



Nonlinear Dynamics of structures and mechanical systems

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Lesson 3.1

Elements of Stability Theory

Example: stability analysis for the solution $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ of a SDOF oscillator

$$\begin{cases} \delta \dot{y}_1 = \delta y_2 \\ \delta \dot{y}_2 = -\omega^2 \delta y_1 - 2\xi\omega \delta y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2\xi\omega \rightarrow b & \omega^2 \rightarrow c \\ b \in \mathbb{R} & c \in \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -2\xi\omega \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -c & -b \end{bmatrix}$$

characteristic equation $\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2}$

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Let $\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B} \delta \mathbf{y}$ such that $\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{C} \delta \mathbf{x}$
with \mathbf{C} being a Jordan canonical form

Remark: \mathbf{B} must be such that $\mathbf{CB} = \mathbf{BA} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{BAB}^{-1}$

Case (a): $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \rightarrow$ $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$
 $b^2 - 4c > 0$

Case (b): $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$ $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ ou $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$
 $b^2 - 4c = 0$

Case (c): $\lambda_1 = \lambda = \alpha + i\beta \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda_2 = \bar{\lambda} = \alpha - i\beta \in \mathbb{C} \rightarrow$ $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}$
 $b^2 - 4c < 0$

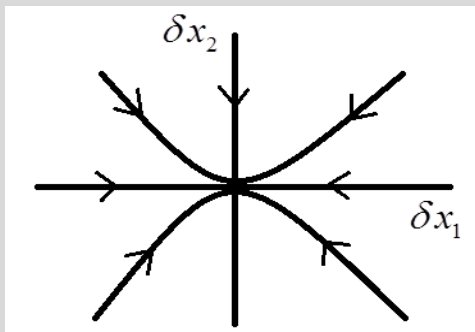
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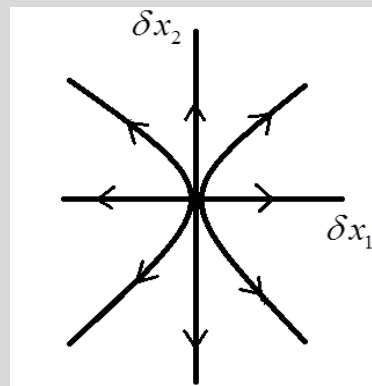
Case (a)

$$\delta x_i = \delta x_i^0 e^{\lambda_i t}$$

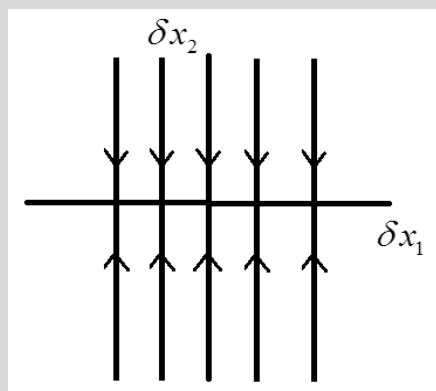
$$\frac{d(\delta x_2)}{d(\delta x_1)} = \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right) \left(\frac{\delta x_2^0}{\delta x_1^0} \right) e^{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t}$$



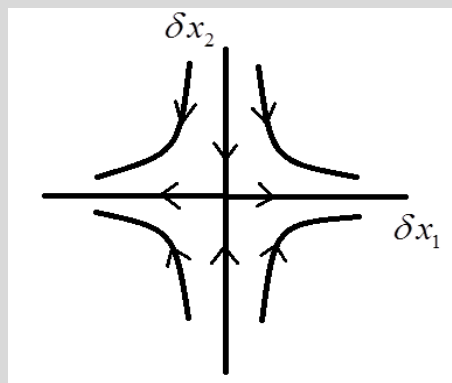
$$\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 0$$



