

Nonlinear Problems

General Procedure: Each problem has the form:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x' &= F(x, y) \\ y' &= G(x, y) \end{aligned} \right\} \vec{X}' = \vec{f}(\vec{X})$$

Step 1: Find critical / equilibrium points that satisfy $F(x, y) = 0$ & $G(x, y) = 0$.

Step 2: If (x_0, y_0) is a critical point, then let $u_1 = x - x_0$ & $u_2 = y - y_0$ } $\begin{aligned} u_1' &= x' \\ u_2' &= y' \end{aligned}$

Linearizing, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix}_{\text{at } (x_0, y_0)} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}' = J \vec{u} \quad \text{where } J = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix}_{(x_0, y_0)} \quad (\text{Jacobian}).$$

Step 3: For each critical point, calculate eigenvalues of J and classify stability (saddle, spiral, center, etc.). Draw local trajectories near $(0, 0)$.

Step 4: Since $x = u_1 + x_0$, $y = u_2 + y_0$, shift the local trajectories to (x_0, y_0) . After doing this for all critical points, connect the trajectories to construct the global phase portrait.

Ex:

$$x' = x(y-4)$$

$$y' = y(4-x)$$

x : Predator

y : Prey

$$F(x,y) = x(y-4)$$

$$G(x,y) = y(4-x)$$

(i) Critical

Points:

$$F(x,y) = 0$$

$$+ \quad G(x,y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(y-4) = 0$$

$$+ \quad y(4-x) = 0$$

$$\swarrow \searrow \\ (0,0), (4,4)$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix}_{(x_0, y_0)} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 - 4 & x_0 \\ -y_0 & 4 - x_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(ii) Locally linear system:

near $(0,0)$:

$$\vec{u}' = J_{(0,0)} \vec{u}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}$$

Eigenvalues : $\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = -4$

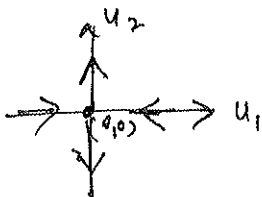
$\Rightarrow (0,0)$ is a saddle point.

Eigenvectors: $(J - \lambda_1 I) \vec{\xi} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet (J - \lambda_2 I) \vec{\xi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Near (4,4) : $\vec{u}' = J_{(4,4)} \vec{u}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}$

Eigenvalues:

$(-\lambda)(-\lambda) + 16 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 16 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{\pm} = \pm 4i$: CENTER

Eigenvectors:

$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - 4i \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \vec{\xi} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -4i & 4 \\ -4 & -4i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow i \xi_1 = \xi_2 \Rightarrow \vec{\xi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

$\vec{u}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} e^{i4t} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) (\cos 4t + i \sin 4t)$

Real Part,

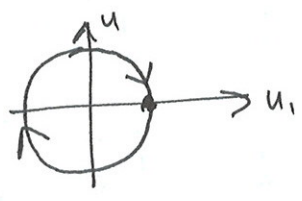
$\vec{u}_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos(4t) - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sin 4t$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} \cos 4t \\ -\sin 4t \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$ circle of radius $r = 4$

Direction:

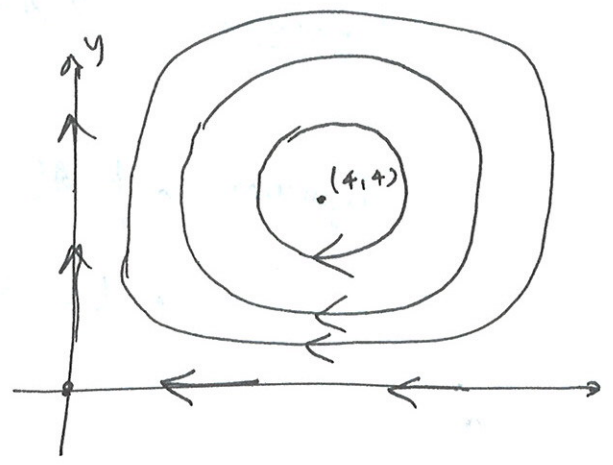
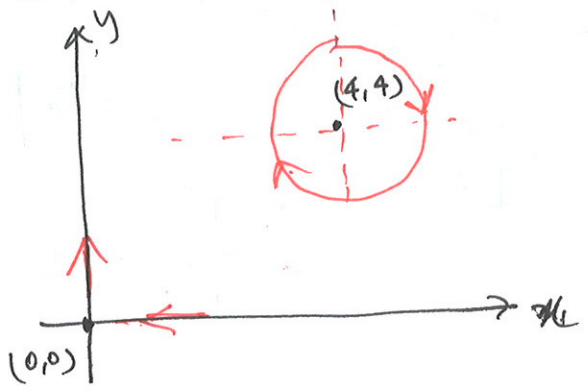
$u_1' = 4u_2$
 $u_2' = -4u_1$

