

# Nonlinear Systems

Lecture 04

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Last time

Transcritical } bifurcations  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = \alpha x \pm x^2 \\ \text{Pitchfork} \end{array} \right.$   
Pitchfork

Intro to phase portraits of 2nd order systems

Today:

Finish previous discussions

Criteria for absence (Bendixon)  
or presence (Poincare-Bendixon)  
of periodic orbits (limit cycles or neutrally stable periodic  
of 2nd order systems orbits)

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a) Linear systems:

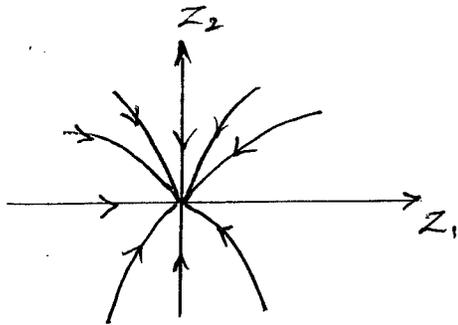
$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} ; \quad \lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm j\beta$$

Stable node  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0)$

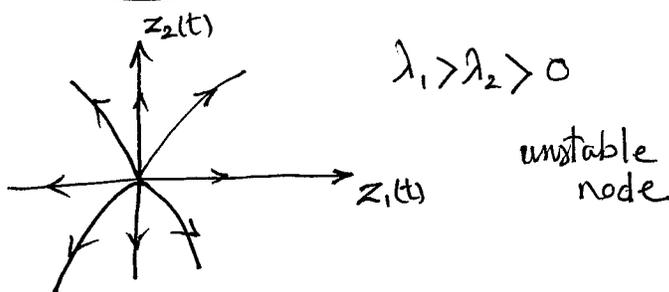
$$z_i(t) = z_i(0)e^{\lambda_i t}$$



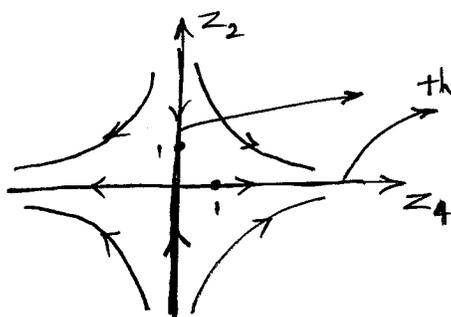
Aside (from last time)

$$e^{\lambda_1 t} = \frac{z_1(t)}{z_1(0)}$$

$$z_2(t) = z_2(0)(e^{\lambda_1 t})^{\lambda_2/\lambda_1} = z_2(0) \left[ \frac{z_1(t)}{z_1(0)} \right]^{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}$$



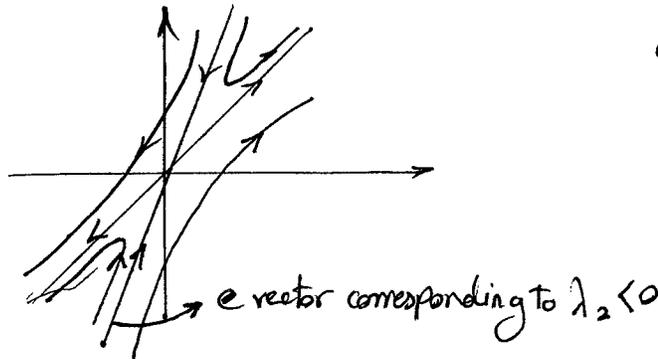
saddle  $\lambda_2 < 0 < \lambda_1$



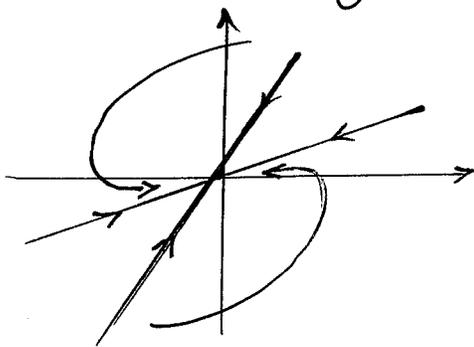
these 2 directions are special because the corresponding e-vectors will be  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

