

# **Non-Linear Dynamics and Stability**

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# **Class 2**

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# Elements of Stability Theory

Lagrangian formulation (recalling)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_r} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_r} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_r} = N_r, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



System of second-order differential equations (holonomic constraints)

$$\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t) \quad \ddot{q}_r = h_r(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dot{q}_2, \dots, \dot{q}_n, t)$$

Example: SDOF linear oscillator

$$\ddot{u} = \gamma(t) - \omega^2 u - 2\xi\omega\dot{u} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma(t) = \frac{R(t)}{m}, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad \xi = \frac{c}{2m\omega}$$

Example: MDOF linear system

$$\ddot{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} [\mathbf{R}(t) - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{U}}]$$

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Hamiltonian formulation (recalling)

Generalized momenta:  $p_r = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_r}$

Hamiltonian:  $H = \sum_{r=1}^n \dot{q}_r p_r - T + V$



System of first-order differential equations (holonomic constraints)

$$\dot{q}_r = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_r}$$

$$\dot{p}_r = -N_r - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_r}$$

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Hamiltonian formulation (recalling)

Example: SDOF linear oscillator

$$p = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}} = m\dot{q}$$

$$H = p\dot{q} - T + V = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{kq^2}{2}$$

$$N = R(t) - c\dot{q} = R(t) - c\frac{p}{m}$$



$$\dot{q} = \frac{1}{m} p$$

$$\dot{p} = R(t) - kq - \frac{c}{m} p$$

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Lagrangian formulation:

from second- to first-order system of differential equations through change of variables

$$\ddot{q}_r = h_r(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dot{q}_2, \dots, \dot{q}_n, t)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y_r = q_r \\ y_{r+n} = \dot{q}_r \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{y}_r = y_{r+n} \\ \dot{y}_{r+n} = h_r(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{2n}, t) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}, t)$$

Example: SDOF linear oscillator

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1 = q \\ y_2 = \dot{q} \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{y}_1 = y_2 \\ \dot{y}_2 = \gamma(t) - \omega^2 y_1 - 2\xi\omega y_2 \end{array} \right.$$

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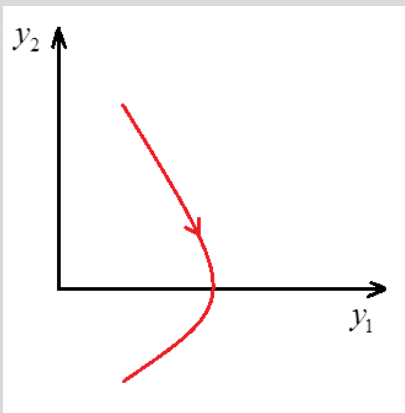
## Phase space

Autonomous systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})$$

$n$ -dimensional space

$$y_1 \times y_2 \times \dots \times y_n$$

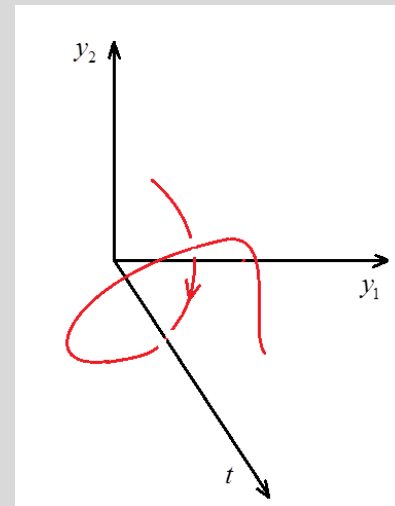


Non-autonomous systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}, t)$$

$(n+1)$ -dimensional space

$$y_1 \times y_2 \times \dots \times y_n \times t$$



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## Phase space properties for SDOF autonomous systems

Singular phase points (equilibrium points)  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}) = 0$

Regular phase points  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}) \neq 0$

Phase trajectory tangent  $\frac{dy_2}{dy_1} = \frac{g_2(y_1, y_2)}{g_1(y_1, y_2)} = \frac{g_2(y_1, y_2)}{y_2}$

Tangent at singular phase points is indeterminate  $\frac{dy_2}{dy_1} = \frac{g_2(y_1, y_2)}{g_1(y_1, y_2)} = \frac{0}{0}$

Tangent at regular phase points with  $g_1(y_1, y_2) = y_2 = 0$  and  $g_2(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$  is orthogonal to the  $y_1$  axis

Through a regular phase point passes just one phase trajectory  
(Theorem of Cauchy-Lipschitz)



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Non-perturbed solution:  $y_r = y_r^0(t), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$

Perturbed solution:  $y_r = y_r^0(t) + \delta y_r(t), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$

$$\delta \dot{y}_r = g_r \left( y_1^0 + \delta y_1, y_2^0 + \delta y_2, \dots, y_{2n}^0 + \delta y_{2n}, t \right) - \dot{y}_r^0$$

Perturbation equations:

$$\delta \dot{y}_r = f_r \left( \delta y_1, \delta y_2, \dots, \delta y_{2n}, t \right)$$