At $u_1 > 0$ & $u_2 = 0$, $u_2' = -4u_1 < 0$

\Rightarrow clockwise orbit.



Global Phase Portrait:



Ex: $x' = x(2-2x-y)$, $x > 0, y > 0$
 $y' = y(2-2y-x)$

$F(x,y) = x(2-2x-y)$

$G(x,y) = y(2-2y-x)$

(i) Critical Points:- $F = 0$ & $G = 0$

$\Rightarrow (0,0), (1,0), (0,1), (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$

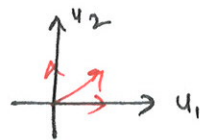
(ii) Jacobian $J = \begin{bmatrix} 2-4x-y & -x \\ -y & 2-4y-x \end{bmatrix}$

\rightarrow Near $(0,0)$: $\vec{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}$

Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$

Eigenvectors: $\vec{\xi}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{\xi}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

: Unstable node.

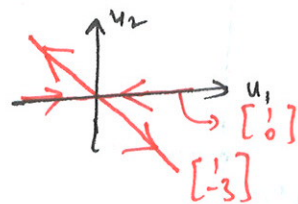


\rightarrow Near $(1,0)$: $\vec{u}' = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_J \vec{u}$

Eigenvalues: $(-2-\lambda)(1-\lambda) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1$ & $\lambda_2 = -2$
 $\Rightarrow (1,0)$ is a saddle.

Eigenvectors: $(J - \lambda_1 I) \vec{\xi} = 0 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\xi}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$(J - \lambda_2 I) \vec{\xi} = 0 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\xi}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

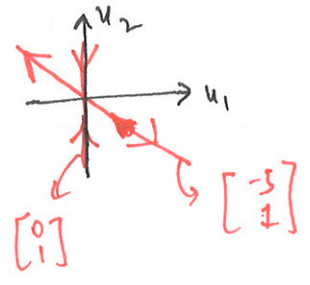


→ Near (0,1): $\vec{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}$

Eigenvalues: $(1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = -2$
(SADDLE POINT)

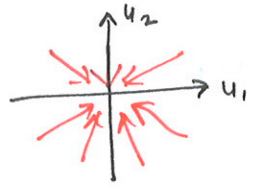
Eigenvectors: $(J - \lambda_1 I) \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\xi} = 0$
→ $\vec{\xi}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$(J - \lambda_2 I) \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\xi}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

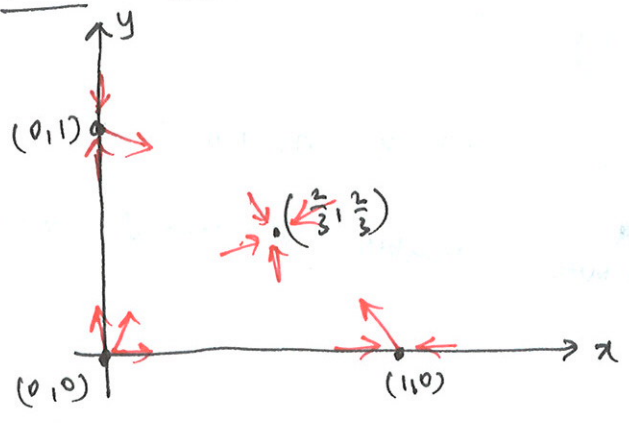


→ Near (2/3, 2/3): $\vec{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} -4/3 & -2/3 \\ -2/3 & -4/3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}$