In the original coordinates:  $x = T^{-1}z$

determined by e-vectors of A



stable node in original coordinates

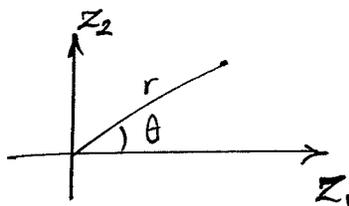


Complex-conjugate e-values

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= \alpha z_1 - \beta z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= \beta z_1 + \alpha z_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm j\beta$$

Polar coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= r \cos \theta \\ z_2 &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

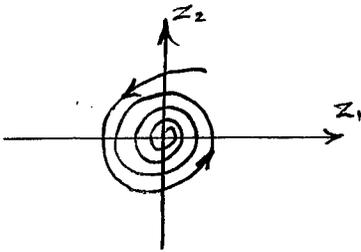


In polar coord.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{r} &= \alpha r \\ \dot{\theta} &= \beta \end{aligned}$$

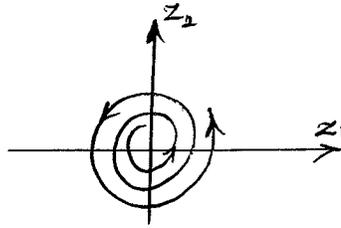
$$\theta(t) = \theta_0 + \beta t$$

a)  $\alpha < 0$



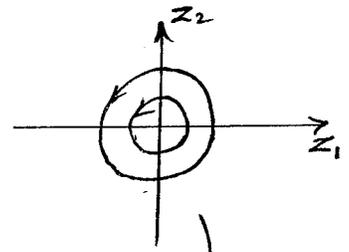
stable focus

b)  $\alpha > 0$



unstable focus

c)  $\alpha = 0$



not limit cycle  
not an isolated closed traj.

Phase portraits of nonlinear systems with hyperbolic equilibrium points (linearization around equilibrium doesn't have  $e$ -values on  $j\omega$  axis) can be related to phase portrait of corresponding linear systems via Hartman-Grobman Thm.

Cases that can be covered by this  $\Rightarrow$  saddle, node, focus

Hartman-Grobman Thm:

If  $\bar{x}$  is a hyperbolic eq. point of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ ,  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then there is a homeomorphism from a neighborhood of  $\bar{x}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that maps trajectories of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  to those of corresponding linearizations.

homeomorphism: a cts map with cts inverse

Note: Absence of e-values on the imaginary axis is of essence.

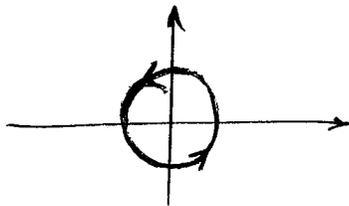
Ex.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -x_2 + ax_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 + ax_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{polar} \\ \text{coord.} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \dot{r} = ar^3 \\ \dot{\theta} = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

linearization around the origin

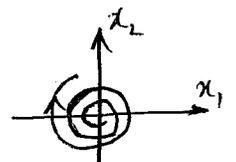
$$A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{\bar{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



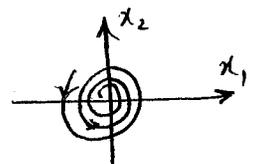
Harmonic oscillator

for the nonlinear system:

$a > 0$  unstable focus



$a < 0$  stable focus



An example of a problem with e-values at the origin  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\ddot{y} = 0$$

(double integrator, e.g. puck on frictionless surface)

$$x_1 = y$$

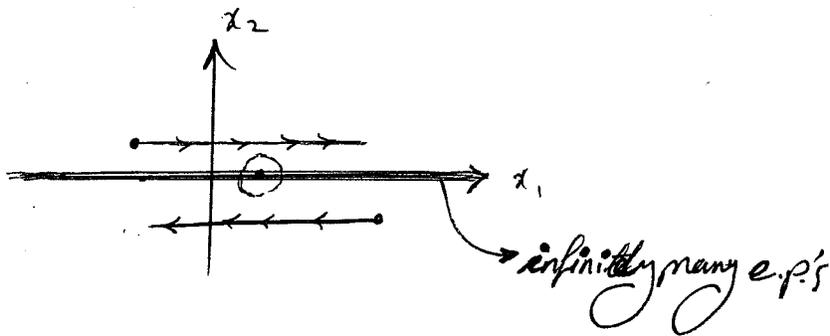
$$x_2 = \dot{y}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$x_1(t) = x_1(0) + x_2(0)t$$

$$x_2(t) = \text{const} = x_2(0)$$



Bendixen criterion :