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\delta \mathbf{y}, t)$$

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

Note: the non-perturbed solution corresponds to the trivial solution  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  of the perturbation equations

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Example: SDOF linear oscillator

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

$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\delta \mathbf{y})$$

or

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

with

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

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## Stability concept (Leipholz)

A non-perturbed solution  $\mathbf{y}^0(t)$  is stable if the distance  $\delta\mathbf{y}(t)$  to the perturbed solutions remains within prescribed bounds for all times and arbitrarily defined perturbations

Non-perturbed solution

}	Equilibrium	$\mathbf{y}^0 = \text{const.}$
	Motion	$\mathbf{y}^0(t)$

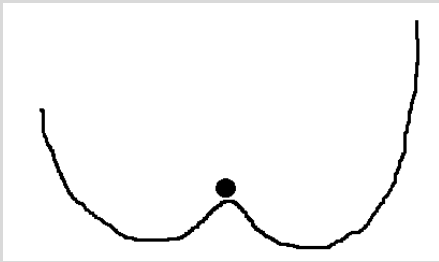
“Type” of perturbation

}	Kinematical (initial conditions): $\delta\mathbf{y}(0) \neq \mathbf{0}$
	Topological (perturbation of parameters or perturbation of mathematical model)

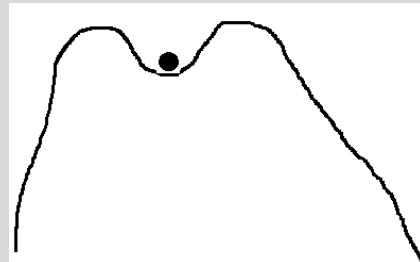
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Stability concept (Leipholz)

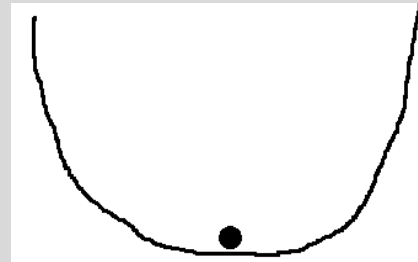
Perturbation “size”  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Local } \|\delta y(0)\| < \delta \\ \text{Global} \end{array} \right.$



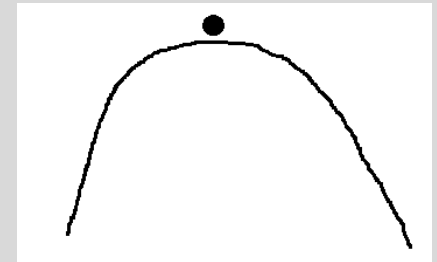
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Stability concept (Leipholz)

“Character” of perturbation

Deterministic

Stochastic

Example: definition of stability in the quadratic mean:

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} E_{\tau} \|\delta \mathbf{y}(t)\|^2 < \varepsilon \quad \sigma_{\delta \mathbf{y}}^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{\delta \mathbf{y}}(\omega) d\omega < \varepsilon$$

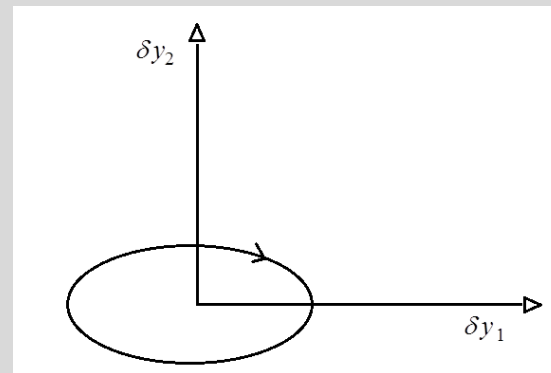
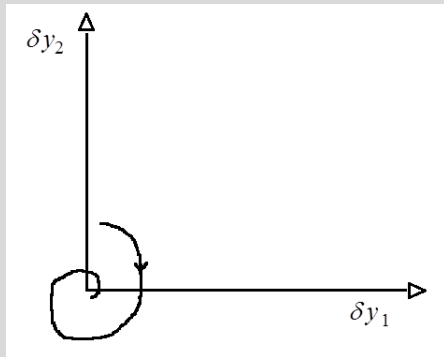
Stability x Reliability x Integrity

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## Stability concept (Leipholz)

