

Math 6345 - AODE's

Bifurcation Theory

We now consider ODEs with parameter.

Specifically, we study how critical pts change

1st order

$$\dot{x} = f(x, \lambda) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

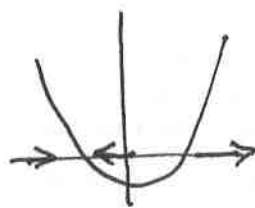
ex $\dot{x} = x^2 + \lambda$

possibilities $\lambda < 0, \lambda = 0, \lambda > 0$

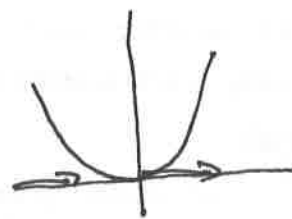
ex $\dot{x} = x^2 - 1$ CP $x = \pm 1$

$$\dot{x} = x^2 \quad \text{CP } \Rightarrow x = 0$$

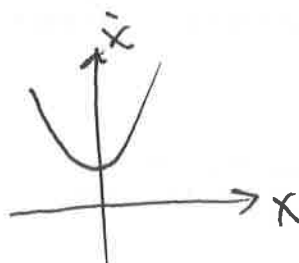
$$\dot{x} = x^2 + 1 \quad \text{NO CP}$$



2 critical pt
1 stable
1 unstable

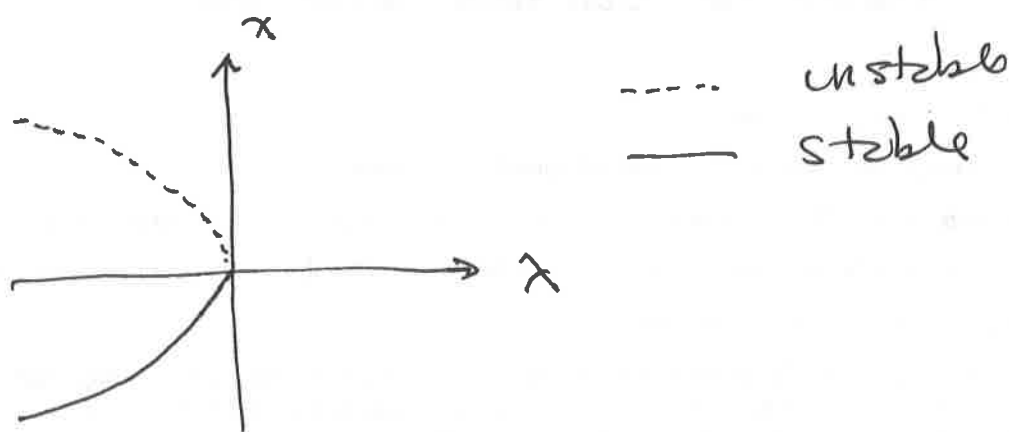


turns to
1 unstable



then vanishes

Bifurcation Diagram



This bifurcation is called a saddle-node bif. The same will be relevant in 2D

2. Transcritical

stability exchanges

$$\dot{x} = \lambda x - x^2 \quad \text{CP } x=0, x=\lambda$$

$$\lambda < 0$$

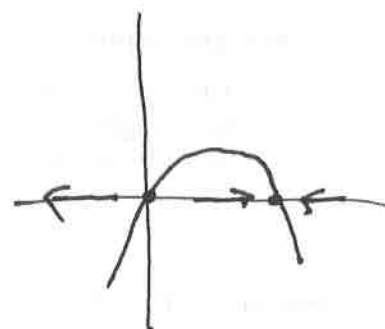
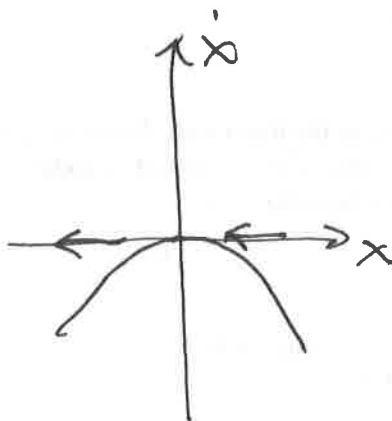
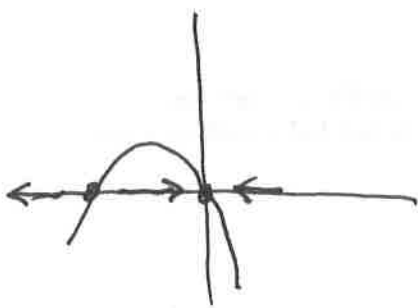
$$\dot{x} = -x - x^2$$