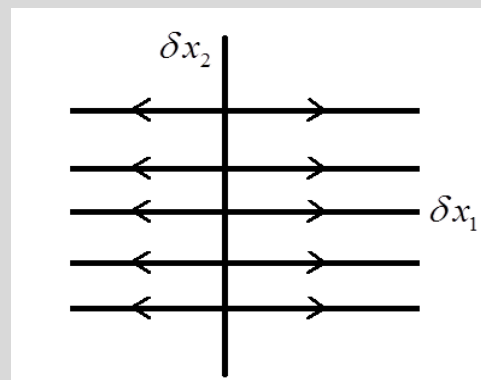
$$0 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$$



$$\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 = 0$$



$$\lambda_2 < 0 < \lambda_1$$

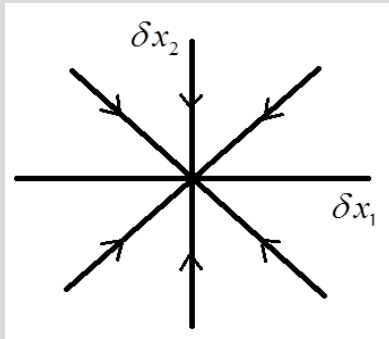


$$0 = \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$$

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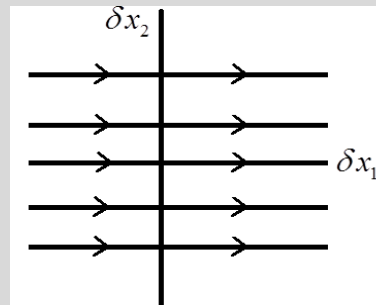
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Case (b1)

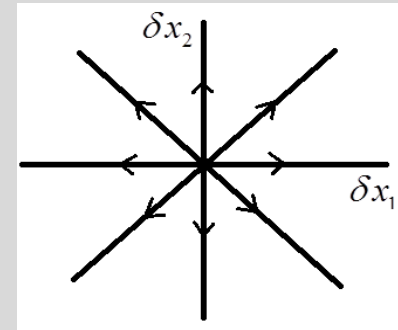


$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 < 0$$

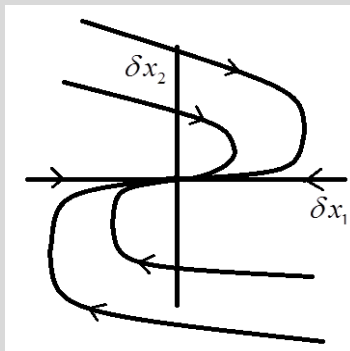
$$\delta x_i = \delta x_i^0 e^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow \frac{d(\delta x_2)}{d(\delta x_1)} = \left(\frac{\delta x_2^0}{\delta x_1^0} \right)$$



$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 = 0$$



$$0 < \lambda_2 = \lambda_1$$

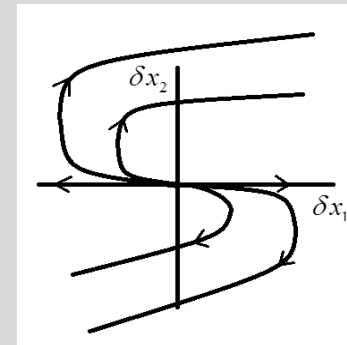


$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 < 0$$

Case (b2)

$$\delta x_1 = (\delta x_1^0 + t \delta x_2^0) e^{\lambda t} \quad \delta x_2 = \delta x_2^0 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\frac{d(\delta x_2)}{d(\delta x_1)} = \frac{\delta x_2^0}{\delta x_1^0 + \left(t + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \delta x_2^0} = \frac{1}{\frac{\delta x_1^0}{\delta x_2^0} + \left(t + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right)}$$



$$0 < \lambda_2 = \lambda_1$$

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Case (c)

Change variables...

