

The last few classes we have been considering the stability of the zero solution of linear systems

$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \bar{x}$$

and how characterize the phase portraits depending on the eigen values.

Now we consider nonlinear systems

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y) \quad - (1)$$

Critical Point (CP)

A critical pt of the system (1) is a constant solⁿ $x=x_0, y=y_0$ such that

$$f(x_0, y_0) = 0, \quad g(x_0, y_0) = 0$$

we ask - what is the stability of this (these) critical pts

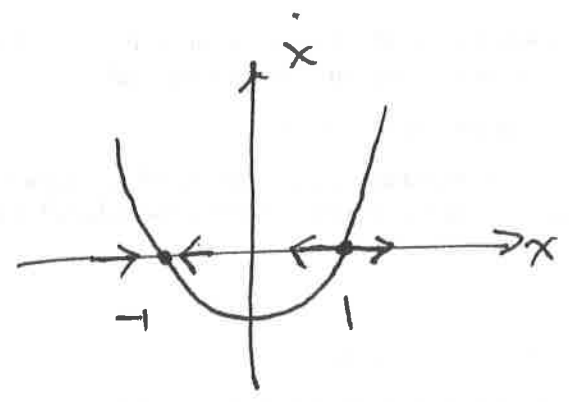
As a motivation consider the single

ODE

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - 1$$

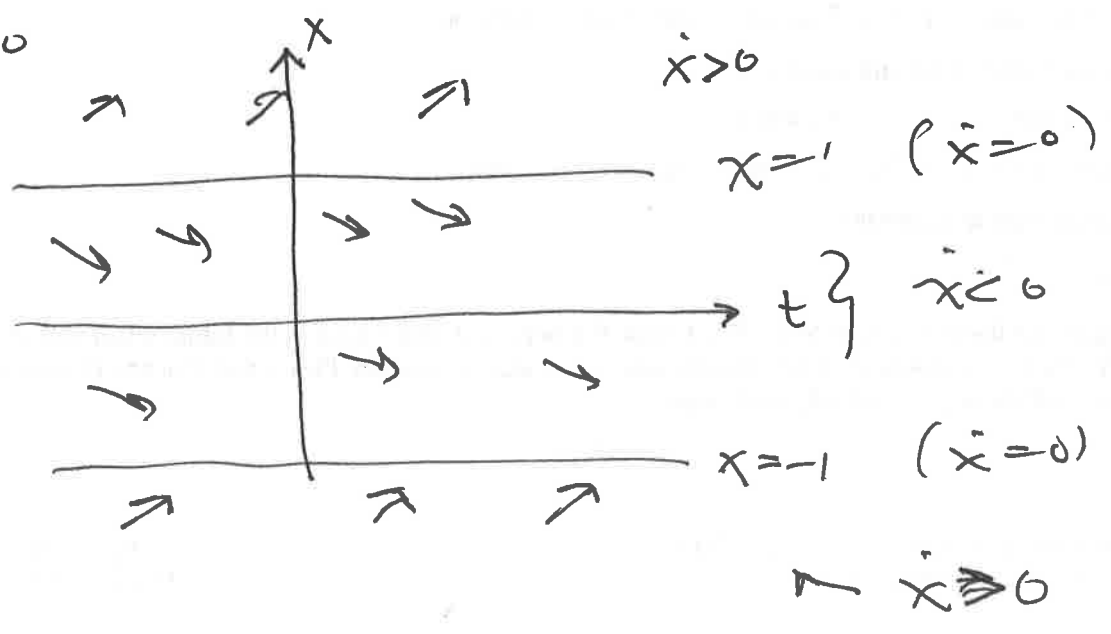
There are 2 critical pt $x = -1, 1$

If we draw the phase portrait (x vs \dot{x})



We see that $x = -1$ is asymptotically stable whereas $x = 1$ is unstable

Also



so can we do this analytically (somehow) ³

Consider the 2 critical pt

$$x = -1 \quad \text{let } x = -1 + u$$

$$\text{so } \dot{x} = \dot{u} \quad \varepsilon'$$

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

Near $u=0$ u^2 is small compared to $-2u$

$$\text{so the eq}^n \quad \dot{u} = -2u$$

approximates the ~~behave~~ sol^n near the critical

$$\text{pt so } u = c e^{-2t}$$

$$\text{and } x \approx -1 + c e^{-2t}$$

and we see that $x = -1$ is asym stable

$$\text{Further if } x = 1 + u \text{ then } \dot{x} = x^2 - 1$$

$$\text{becomes } \dot{u} = 2u + u^2$$

and similar near $u=0$ $\dot{u} \approx 2u$

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So $u = c e^{2t}$

and $x = 1 + c e^{2t}$

and we see $\dot{u} = 2u$ is unstable so x is unstable

let's consider the actual solⁿ

$$\dot{x} = x^2 - 1 \quad \text{sol}^n \quad x = \frac{c e^{-2t} - 1}{c e^{-2t} + 1}$$