$$\lambda > 0$$

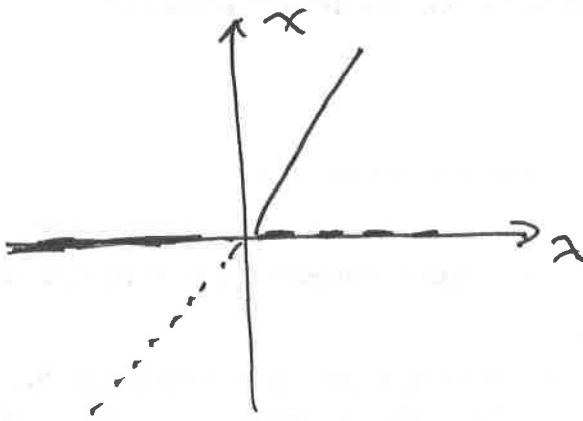
$$\dot{x} = -x^2$$

$$\lambda > 0$$

$$\dot{x} = x - x^2$$



Bifurcation Diagram

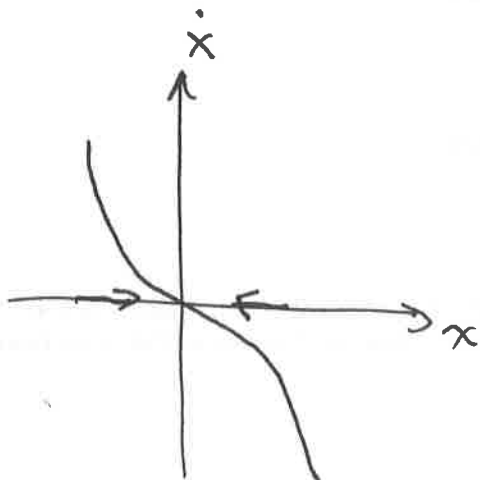


3. Pitchfork Bifurcation

$$\dot{x} = \lambda x - x^3 \quad \text{"Supercritical"}$$

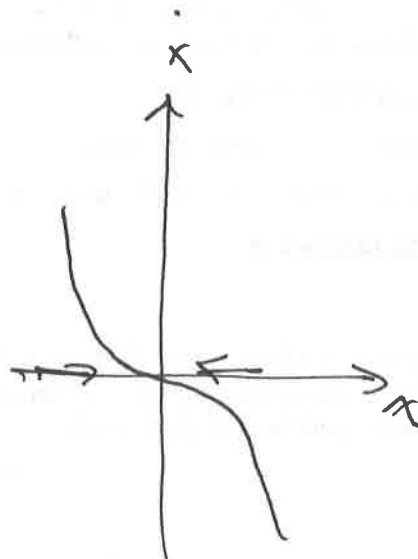
$$\lambda < 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -x - x^3 \\ &= -x(1+x^2) \end{aligned}$$