Tendency of perturbed solution

Asymptotic  
Non-asymptotic



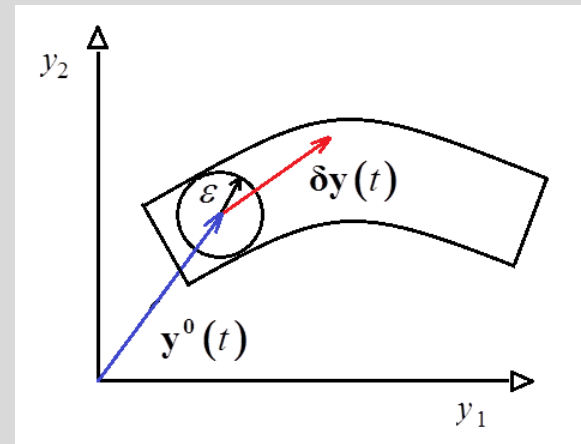
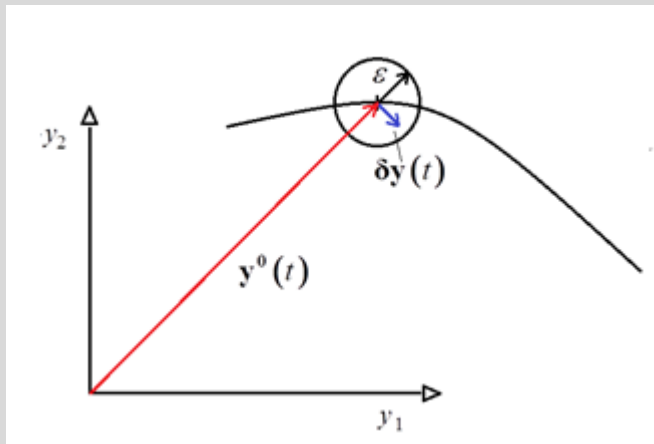
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## Stability concept (Leipholz)

Admissible region for perturbed solution

Kinetic

Geometric



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## Stability definitions

### Liapunov

Stability of equilibrium of autonomous systems in the sense:  
kinematical, local, deterministic, non-asymptotic, kinetic

### Poincaré

Stability of motion of autonomous systems in the sense:  
kinematical, local, deterministic, non-asymptotic, geometric

Particular case: orbital stability of periodic motions

### Structural

Stability of equilibrium or motion in the sense:  
topological, local, deterministic, asymptotic

Particular cases: parametric stability; Mathieu stability

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## Liapunov stability

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  , there exists  $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ , such that,  
if  $\|\delta\mathbf{y}(0)\| < \delta(\varepsilon)$  then  $\|\delta\mathbf{y}(t)\| < \varepsilon$  for  $t > 0$

Liapunov's methods

First method (indirect)

Second method (direct)

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## Liapunov's first method

Perturbation equation for the analysis of the stability of equilibrium of the trivial solution  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$

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

$$\text{with } \mathbf{A} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|_{\mathbf{0}} \text{ and } \mathbf{N}(\delta \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f}(\delta \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y}$$

Consider the associated linearized problem

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

General solution

$$\delta \mathbf{y} = \delta \mathbf{y}_0 e^{\lambda t}$$

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## Liapunov's first method

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) \delta \mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{0}$$

For non-trivial solutions it is required that

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0$$

It is the classic eigenvalue problem for matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

$$b_0 \lambda^{2n} + b_1 \lambda^{2n-1} + \dots + b_{2n-1} \lambda + b_{2n} = 0$$

In the general case, there exists  $2n$  complex roots for the characteristic equation

$$\lambda_k = \alpha_k + i\beta_k, \quad \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R} \quad \beta_k \in \mathbb{R}$$

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## Liapunov's first method

**Theorem 1 (Liapunov):** If  $R_k < 0 \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, 2n \Rightarrow \delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-stable

**Theorem 2 (Liapunov):** If  $\exists R_k > 0 \Rightarrow \delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-unstable

**Definition of L-critical case:** there exists at least one eigenvalue with zero real part  $R_k = 0$ , yet none of them with positive real part.

**Theorem 3 (Leipholz):** In the critical case, if the multiplicity  $p_k$  of all the eigenvalues with null real part ( $R_k = 0$ ) is equal to the rank decrement  $d_k$  of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} - \lambda_k \mathbf{I}$ , then the solution  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-stable for the linear system. If  $p_k > d_k$ , then the solution  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-unstable for the linear system.

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## Liapunov's first method

**Theorem 4 (Routh-Hurwitz):** If all principal minors of the matrix **B** (below) are positive, then the solution  $\delta\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  is L-stable. The reciprocal is also true.

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_3 & b_2 & b_1 & b_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_{2n} & b_{2n-1} & b_{2n-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_{2n} \end{bmatrix} \quad b_{r>2n} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b_{r<0} = 0$$

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## Liapunov's first method

**Theorem 5 (Liapunov):** Except for the L-critical case, the conclusions drawn from Theorems 1 and 2 for the linearized system  $\delta\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{y}$  can be extended to the non-linear system  $\delta\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{N}(\delta\mathbf{y})$

## Dynamical systems theory

**Theorem 5' (Hartman-Grobman):** If a singularity of the linear system  $\delta\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{y}$  is hyperbolic, then the linearized system is topologically equivalent to the non-linear system  $\delta\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\delta\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{N}(\delta\mathbf{y})$  in the singularity neighbourhood, that is, between the phase space flows of the non-linear and the linear systems there exists a diffeomorphism (transformation that is continuous with continuous derivative)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Elements of Stability Theory

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

Let  $\delta\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{T}\delta\mathbf{x}$  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:  $\mathbf{T}$  must be such that  $\mathbf{TC} = \mathbf{AT} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{AT}$