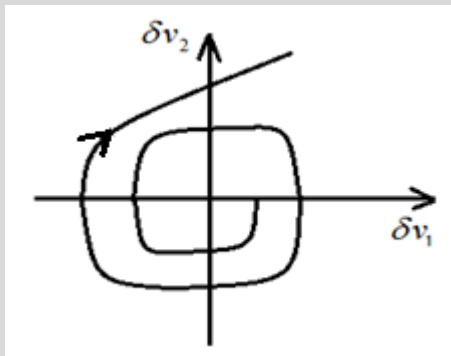
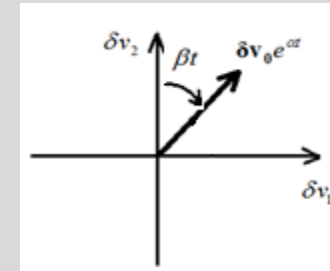
$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + i\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha - i\beta \end{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{x}$$

$$\delta \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{x}$$

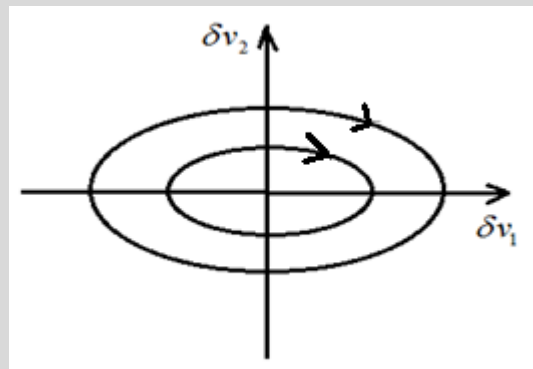
$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + i\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha + i\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{v}$$

Define vector $\delta \mathbf{v} = \delta v_1 + i\delta v_2$ in Argand's plane ...

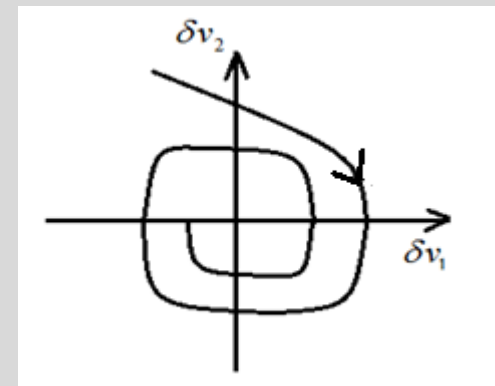
$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{v}} = (\alpha + i\beta) \delta \mathbf{v} \Rightarrow \delta \mathbf{v} = \delta \mathbf{v}_0 e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta t}$$