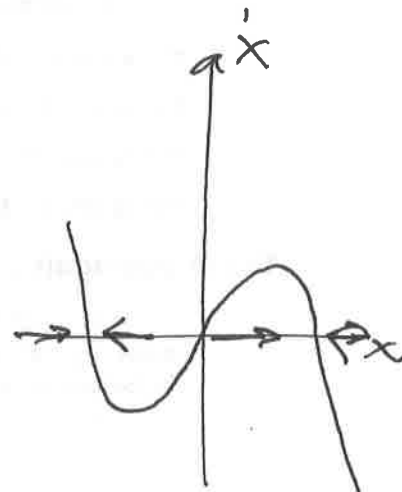
$$\lambda = 0$$

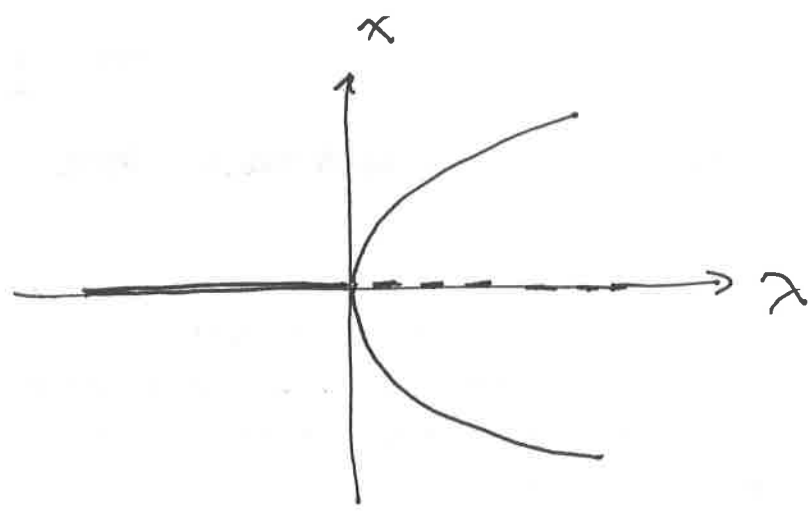
$$\dot{x} = -x^3$$



$$\lambda > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= x - x^3 \\ &= x(1-x)(1+x) \end{aligned}$$





$\dot{x} = \lambda x + x^3$ "Subcritical"

$\lambda < 0$

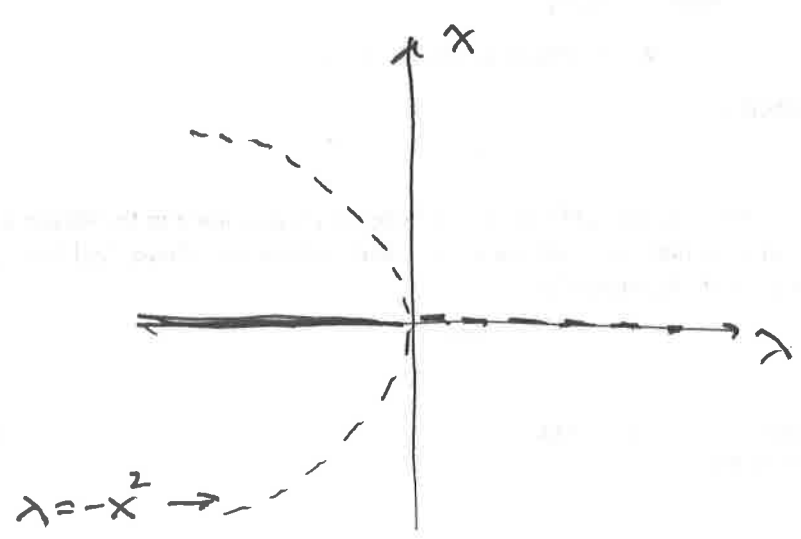
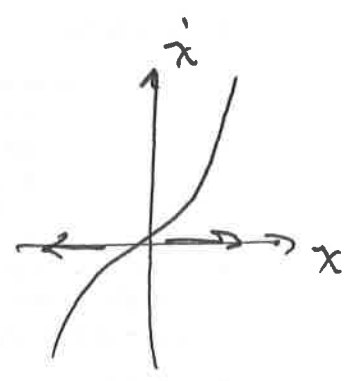
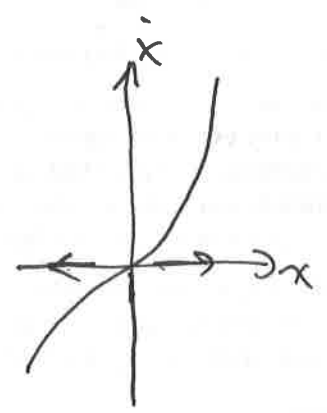
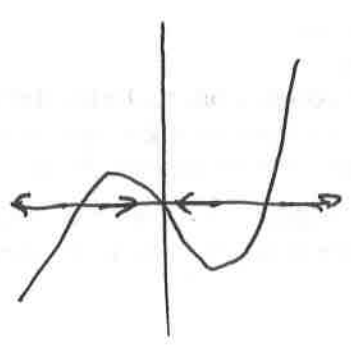
$\lambda = 0$