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



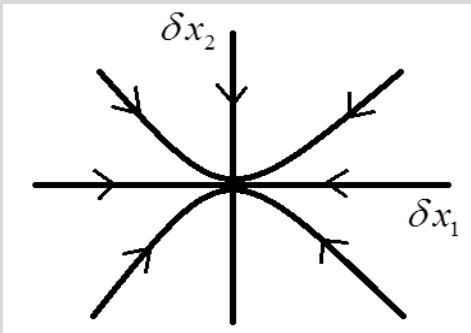
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Example: stability analysis for the solution  $\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  of a SDOF oscillator

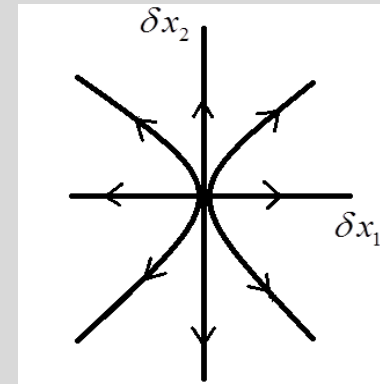
Case (a)

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

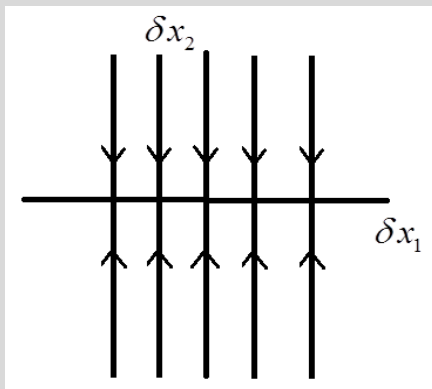
$$\frac{d(\delta x_2)}{d(\delta x_1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x_2^0 \\ \delta x_1^0 \end{pmatrix} e^{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t}$$



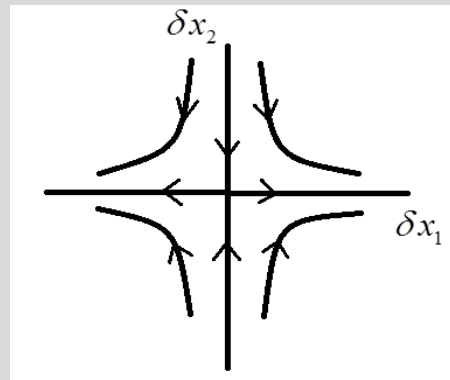
$$\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 0$$



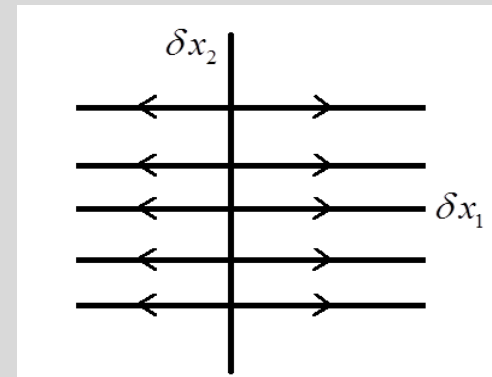
$$0 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$$



$$\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 = 0$$



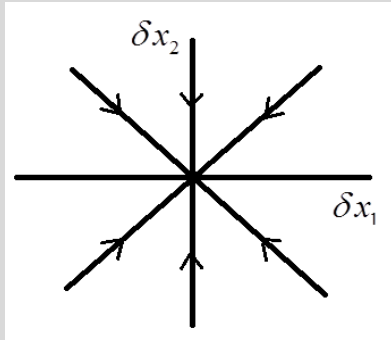
$$\lambda_2 < 0 < \lambda_1$$



$$0 = \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$$

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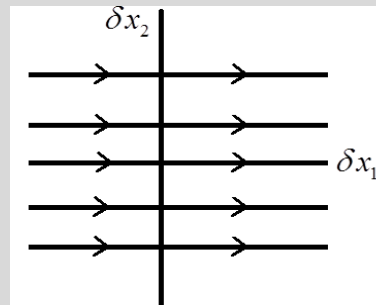
Example: stability analysis for the solution  $\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  of a SDOF oscillator



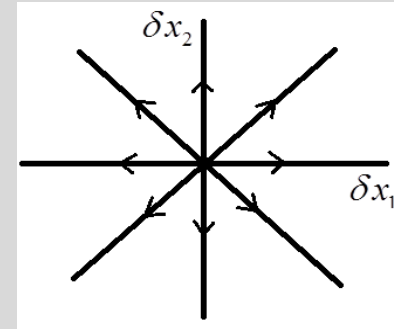
$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 < 0$$

Case (b1)

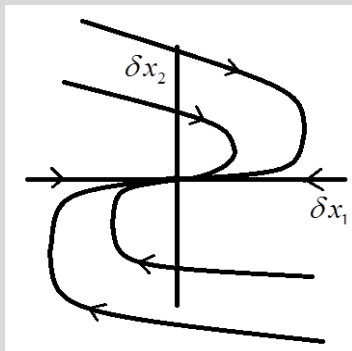
$$\delta x_i = \delta x_i^0 e^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow \frac{d(\delta x_2)}{d(\delta x_1)} = \left( \frac{\delta x_2^0}{\delta x_1^0} \right)$$



$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 = 0$$



$$0 < \lambda_2 = \lambda_1$$

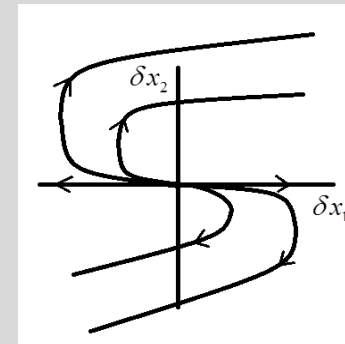


$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 < 0$$

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

Case (c)

Change variables...

