

110.302 Lecture 32: 11/16/15

More nonlinear behavior

Near a ~~the~~ center, all trajectories are closed, ^{periodic}

~~curves~~ (curves $\vec{x}(t)$ where there exists a positive number $T > 0$ where ~~$\vec{x}(t+T) = \vec{x}(t)$~~
 $\vec{x}(t+T) = \vec{x}(t)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.)

We call these curves closed.

Is it possible to have only one such curve in the phase plane?

ex.
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x - y - x(x^2 + y^2) \\ \dot{y} &= x + y - y(x^2 + y^2)\end{aligned}$$

Fixed pts? $(0,0)$ is one

This system is almost linear @ $(0,0)$, and @ $(0,0)$, associated linear system has $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ with eigenvalues $\Gamma = 1 \pm i$.

The origin is a spiral source.

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What else is going on? Notice a pattern in $x^2 + y^2$?

What if we switched coordinates to polar?

$$\begin{aligned} 16 \quad \left. \begin{aligned} x(t) &= r(t) \cos \theta(t) \\ y(t) &= r(t) \sin \theta(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \text{ and } \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

exercise: Show transformed system is

$$\dot{r} = r(1 - r^2)$$

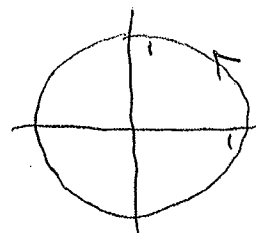
$$\dot{\theta} = 1$$

This system is uncoupled. Without solving, fixed pts?

- The origin $r=0$ $\theta=\text{anything}$ is fixed.

- But so is $r(t)=1$, $\theta(t)=t$.

This orbit (trajectory) is closed,
and is called a cycle.



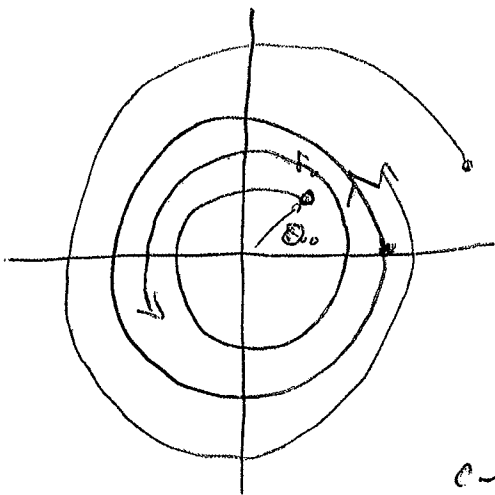
- What happens if we start

- ① On the circle

- ② Inside the circle

- ③ Outside the circle

- System is autonomous, and $\overline{f(r, \theta)}$ has derivatives of all orders. $\Rightarrow$ Solutions are unique (trajectories cannot cross).
- Suppose we start @ $r_0 = r(t_0)$, $\theta_0 = \theta(t_0)$, where
 - $r_0 < 1$ (inside the circle).
- Here $\dot{\theta} = 1$, $\dot{r} > 0$ always.
 - $r_0 > 1$ (outside the circle)
- Here $\dot{\theta} = 1$, $\dot{r} < 0$ always

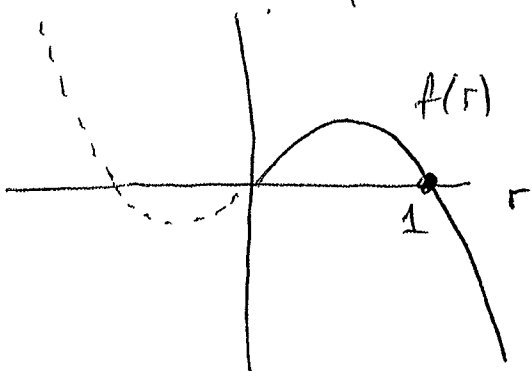


- It turns out that ALL trajectories tend toward the cycle @ $r=1$.

- $r(t) \equiv 1$ is called a limit cycle

and since for any $r_0 > 0$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} r(t) = 1$, $r(t) \equiv 1$ is asymptotically stable.