$\alpha > 0$



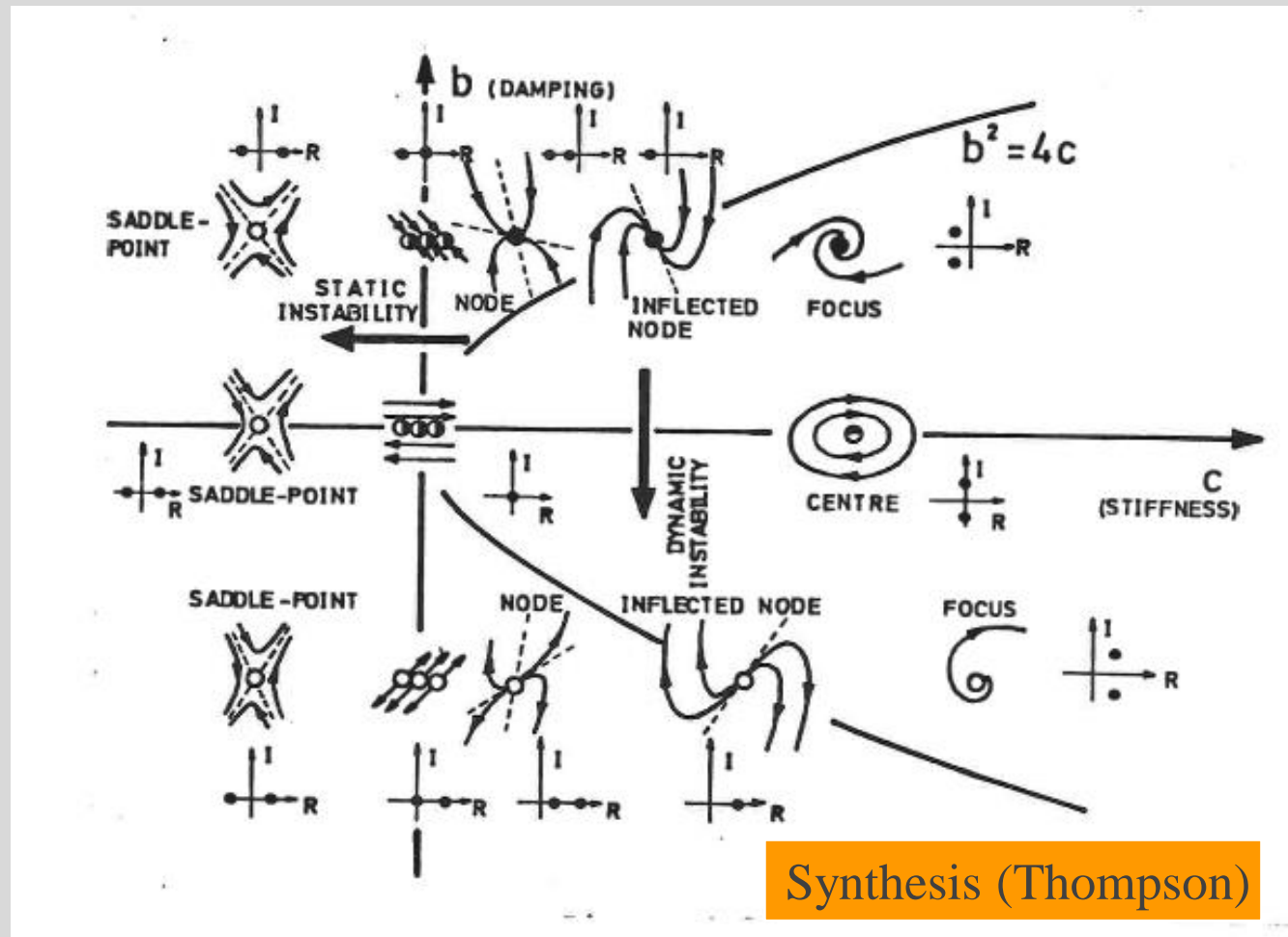
$\alpha = 0$



$\alpha < 0$

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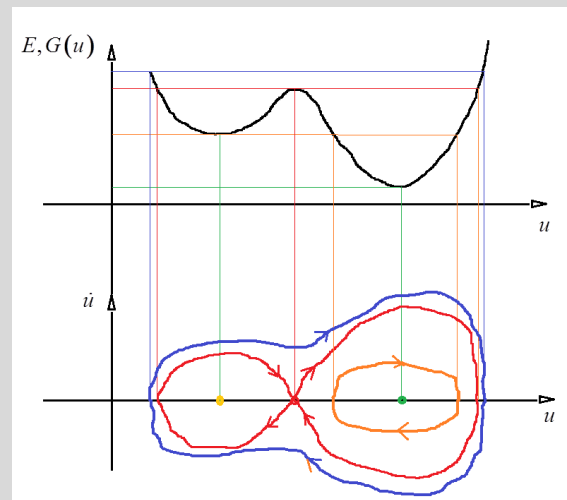
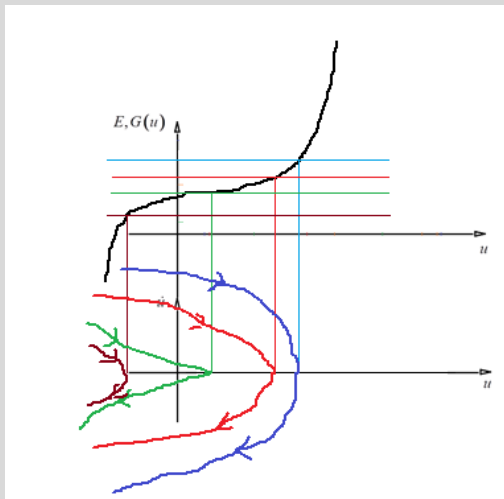
Conservative SDOF oscillator

$$\ddot{u} + g(u) = 0 \Rightarrow \ddot{u} du + g(u) du = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{u} \dot{u} dt + g(u) du = 0$$

