

Math 2250-1
Wednesday Dec. 10

69.4 Phase portraits for
mechanical systems

rigid-rod pendulum:

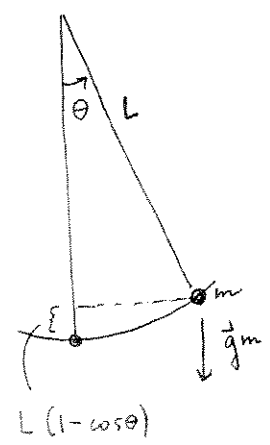
$$(1) \theta''(t) + \frac{g}{L} \sin \theta = 0$$

We derived this DE using
KE + PE = constant

$$\frac{1}{2} m L^2 (\theta')^2 + mgL (1 - \cos \theta) = \text{const}$$

$$(2) \frac{1}{2} L (\theta')^2 + g (1 - \cos \theta) = \tilde{\text{const}}$$

(and we took $\frac{d}{dt}(\dots)$ to get (1))



For

$$x = \theta(t) \\ y = \theta'(t)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -\frac{g}{L} \sin x \end{bmatrix}$$

equil sol'ns $y = 0$
 $\sin x = 0: x = k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} (0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$

Linearization:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{L} \cos x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

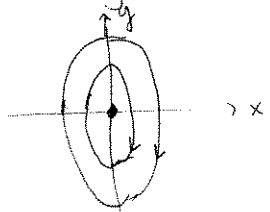
if $x = k\pi$ k even

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{g}{L} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|J - \lambda I| = \lambda^2 - \left(\frac{g}{L}\right) = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm i\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

linearization has stable center



(why clockwise?)

if ~~not~~ $x = k\pi, k$ odd

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{L} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|J - \lambda I| = \lambda^2 + \frac{g}{L} = 0$$

$\lambda = \pm \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$ saddle

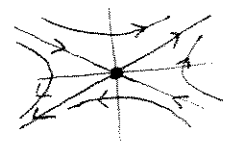
$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

$$\lambda = -\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} & 1 \\ \frac{g}{L} & -\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} \end{bmatrix}$$



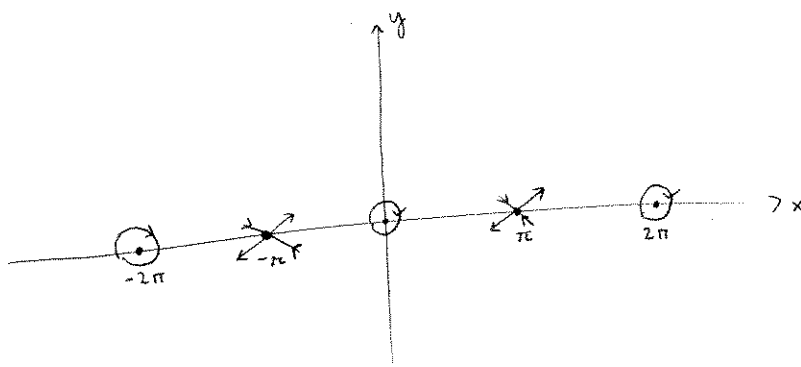
fill in?

Hint: the trajectories must follow the level curves of the (scaled) total energy function (2), on page 1, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{2} L y^2 + g(1 - \cos x) = \text{const} \quad \leftarrow \text{RHS is } 2\pi\text{-periodic in } x.$$

notice this function of (x, y) attains its minimum value of zero, at all $(x, y) = (k\pi, 0)$ with k even (so $\cos x = 1$)

and the Hessian matrix of this function is diagonal with positive diagonal entries, at these points, so the nearby trajectories for our system are (nearly) ellipses, for the non-linear system, so $(k\pi, 0)$ is stable center for the nonlinear problem, when k is even!



Add damping:

$$\theta'' + c\theta' + \frac{g}{L} \sin(\theta) = 0$$

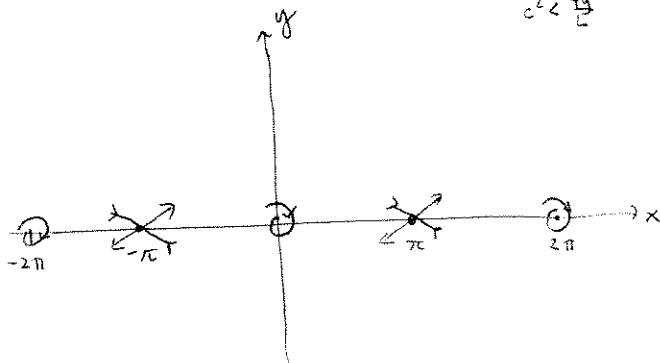
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -\frac{g}{L} \sin x - cy \end{bmatrix}$$

same equilibria (iff $y=0$ & $\sin x=0$)

Fill in?

$$c^2 < \frac{4g}{L}$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{L} \cos x & -c \end{bmatrix}$$