- Another way to see this: $\dot{r} = r(1-r^2) = f(r)$
 $\dot{\theta} = 1$

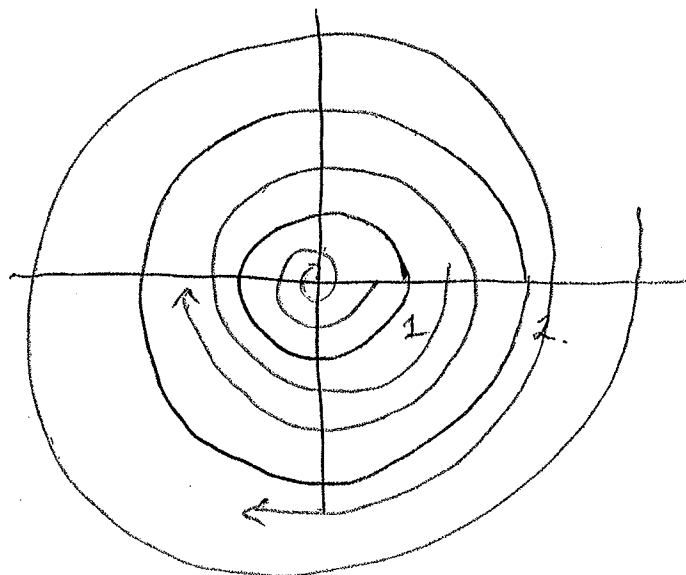
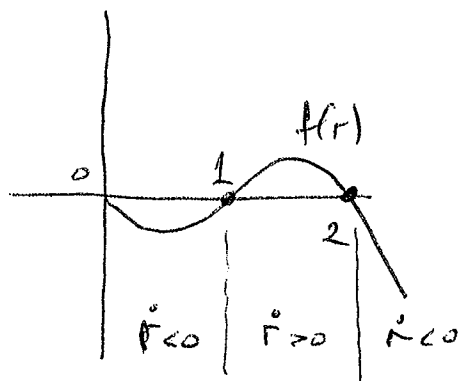


Here all trajectories are either closed (origin and $r \equiv 1$) or limit to a closed trajectory.

ex. Can you draw the phase portrait for

$$\dot{r} = r(1-r)(r-2) = f(r)$$

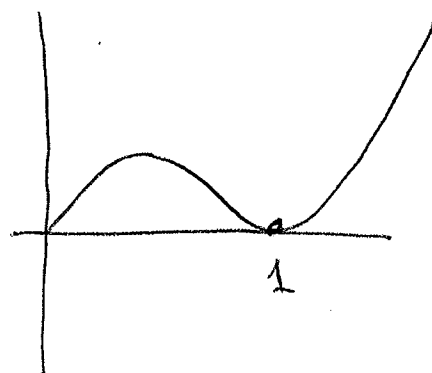
$$\dot{\theta} = -1$$



Conclusion: • The origin is a spiral sink. The limit cycle $r(t) \equiv 1$ is unstable and the limit cycle $r(t) \equiv 2$ is asympt. stable.

ex. How about $\dot{r} = r(1-r)^2$

Here $r(t) \equiv 1$ is called semi-stable. why?



Q: In any autonomous ODE system with unique solutions, what are the options for the long term behavior of trajectories:

- ① $\longrightarrow \infty$
- ② $\longrightarrow$ fixed pt (equilibrium)
- ③ $\longrightarrow$ closed trajectory (cycle)
- ④ $\longrightarrow ?$

In higher dimensions there is a 4th option (strange attractor) eg.), but not in 2D.

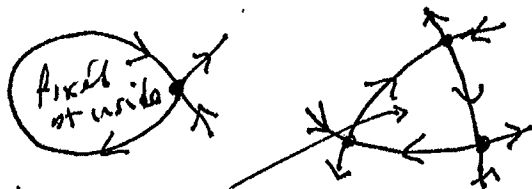
Qualitative Existence Thms

Some results involving system $\dot{x} = F(x, y)$, $\dot{y} = G(x, y)$.

- Thm 1 Let F, G have continuous partials on a domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Then
- ① Any closed nontrivial trajectory must contain at least 1 critical pt.
 - ② If there is only 1, then it cannot be a saddle.

Contrapositive: If there does not exist a fixed pt, then there cannot exist a closed trajectory!

Notes (A) Also works if a finite number of whole trajectories together make a closed curve:



must be a fixed pt inside

(B) Try to visually show part (2) is wrong.