Integrating: $\underbrace{\frac{\dot{u}^2}{2}}_{\text{kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\int_0^u g(\eta) d\eta}_{\text{potential energy}} = \underbrace{E}_{\text{mechanical energy}} = \text{const.}$

Define: $G(u) = \int_0^u g(\eta) d\eta \Rightarrow \dot{u} = \pm \sqrt{2[E - G(u)]} \Rightarrow T = 2 \underbrace{\int_{u(0)}^{u(T/2)} \frac{du}{\sqrt{2[E - G(u)]}}}_{\text{period of motion}}$

saddle-node



saddle
&
centres

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Liapunov's second method

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}_0(\delta \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{N}(\delta \mathbf{y})$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{A} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_0}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{N}(\delta \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f}_0(\delta \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y}$$

Theorem 6 (Liapunov): if there exists a function $F(\delta \mathbf{y}): E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$F \geq 0 \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{y}$$

$$F = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\dot{F} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \delta y_r} \delta \dot{y}_r = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \delta y_r} f_{0r} \leq 0$$

then $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ is L-stable

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Liapunov's second method

Theorem 7 (Liapunov): if there exists a function $F(\delta \mathbf{y}): E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$F \geq 0 \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{y}$$

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$$\dot{F} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \delta y_r} \delta \dot{y}_r = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \delta y_r} f_{0r} < 0$$

then $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ is asymptotically stable
in Liapunov's sense

Theorem 8 (Chetayev): if there exists a function $F(\delta \mathbf{y}): E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$F \geq 0 \quad \forall \delta \mathbf{y}$$

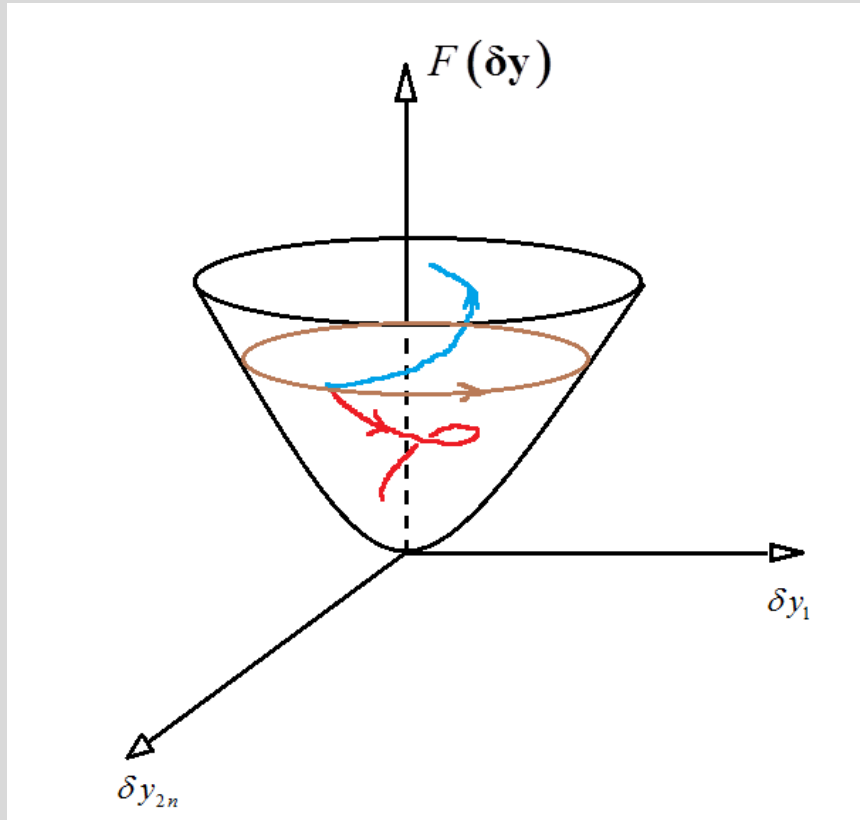
$$F = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\dot{F} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \delta y_r} \delta \dot{y}_r = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \delta y_r} f_{0r} > 0$$

then $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ is L-unstable

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Liapunov's second method



$F(\delta y)$ is called Liapunov's function

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Attractor

Subset of the phase space to which a solution of the dynamical system tends when $t \rightarrow \infty$ for initial conditions in a non-localized subset of the phase space (basin of attraction)

