

Math 6345 - Adv. ODEs

Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x - y - x^3 \\ \dot{y} = x + y - y^3 \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{the only critical pt} \\ \text{is } (0, 0) \end{array} \right\}$$

Linear System

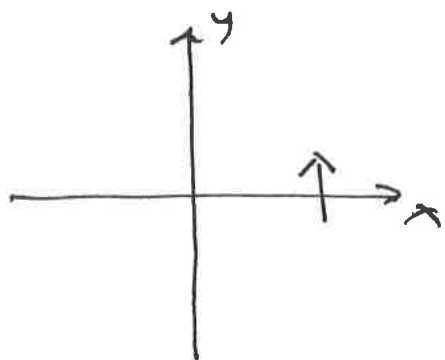
$$D_x f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 3x^2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 - 3y^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and at $(0, 0)$

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

Eigenvalues $\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 1)^2 + 1 = 0$
 $\lambda = 1 \pm i$

so the linear system predicts a unstable spiral



at $(1, 0)$

$$\dot{x} = 0, \dot{y} = 1$$

so spirals outward
ccw.

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$$V = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\dot{V} = 2x\dot{x} + 2y\dot{y}$$

$$= 2x(x - y - x^3) + 2y(x + y - y^3)$$

$$= 2x^2 - 2xy - 2x^4 + 2xy + 2y^2 - 2y^4$$

$$= 2(x^2 + y^2 - x^4 - y^4)$$

If

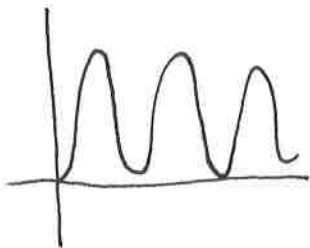
$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

then

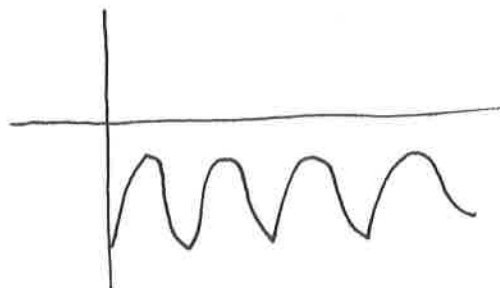
$$\dot{V} = 2 \left(r^2 - r^4 (\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta) \right)$$

as we vary the r the sign of \dot{V} will change

$$r = 1$$



$$r = 2$$



So what value of r is $\dot{v} \leq 0$

So let's find out when \dot{v} takes it's max

$$\frac{d\dot{v}}{d\theta} = -r^4 [-4\cos^3\theta\sin\theta + 4\sin^3\theta\cos\theta]$$

$$= 4r^4 \sin\theta\cos\theta (\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta)$$

$$= 2r^4 \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta$$

$$= r^4 \sin 4\theta$$

$$\frac{d\dot{v}}{d\theta} = 0 \text{ when } 4\theta = n\pi \quad \theta = \frac{n\pi}{4}$$

$$\theta = 0, \pi/4, \pi/2, \dots$$

$$\text{So } \dot{v}_{\max} = 2 \left[r^2 - r^4 \left(\cos^4 \frac{\pi}{4} + \sin^4 \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[r^2 - r^4 \left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^4 \right) \right]$$