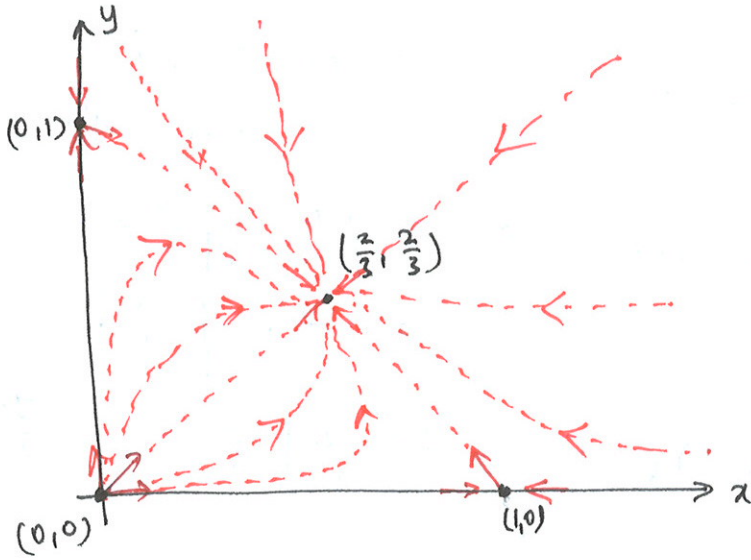
Eigenvalues: $(-4/3 - \lambda)(-4/3 - \lambda) - 4/9 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -2/3, \lambda_2 = -2$
(2/3, 2/3) is a stable node.



Global Phase Portrait: Putting it all together.



Joining the curves, we get

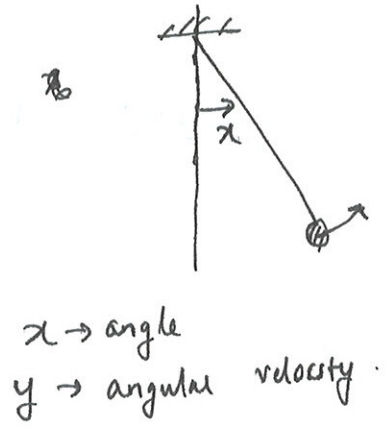


It's very clear that $(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ is a global attractor.

Ex 1, Pendulum: Undamped Case

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -\delta y - \omega^2 \sin x \end{cases} \text{ General system}$$

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 δ : damping.

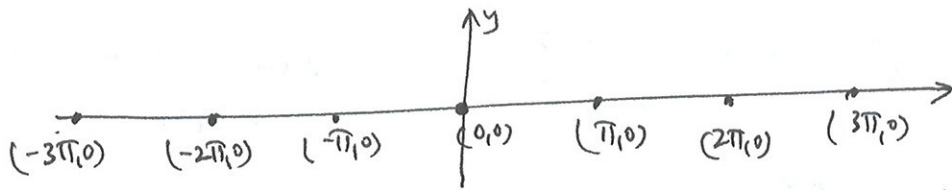


Simpler case: Damping, $\delta = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -\sin x \end{cases} \text{ (assuming } \omega = 1)$$

Critical Points: $y = 0$ & $\sin x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots$

The system has infinite number of critical points.



Let us analyse the system near three critical points:

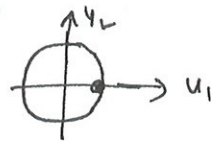
$(x_0, y_0) : (-\pi, 0), (0, 0), (\pi, 0)$.

Jacobian: $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos x & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{(x_0, y_0)}$

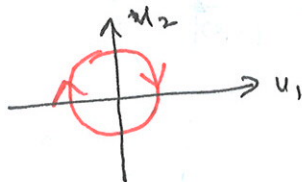
→ Near $(0, 0)$: $\vec{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}$

Eigenvalues: $(-\lambda)(-\lambda) + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{\pm} = \pm i$

$\Rightarrow (0, 0)$ is a center.



Direction: $\begin{cases} u_1' = u_2 \\ u_2' = -u_1 \end{cases}$ At $u_1 > 0$ & $u_2 = 0$, $u_2' = -u_1 < 0 \Rightarrow u_2$ decreases
 \Rightarrow The orbit is clockwise.