(Criterion for the absence of periodic orbits)   
 — limit cycles (Vanderpol)   
 — neutrally stable cycles (pendulum)

$$\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2)$$

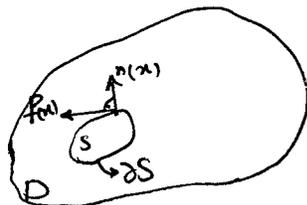
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$$\text{div} f = \nabla \cdot f = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right] \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}$$

If  $\text{div} f$  is not identically equal to zero and does not change sign in a simply connected region  $D$ , then there are no periodic orbits in  $D$ .

Simply connected domain  $\rightarrow$  region without any holes.  $\circ$

Proof: Assume there is a periodic orbit (closed traj.) in  $D$



$$\underbrace{\int_{\partial S} f(x) \cdot n(x) \, d\ell}_{=0} = \iint_S \underbrace{\nabla \cdot f(x)}_{\neq 0} \, dx$$

If  $\nabla \cdot f(x)$  does not equal zero or change sign the right hand side will never be zero. (# contradiction)

So there cannot be such a periodic orbit in  $D$ .

Ex

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

$$\operatorname{div} f = \operatorname{trace}(A)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\beta \\ \beta & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

unless  $\operatorname{trace}(A) = 0 \Rightarrow$  no periodic orbits

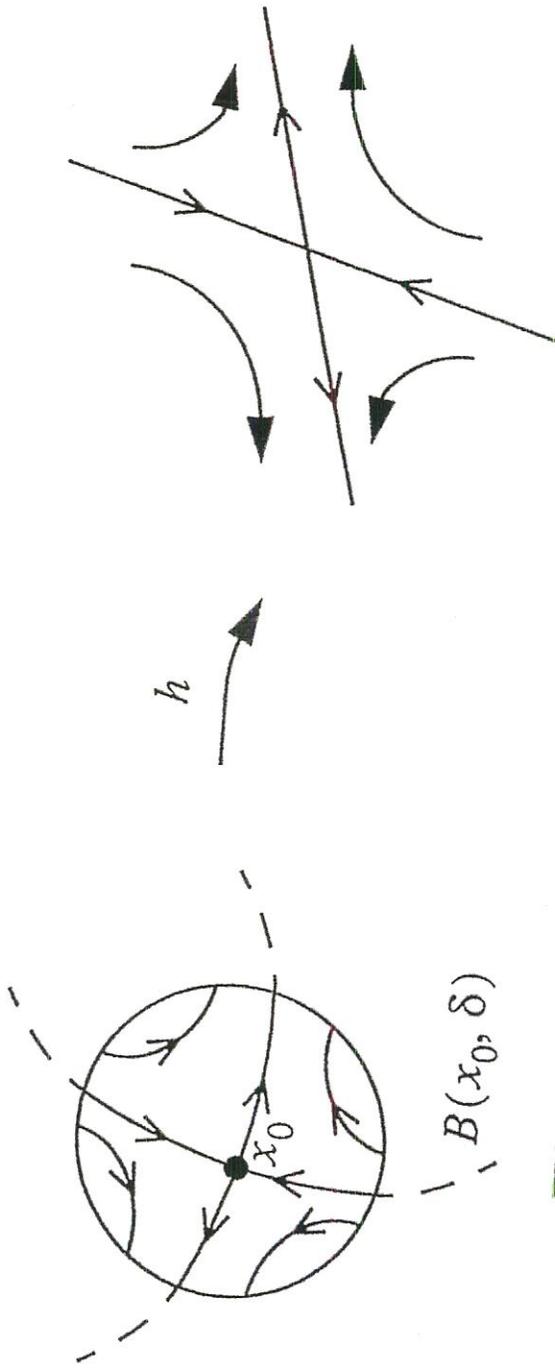


FIGURE 2.5. Illustrating the Hartman-Grobman theorem