- **Fixed point** (stable equilibrium point): asymptotically stable singularity
 - **Stable limit cycle** (periodic attractor): asymptotically stable orbit in the phase space with one dominating frequency or more than one commensurate dominating frequencies
 - **Limit torus**: asymptotically stable manifold in the phase space, with more than one non-commensurate dominating frequency
 - **Strange attractor** (chaos): coexistence of some of the previous attractors with non-compact (fractal) basins of attraction
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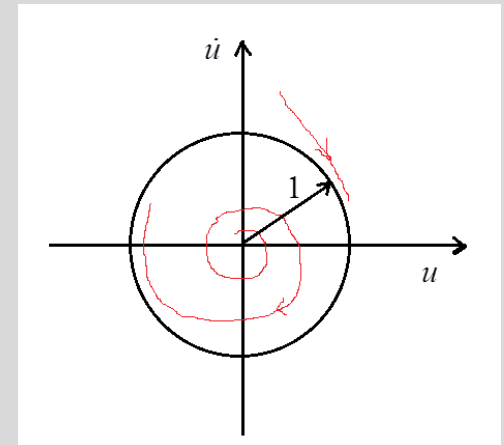
Periodic attractor in autonomous dynamical system $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})$

Example: van der Pol equation

$$\ddot{u} - \dot{u} + u + (u^2 + \dot{u}^2)\dot{u} = 0$$

Trivial solution $u(t) = 0$ is unstable

Periodic attractor $u(t) = \sin t$ is stable



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Dynamical Systems

Hirsch & Smale: Differential Equations, Dynamical Systems
and Linear Algebra

Guckenheimer & Holmes: Nonlinear Oscillations, Dynamical Systems
And Bifurcation of Vector Fields

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Orbital stability of autonomous SDOF oscillators

- First Poincaré-Bendixson's Theorem:

If a phase trajectory C remains within a finite region without approaching a singularity, then C is a limit cycle or it tends to one.

- Second Poincaré-Bendixson's Theorem:

Given a region D of the phase space, bounded by two curves C' and C'' , without a singularity in D , $C' \in C''$, if all phase trajectories enter (exit) in D through the boundaries $C' \in C''$, then there exists at least a stable (unstable) limit cycle in D .

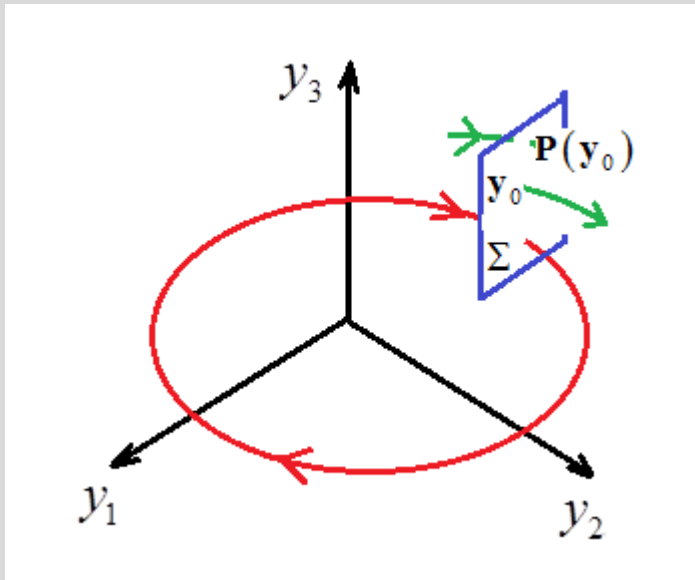
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Poincaré's section (map)