$\lambda > 0$

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

$\dot{x} = x^3$

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



----- unstable
 ————— stable

Can things get more complicated?

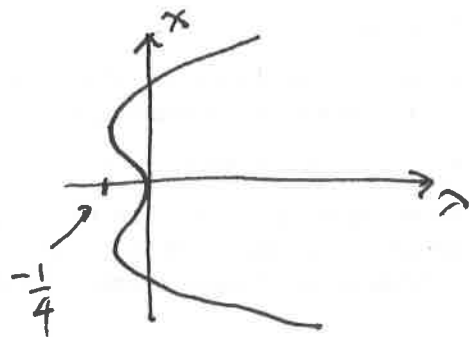
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{ax } \dot{x} &= \lambda x + x^3 - x^5 \\ &= x(\lambda + x^2 - x^4) \end{aligned}$$

so CP $x=0$ and if $\lambda + x^2 - x^4 = 0$

$$\text{so } x^4 - x^2 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} x^2 = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4\lambda}}{2}$$



so if $1+4\lambda < 0$ roots 1 real 4 complex

$\lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$ roots 5 real 2 repeated

$$-\frac{1}{4} < 1+4\lambda < 1$$

$\text{or } -\frac{1}{4} < \lambda < 0$ 5 real distinct roots

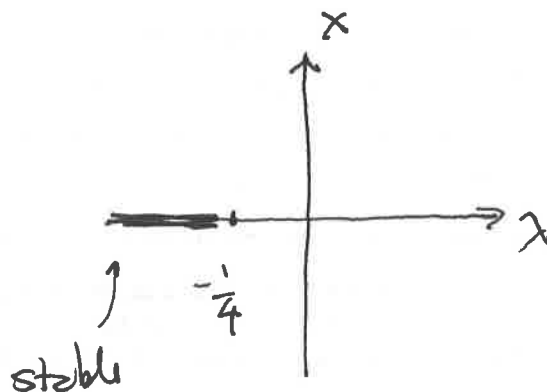
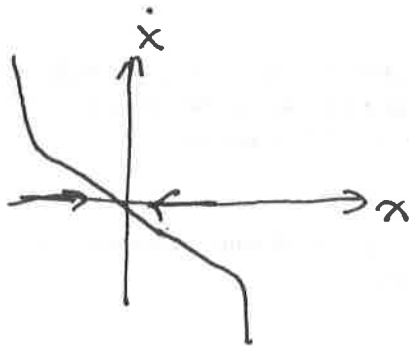
$1+4\lambda = 1$ 5 real 1 repeated