Thm 2 Let F, G have continuous partials on a simply connected domain D (no holes inside). If $F_x + G_y$ has the same sign throughout D , then there does not exist a closed nontrivial trajectory completely in D .
cycle

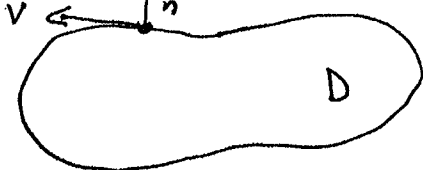
ex. $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x \\ \dot{y} = y \end{cases}$ Here $F_x = G_y = 1, D = \mathbb{R}^2$

Note: In Calc III, any $OD \in \begin{cases} \dot{x} = F(x, y) \\ \dot{y} = G(x, y) \end{cases}$ defines a vector field on $\mathbb{R}^2$

$\vec{V} = F\vec{i} + G\vec{j}$. Here for any closed bounded domain D ,

we have

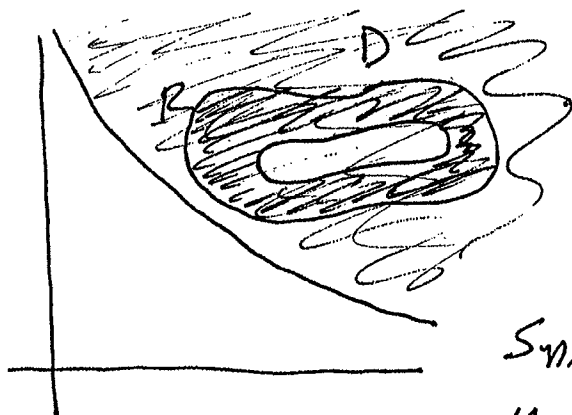
$$\oint_{\partial D} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = \iint_D (F_x + G_y) \, dA$$



If $F_x + G_y$ as in thm, then RHS $\neq 0$. But if ∂D is a closed trajectory, then LHS $= 0$.

Hence one cannot find any D w/ cycle as boundary.

Thm 3 Poincaré - Bendixson.



Let F, G have continuous partials on $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ (maybe with holes), D_1 be a bounded subdomain and R the closure of D_1 .

Suppose R contains no critical pts. 16

Then exists a t_0 where for all $t \geq t_0$, a solution $x = \varphi(t)$, $y = \psi(t)$ enters R and never leaves, then

either $x = \varphi(t)$, $y = \psi(t)$ is a closed trajectory or is asymptotic to a closed trajectory.

Conclusion: $\exists$ a closed trajectory in R .

ex. Van der Pol's equation $u'' - \mu(1-u^2)u' + u = 0$

(kinda looks like the pendulum with μ as damping)

Here μ is a non-negative constant. When $\mu = 0$ all solutions are periodic. ($u'' + u = 0$)

For $\mu > 0$, it is not clear what the dynamics are.

Switched to a system

$$\dot{x} = y$$

$$\dot{y} = -x + \mu(1-x^2)y$$

Here, it is obvious the origin is fixed.

In polar coordinates, $\dot{r} = \mu(1 - r^2 \cos^2 \theta) r \sin^2 \theta$

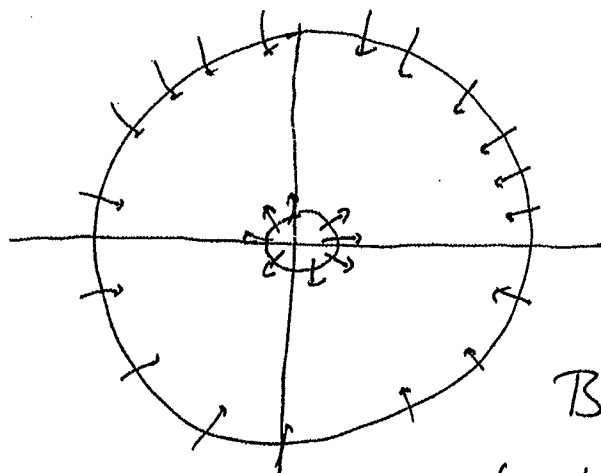
$$\dot{\theta} = -1 - \underbrace{\mu(r^2 \cos^2 \theta - 1) \sin \theta \cos \theta}_{\text{usually much smaller than 1.}}$$

exercise: Show origin is ~~an~~ source for $\mu > 0$ (it is a spiral for $\mu < 2$ and a node for $\mu > 2$).

exercise: Show for $r \gg 0$, $\dot{r} < 0$

exercise: Show the origin is the only fixed pt.

Consider the annulus given by the region between $r = \varepsilon > 0$ for small ε , and a large $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ satisfying exercise 2.



Call this R . On inner ring, $\dot{r} > 0$, on outer ring $\dot{r} < 0$, so any trajectory that starts inside R stays inside R for ever.

By PB-thm, there must exist a closed trajectory in R .

Thus there is a periodic solution