- Let $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$ be a flow of an autonomous system in \mathbb{R}^{2n} and $\Sigma : \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{N} \neq 0$ a section with normal \mathbf{N} . Consider the mapping $\mathbf{y}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{y}_0)$ defined by the intersection of the flow $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$ with Σ . $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{y}_0)$ is termed a “Poincaré's section” of the flow $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$ through \mathbf{y}_0 .
- If the system is non-autonomous, defined by the flow $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}, t)$, an associated autonomous one $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})$ defined in \mathbb{R}^{2n+1} can be proposed with the addition of $\dot{y}_{2n+1} = 1$, so that the Poincaré's sections can be defined orthogonally to the axis $y_{2n+1} = t$ at $t = t_0 + iT, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$

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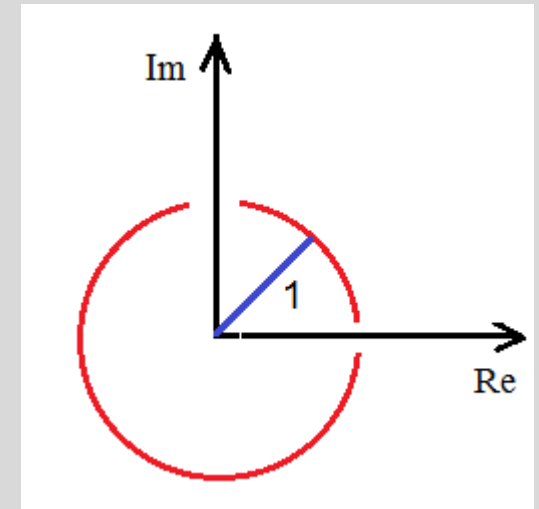
Poincaré's section (map)



Analyse the complex eigenvalues $\lambda_j = \text{Re}_j + i \text{Im}_j$ of linearized mapping $\mathbf{DP}(y_0)$ to test stability.

Stability for $|\lambda_j| < 1$

Instability for $|\lambda_j| > 1$



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Example of Poincaré's section (map)

$$\ddot{u} + (-1 + u^2 + \dot{u}^2)\dot{u} + u = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1 = u \\ y_2 = \dot{u} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} + \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ -(y_1^2 + y_2^2)y_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

In polar co-ordinates

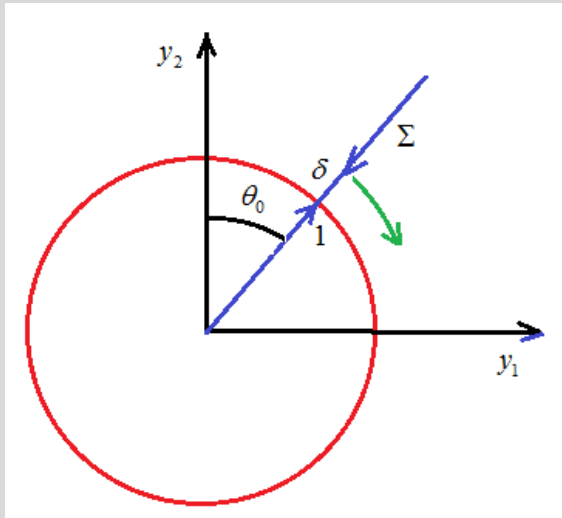
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1 = r \sin \theta \\ y_2 = r \cos \theta \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow r = 0 \text{ corresponds to an unstable focus}$$

$$\text{for } r \neq 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{r} = -r(r^2 - 1)\cos^2 \theta \\ \dot{\theta} = 1 + (r^2 - 1)\sin \theta \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

It is readily seen that $r = 1$ and $\theta = t$ are a limit cycle

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Example of Poincaré's section (map)



$$r_0 = 1 + \varepsilon_0 \rightarrow r_j = 1 + \varepsilon_j \text{ for } \theta = \theta_0 + 2\pi j \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Mapping: } \dot{r}_j = \dot{\varepsilon}_j = -(1 + \varepsilon_j) \left[(1 + \varepsilon_j)^2 - 1 \right] \cos^2 \theta_0$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_j = -(2\varepsilon_j + 3\varepsilon_j^2 + \varepsilon_j^3) \cos^2 \theta_0$$