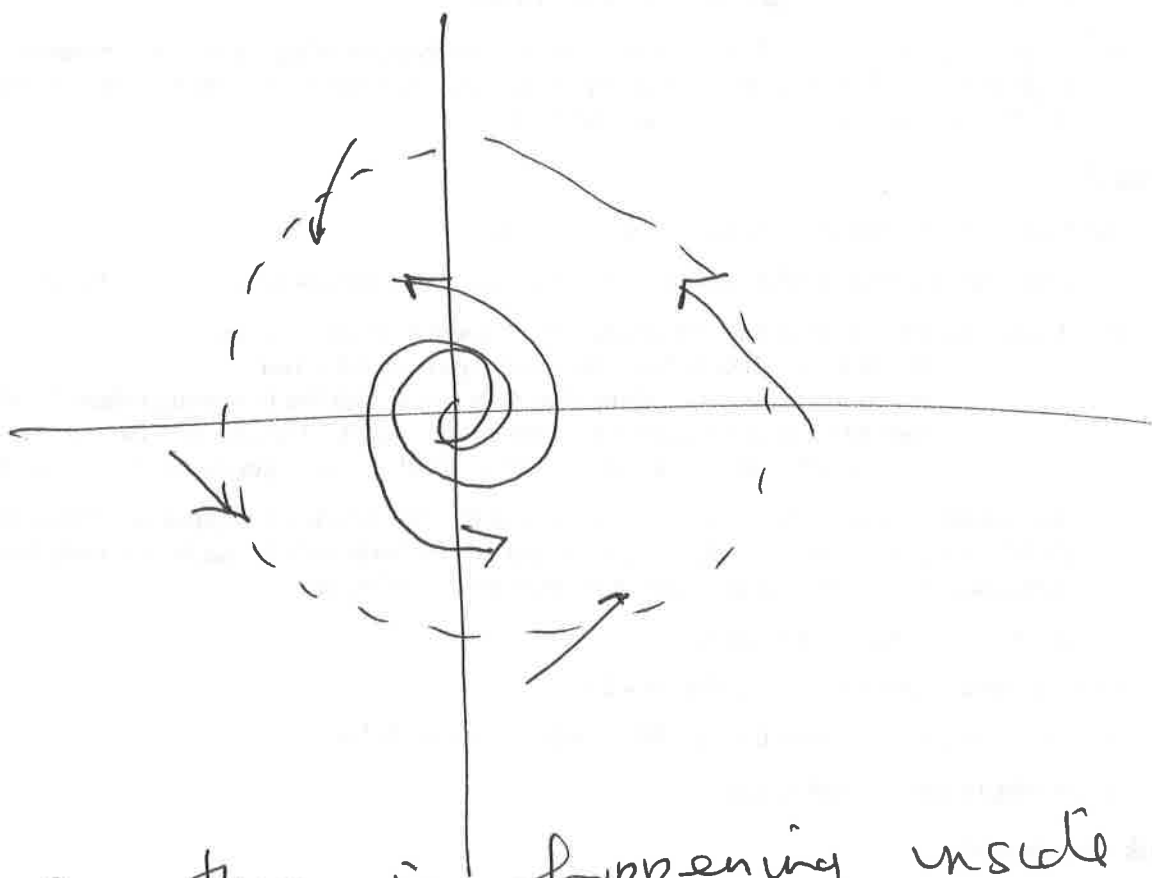
$$\dot{v}_{\max} = 2 \left(r^2 - \frac{r^4}{2} \right)$$

$$\dot{v}_{\max} = 0 \text{ when } r = \sqrt{2}$$

so this is what we have

on a circle $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ ($r = \sqrt{2}$)

$\frac{dV}{dt} \leq 0$ meaning the flow is in the
circle and we saw that the origin
was an unstable spiral - unstable



so something is happening inside
this circle!

Limit Cycle

An isolated closed trajectory or path

If all neighboring trajectories approach a limit cycle we say the limit cycle is stable otherwise it's unstable. Also possible to be semi stable.

Note: Limit cycles cannot occur in linear systems

$$\underline{\text{ex}} \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= x - y - x\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \dot{y} &= x + y - y\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Switch to polar

$$r \dot{r} = x\dot{x} + y\dot{y}$$

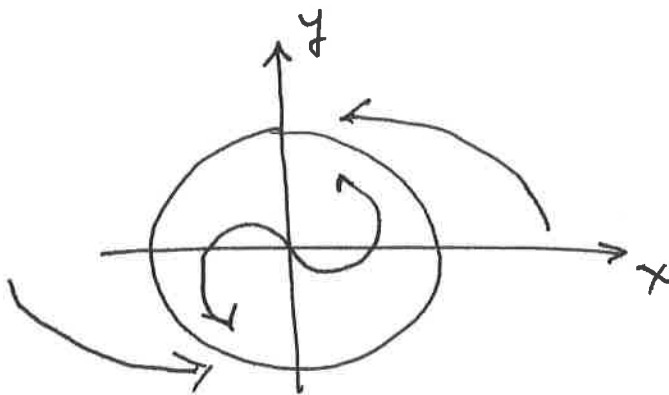
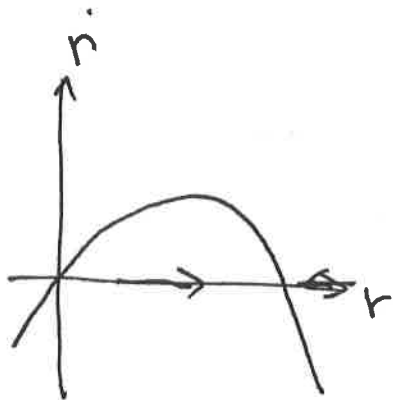
$$= x(x - y - x\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) + y(x + y - y\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 - x^2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - y^2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 (1 - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) = r^2 (1 - r)$$

$$\text{so } \dot{r} = r(1-r)$$

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



Also, $(0, 0)$ is unstable.