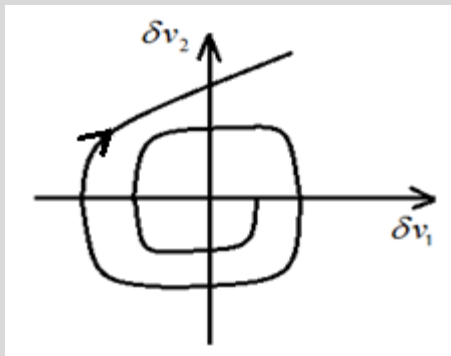
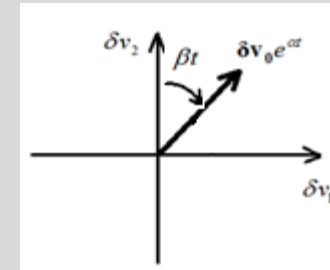
$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + i\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha - i\beta \end{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{x}$$

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

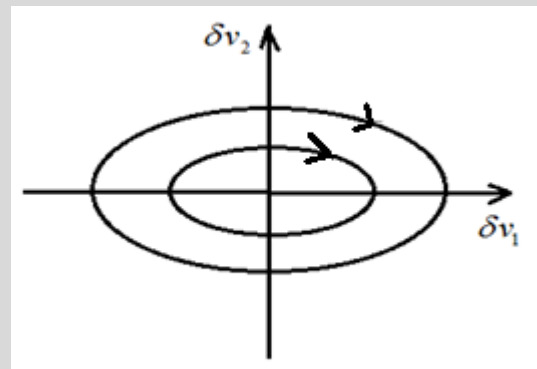
$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + i\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha + i\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1-i \\ 1-i & 1+i \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{v}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

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

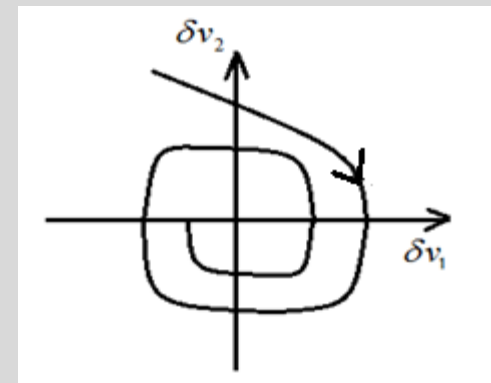
$$\delta \dot{\mathbf{v}} = (\alpha + i\beta) \delta \mathbf{v} \Rightarrow \delta \mathbf{v} = \delta \mathbf{v}_0 e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta t}$$