$1+4\lambda > 1$ 3 real distinct
2 complex

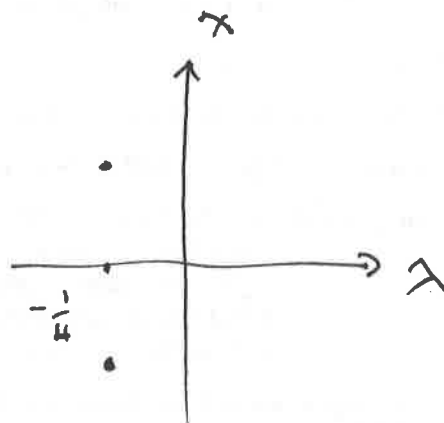
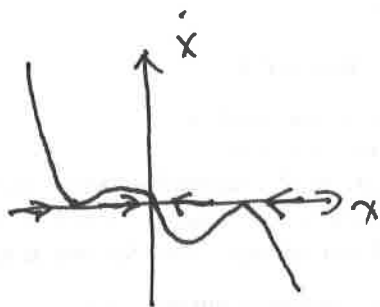
we will look at case for each

① $\lambda < -\frac{1}{4}$ pick $\lambda = -1$

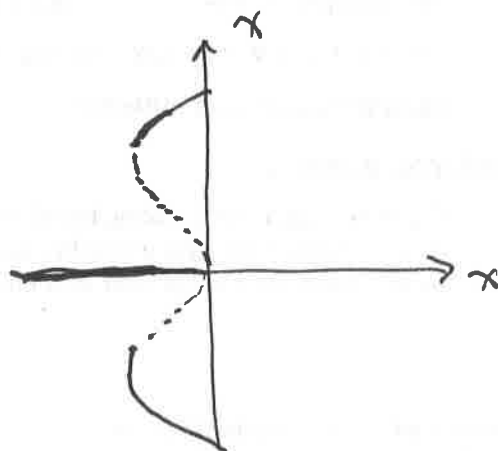
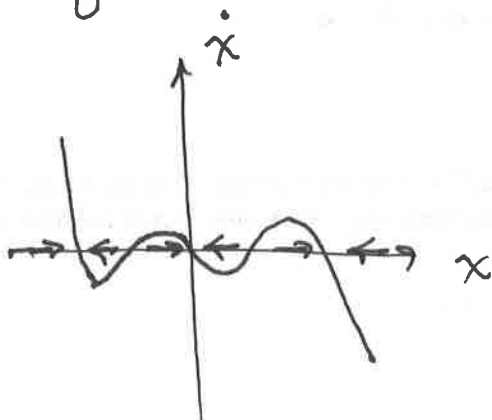
so $\dot{x} = -x + x^3 - x^5$



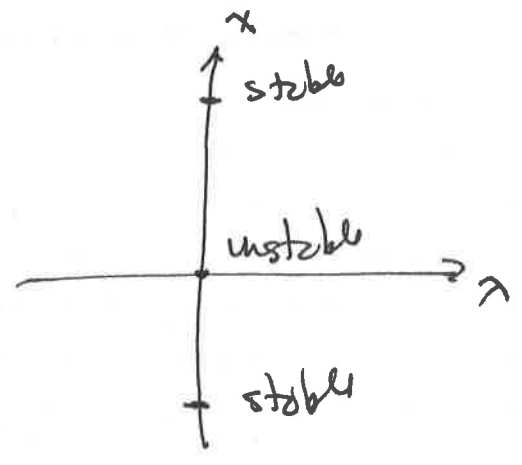
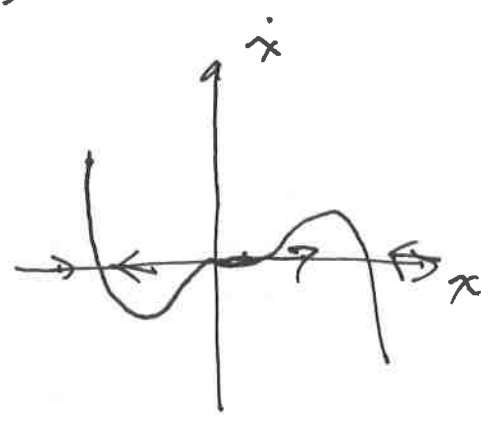
② $\lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$



③ $\lambda = -\frac{1}{10}$



④ $\lambda = 0$



⑤ $\lambda = 1$