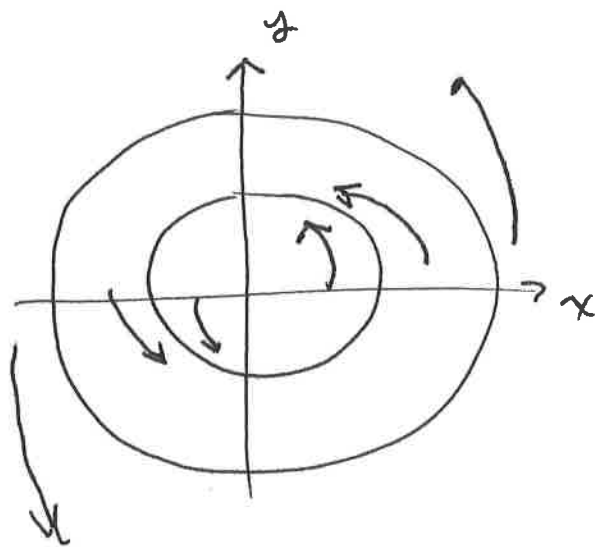
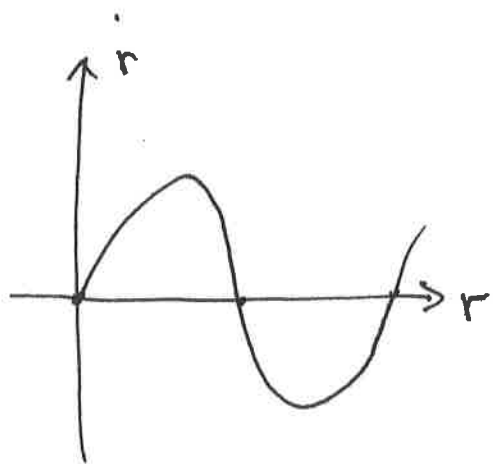
Linear system

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

$$|\lambda I - A| = 0 \text{ so } \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 1)^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1 \pm i$$

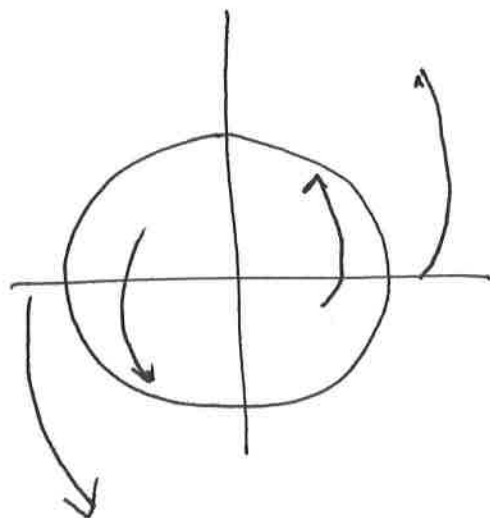
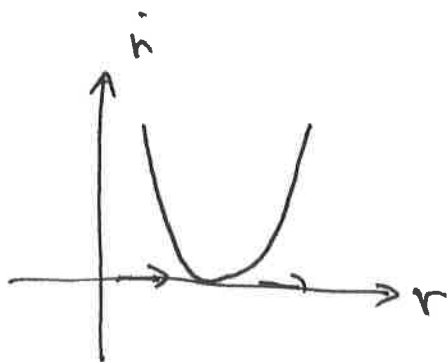
$$\Sigma_X \quad \dot{r} = r(1-r)(2-r) \quad \dot{\theta} = 1$$



so $r=1$ is asy. stable L.S.

\dot{r} $r=2$ is unstable L.S.

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



so here is an
example of a semi stable
limit cycle.