$\alpha > 0$



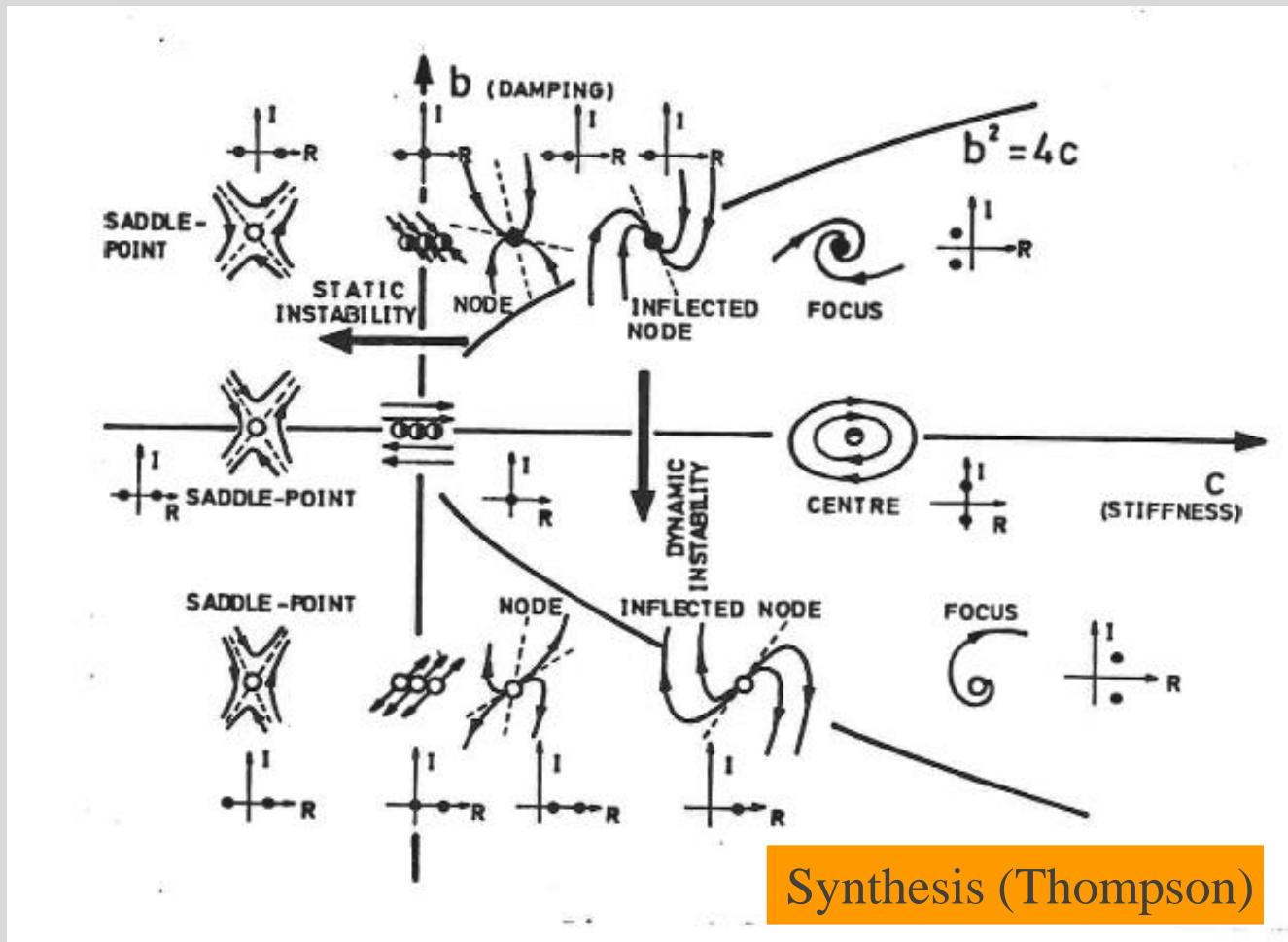
$\alpha = 0$



$\alpha < 0$

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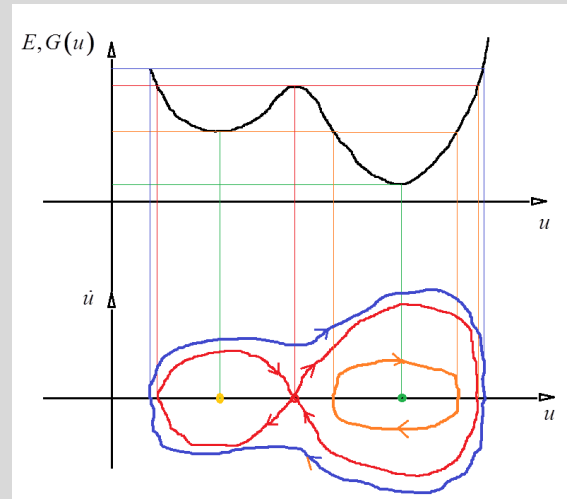
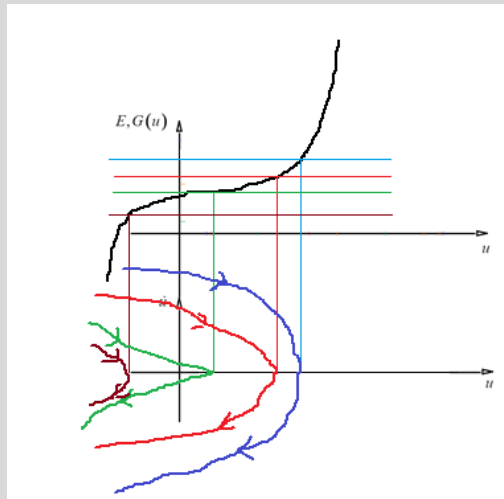
## Conservative SDOF oscillator

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

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

# Elements of Stability Theory

## Liapunov's second method

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

where  $\mathbf{A} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right|_{\mathbf{0}}$  and  $\mathbf{N}(\delta \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f}(\delta \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{y}$

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

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

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

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

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

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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

