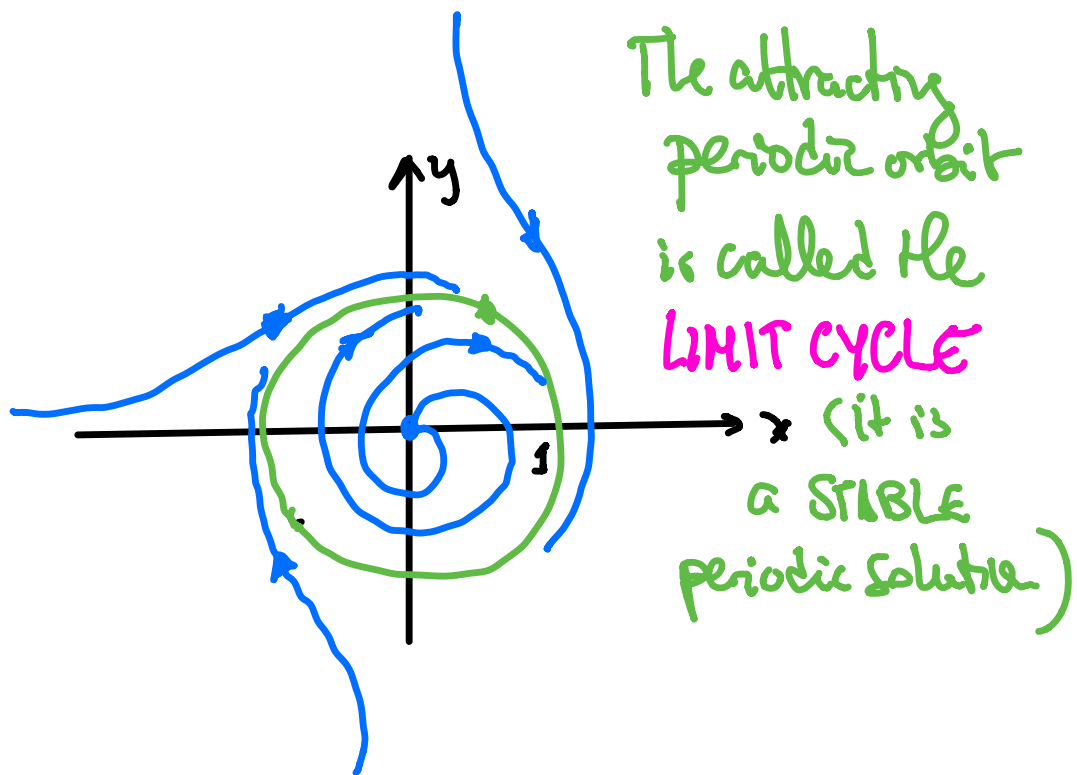
We write (7) as

$$\frac{dr}{r(1-r^2)} = dt \quad \text{partial fractions:}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-r} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1+r}\right) dr = dt$$

Integrate b.s:

$$r(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+6e^{-2t}}}, \quad \theta(t) = -t + \theta_0$$



def: A trajectory that encloses other non-closed trajectories is called a **LIMIT CYCLE** //

It is asymptotically stable since as $t \rightarrow \infty$ all orbits tend to $r = 1$.