let's consider the initial pt $x(0) = 1.1$

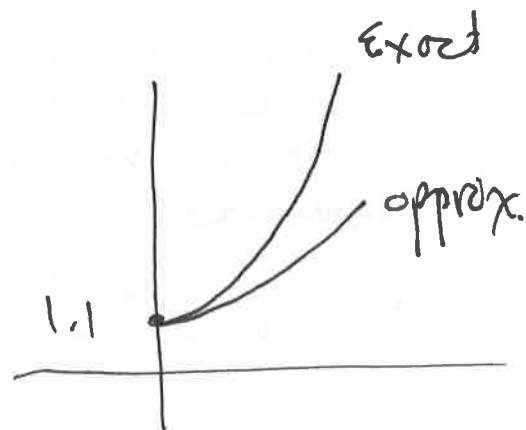
then $1.1 = \frac{c-1}{c+1} \Rightarrow c = -21$

so $x = \frac{-21 e^{-2t} - 1}{-21 e^{-2t} + 1}$

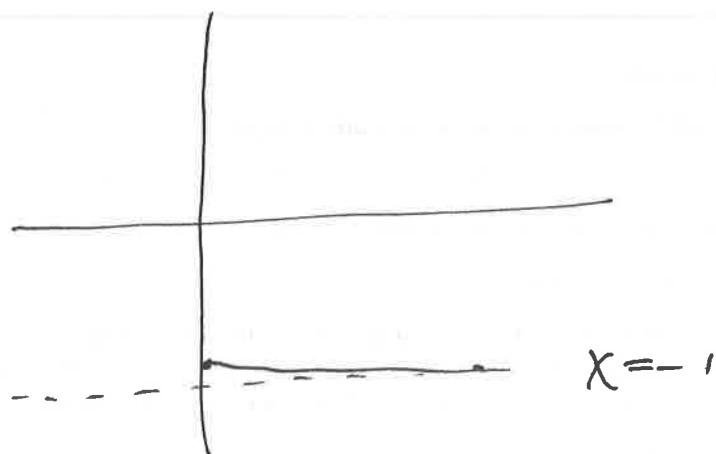
$x = +1 + .1 e^{2t}$

Exact

App



~~Also~~ Also if $x(0) = -0.9$



$$x_c = \frac{-0.5263 e^{-2t} - 1}{-0.5263 e^{-2t} + 1}$$

$$x_a = -1 + 0.1 e^{-2t}$$

both are practical indistinguishable

Two Dimensional System

We now consider the 2D system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y), \quad \dot{y} = g(x, y)$$

and some critical pt (x_0, y_0)

We linearize the system about this pt

$$x = x_0 + u, \quad y = y_0 + v$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{x} = \dot{u}, \quad \dot{y} = \dot{v}$$

$$\text{so } \dot{x} = f(x, y) \Rightarrow \dot{u} = f(x_0 + u, y_0 + v)$$

$$= f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)u + f_y(x_0, y_0)v + O(u^2, uv, v^2)$$

$$\dot{y} = g(x_0, y_0) + g_x(x_0, y_0)u + g_y(x_0, y_0)v + \text{lots}$$

$f(x_0, y_0) = g(x_0, y_0)$ so we consider the

linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

when the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{pmatrix}$ is evaluated at the CP

For short we will denote the linear system

$$\text{as } \dot{x} = (D_x f) x$$

$$\text{where } D_x f = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{for } \dot{x} = 2x - x^2 - xy \quad \dot{y} = xy - y$$

$$\text{CP } 2x - x^2 - xy = 0 \quad (x-1)y = 0$$

the latter gives 2 cases $x=1, y=0$

$$\text{if } x=1 \quad 2-1-y=0 \Rightarrow y=1 \quad \text{CP } (1,1)$$

$$\text{if } y=0 \quad 2x-x^2=0 \Rightarrow x=0, 2 \quad \text{CP } (0,0), (2,0)$$

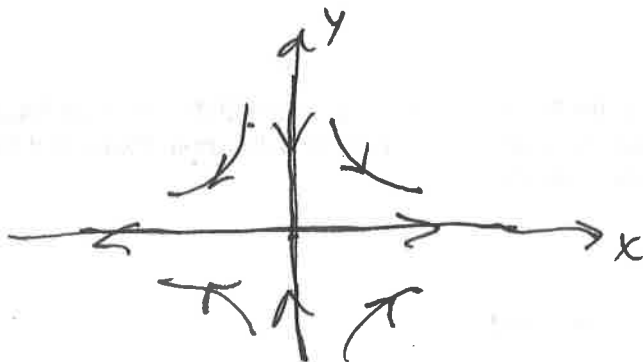
Linearized System

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-2x-y & -x \\ y & x-1 \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{\text{CP}}$$

$$\text{at } (0,0) \quad \dot{\bar{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \bar{x} \quad \text{Eigenvalues } \lambda = 2, -1$$

Saddle

$$\text{sol}^n \quad \bar{x} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}$$



CP (1,1)

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bar{x}$$

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0 \quad \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

decaying spiral

CP (3,0)

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \bar{x}$$

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0 \quad \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -1, 1 \quad \text{saddle}$$

$$\text{Sol}^n \quad \bar{x} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