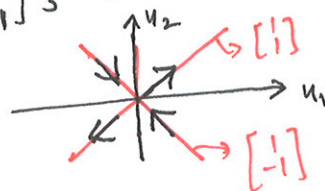


→ Near $(\pi, 0)$: $\vec{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}$

Eigenvalues: $(-\lambda)(-\lambda) - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$
 $\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 1$

Eigenvectors: $(J - \lambda_1 I) \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\xi}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

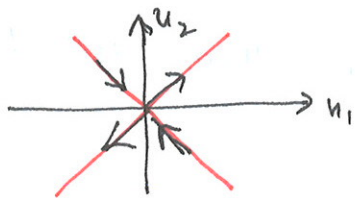
$(J - \lambda_2 I) \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\xi}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$



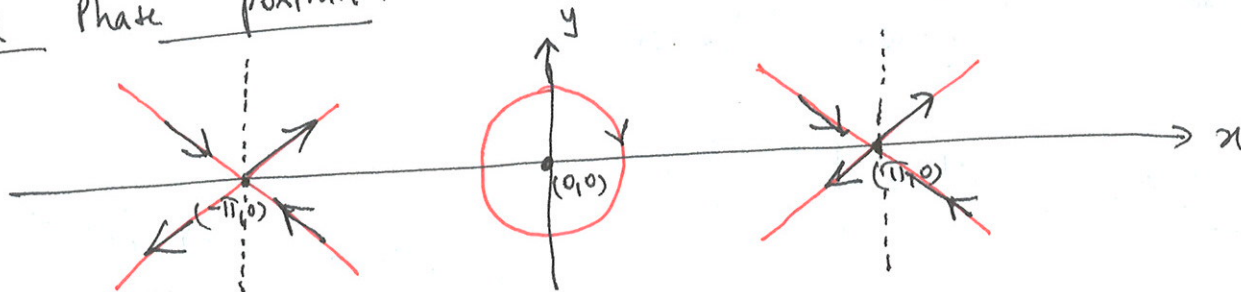
near $(-\pi, 0)$:

$$\vec{u}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}$$

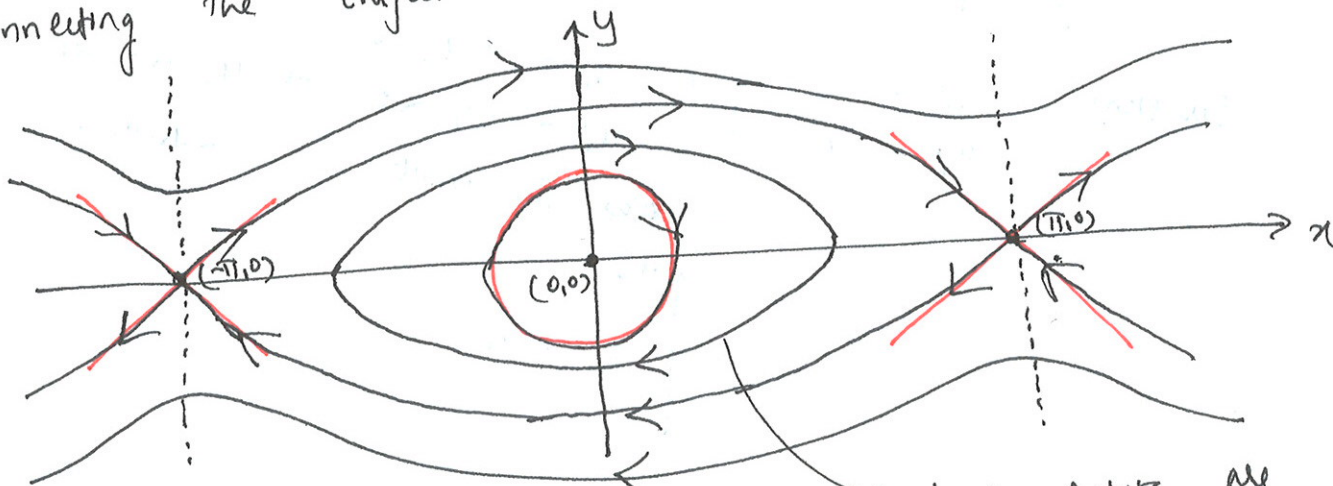
: Same system as near $(\pi, 0)$



Global Phase portrait!



Connecting the trajectories:



closed orbits are periodic solutions.