ex) Perform an analysis of the **vander Pol Oscillator**

$$\ddot{u} + u - \mu(1-u^2)\dot{u} = 0$$

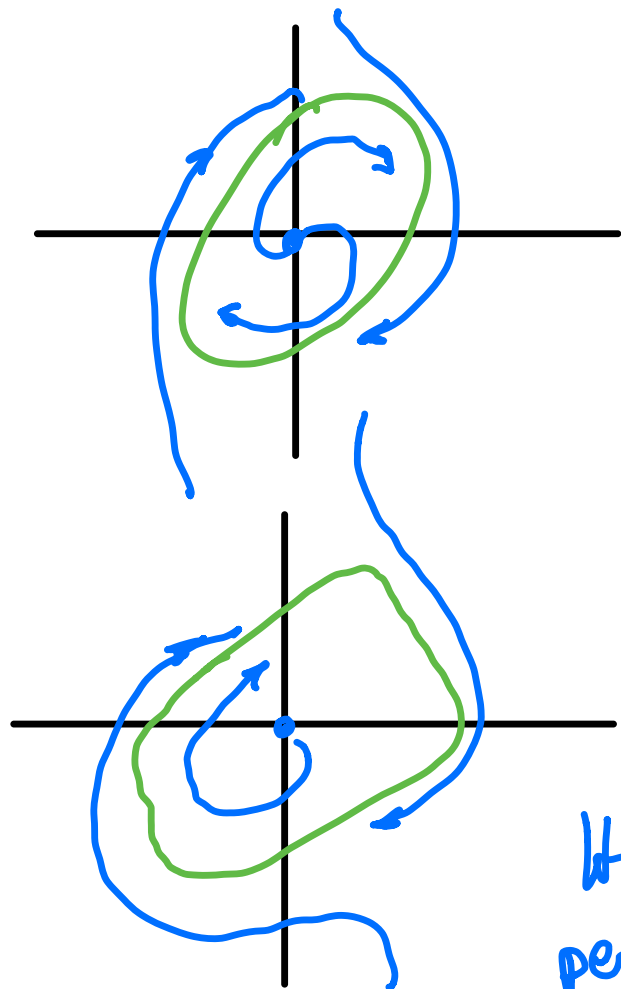
$$t \geq 0$$

$$\mu \geq 0$$

if $\mu = 0$ we get the sinusoidal functions, periodic with period 2π .

if $\mu > 0$: if u is large, the 3rd term is a **damping** term. If u is small, the 3rd term **amplifies**

Show that for $\mu \geq 0.2$ we get a limit cycle.



$$\mu = 0.2$$

$$\mu = 1$$

Highly non-sinusoidal
periodic motion.

Look on the web page for the Van der Pol
Oscillator demo. //

Remark: Clearly, it'd be good to know when we
expect the linear analysis to work. We can,
for periodic cases:

THREE THEOREMS FOR 2D PROBLEMS

Assume $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = F(x,y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = G(x,y) \end{cases} \quad (\#)$

Thm F & G continuous with continuous first partials in some domain $(x,y) \in D$ of the x,y plane. A closed trajectory of $(\#)$ must necessarily enclose **at least 1** critical point. If it encloses a single critical point it cannot be a (unstable) saddle. //

Thm F & G as above. If

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \equiv \nabla \cdot (F, G)$$

in a simply-connected domain D of xy plane has **the same sign** throughout D

\Rightarrow There's no closed trajectory of (S) lying entirely in D //

Rule: A simply-connected region has no holes.

Thm Poincaré-Bendixson Theorem: let $R = D \cap \partial D$



be a region with
continuous F & G &
continuous particles.

If there is a periodic solution that stays inside R (closed orbit) OR there's a solution that spirals toward a closed orbit $\text{etc} \Rightarrow$

The system has a periodic orbit in R
(a limit cycle). //

BENDIXSON'S CRITERION: If $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial G}{\partial y}$ are continuous in R , a simply-connected region and

$$\nabla \cdot (F, G) \neq 0 \text{ for any point in } R$$

$$\text{Then } \dot{x} = F \quad \dot{y} = G$$

has no closed trajectories in R //

CRITICAL POINT CRITERION: A closed trajectory has a critical point in its interior.

ex) For what a, d does

$$\dot{x} = ax + by$$

$$\dot{y} = cx + dy$$

have closed trajectories?

if $a+d=0$ Poincaré Bendixon
says nothing

look at e -values:

$$\lambda^2 - (a+d)\lambda + (ad-bc) = 0$$

* Roots are complex if $ad-bc > 0$
system will have a center if $a+d=0$

this is the closed trajectories case.

* if $ad-bc < 0$ and $a+d=0$ the system
is a saddle
non-closed trajectories.