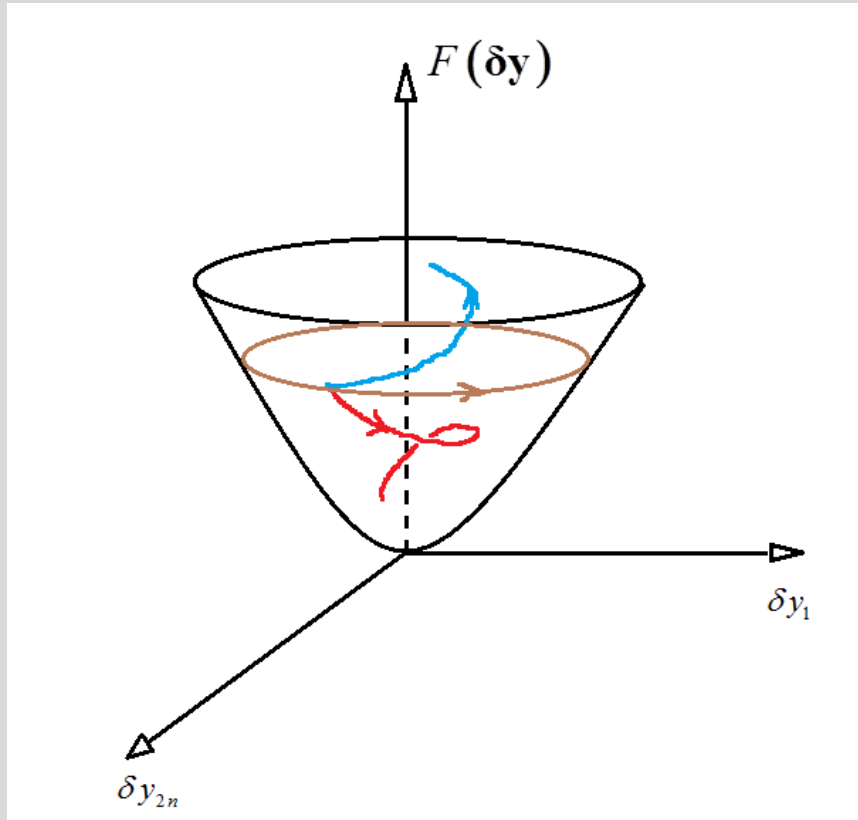
$$F = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$$

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

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

# Elements of Stability Theory

## Liapunov's second method



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



# Elements of Stability Theory

## Attractor and Basin of Attraction

Attractor is a 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 called basin of attraction

- **Point attractor**: asymptotically stable singularity
  - **Periodic attractor**: asymptotically stable orbit (limit cycle) 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 (chaotic attractor)**: coexistence of some of the previous attractors with non-compact (fractal) basins of attraction
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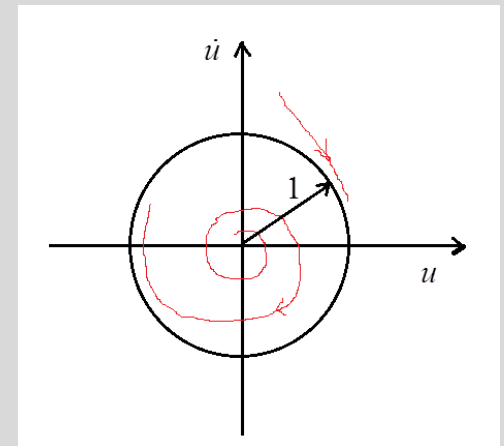
Periodic attractor in autonomous dynamical system  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y})$

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



# Elements of Stability Theory

## 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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# Elements of Stability Theory

## 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)  $D$  through the boundaries  $C' \in C''$ , then there exists at least a stable (unstable) limit cycle in  $D$ .

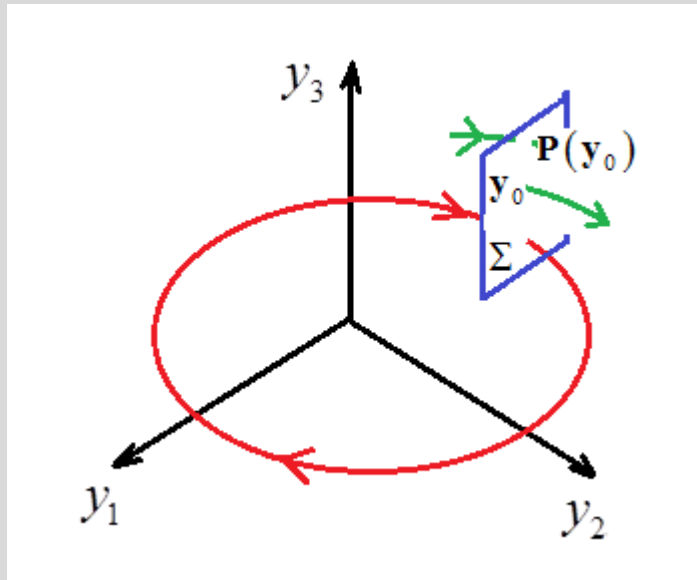
# Elements of Stability Theory

## Poincaré's section (map)

- Let  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$  be a flow of an autonomous system in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  and  $\Sigma$  a section with normal  $\mathbf{N}$  such that  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{N} \neq 0$ , that is, the section  $\Sigma$  is not parallel to the flow  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$ . 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  $\Sigma$ .  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{y}_0)$  is called 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  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}, t)$ , and  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$  is the associated autonomous system  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$  defined in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$  with the addition of  $\dot{y}_{2n+1} = 1$ , the Poincaré's sections can be defined orthogonally to the axis  $y_{2n+1} = t$  at  $t = t_0 + iT$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$