$$\text{Linearizing: } \dot{\varepsilon}_j = -(2 \cos^2 \theta_0) \varepsilon_j \Rightarrow \varepsilon_j = \varepsilon_0 e^{-4\pi j \cos^2 \theta_0}$$

$$\text{Mapping in } \mathbb{R}^1: r_j \rightarrow r_{j+1} = P(r_j)$$

$$= 1 + (r_j - 1) e^{-4\pi \cos^2 \theta_0}$$

$$\mathbf{DP} = \frac{dP(r_j)}{dr_j} = e^{-4\pi \cos^2 \theta_0}$$

asymptotic stability for $\theta_0 \neq \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2}$, since $|\lambda| < 1$

stability for $\theta_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2}$, since $\dot{\varepsilon}_j = 0 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_j = \varepsilon_0$

Poincaré's section: $\theta = \theta_0$

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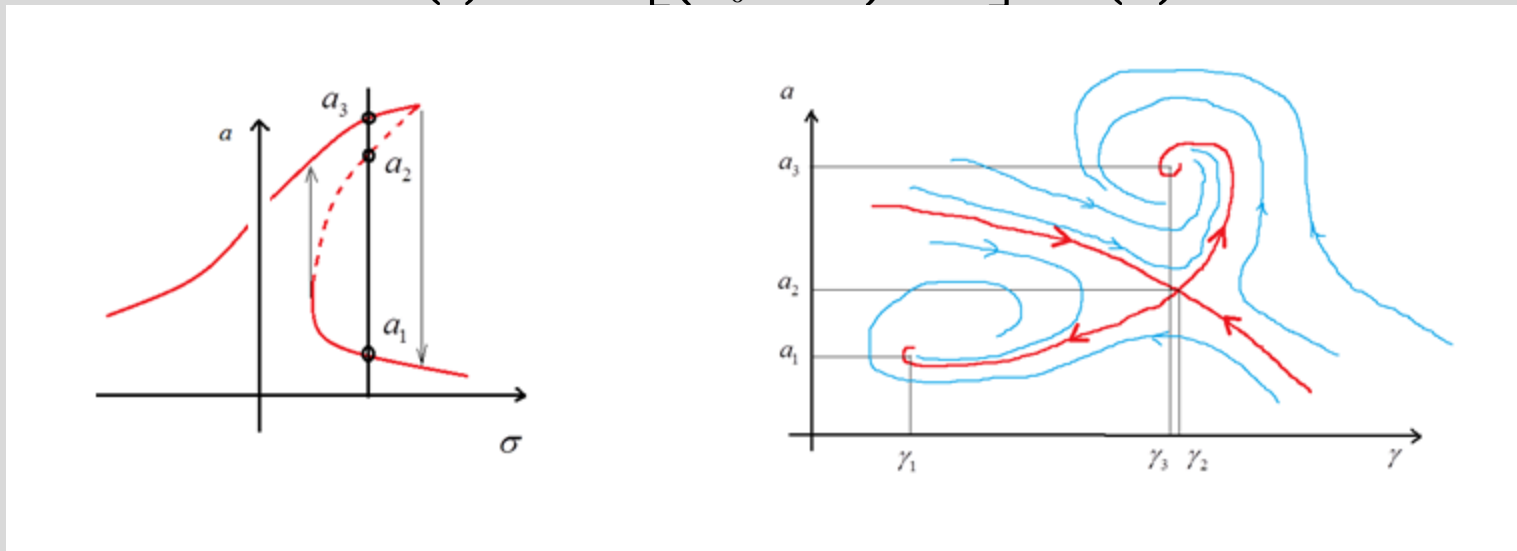
Periodic attractor in non-autonomous dynamical system $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}, t)$

Example: forced Duffing's equation

$$\ddot{u} + 2\varepsilon\mu\dot{u} + \omega_0^2 u + \varepsilon\alpha u^3 = \varepsilon k \cos(\omega_0 + \varepsilon\sigma)t \quad \text{with } 0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$$

There exist periodic attractors

$$u(t) = a \cos[(\omega_0 + \varepsilon\sigma)t + \gamma] + O(\varepsilon)$$



Falls within stability of singularities...