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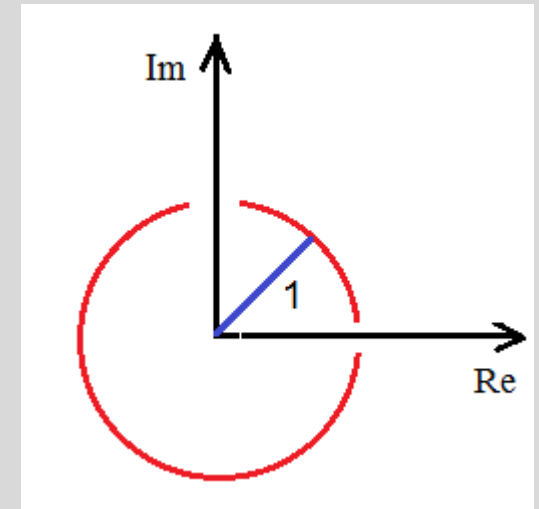
## Poincaré's section (map)



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)

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

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

In polar coordinates

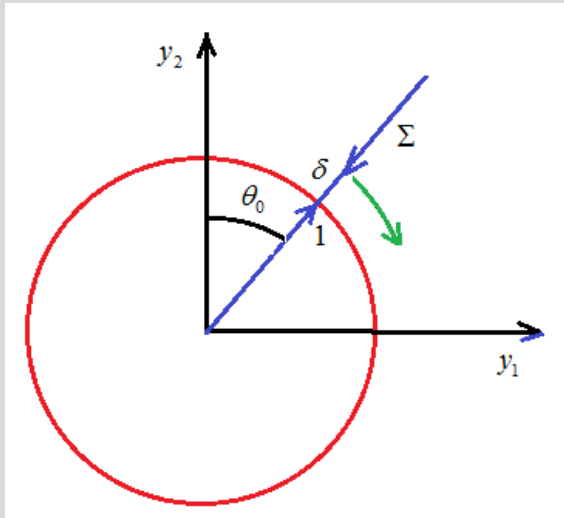
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1 = r \sin \theta \\ y_2 = r \cos \theta \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow r = 0 \text{ corresponds to an unstable focus}$$

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

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

# Elements of Stability Theory

## Example of Poincaré's section (map)



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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Mapping in } \mathbb{R}^1: r_j \rightarrow r_{j+1} = P(r_j) = 1 + (r_j - 1) e^{-4\pi \cos^2 \theta_0}$$

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

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  $\dot{\varepsilon}_j = 0 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_j = \varepsilon_0$



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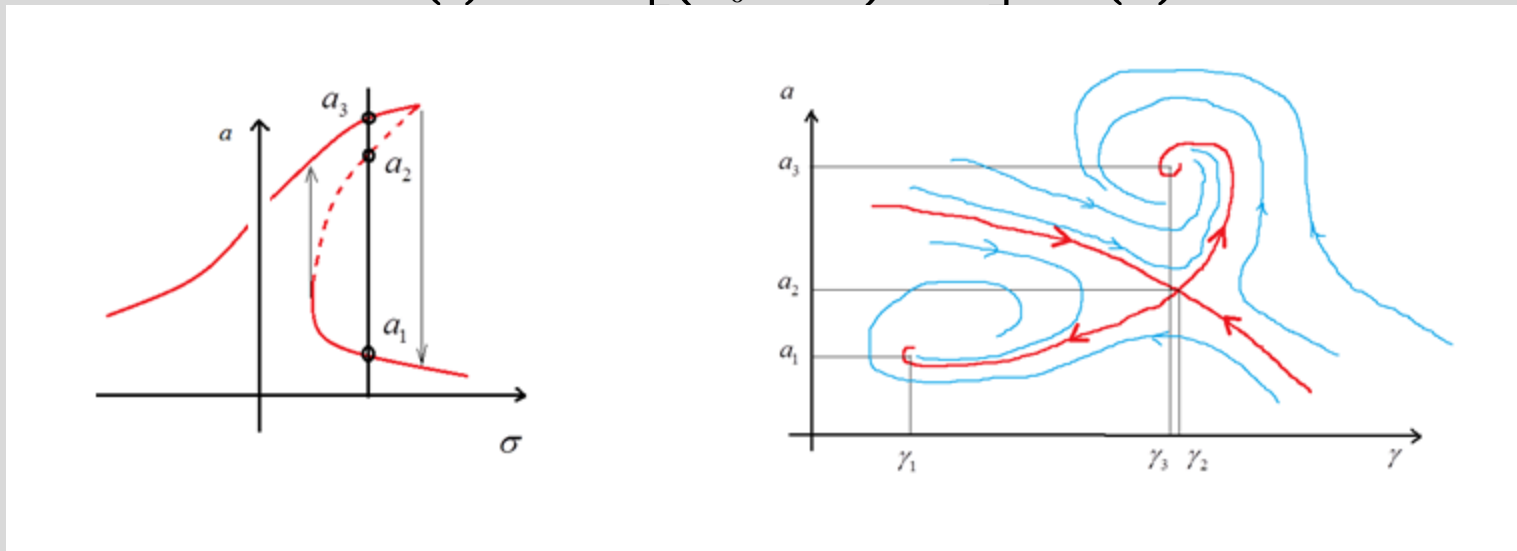
Periodic attractor in non-autonomous dynamical system  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{y}, t)$

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

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



Estudo recai em estabilidade de singularidades...