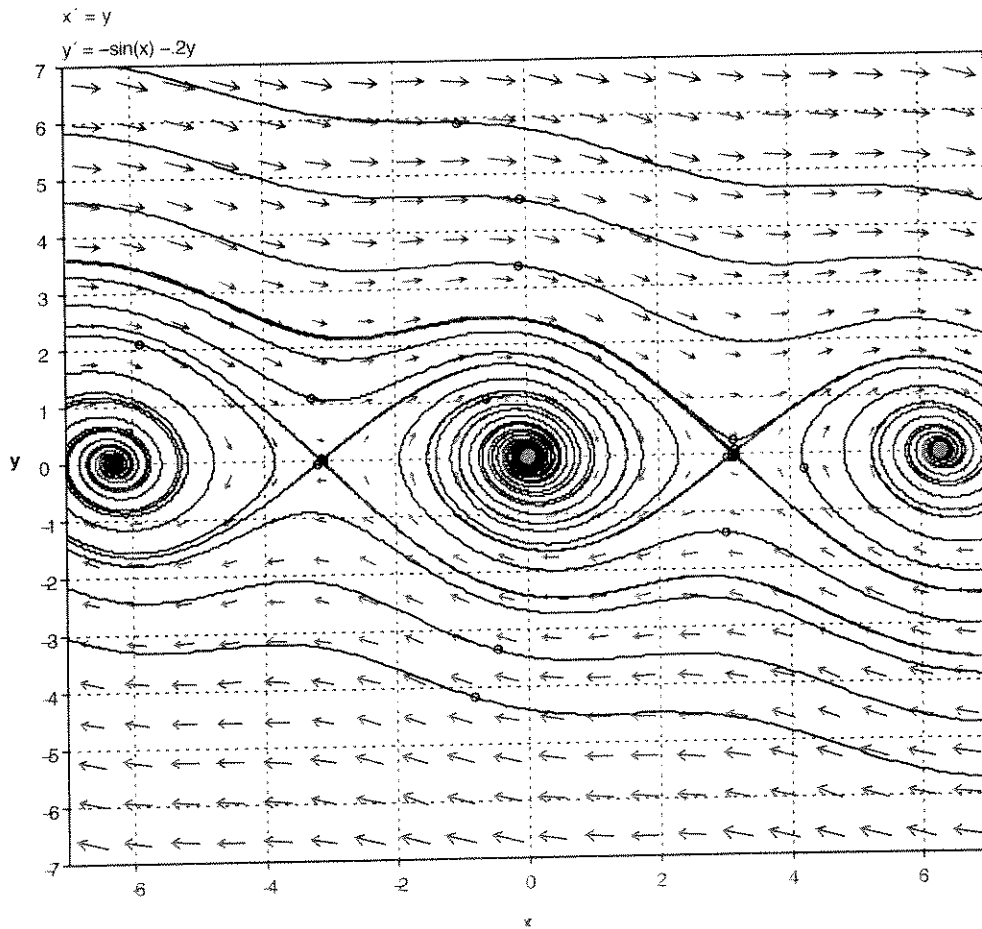
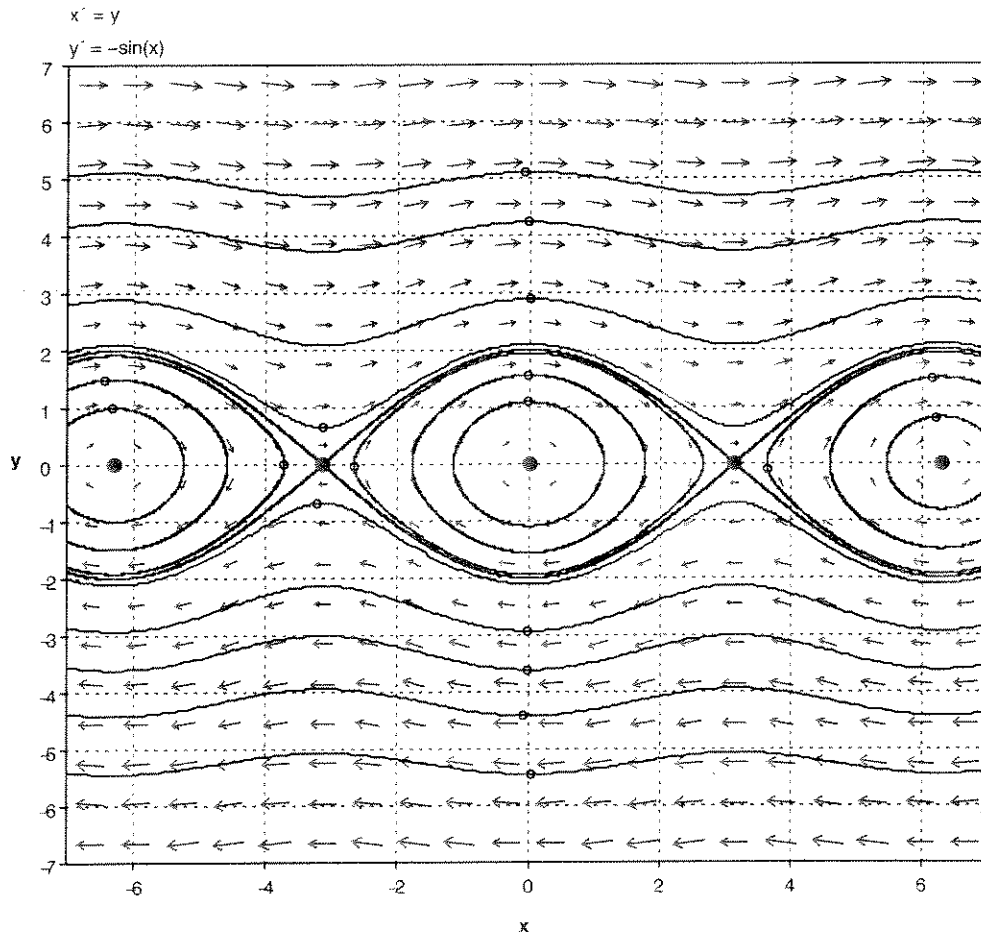
$$|J - \lambda I| = -\lambda(-\lambda - c) + \frac{g}{L} \cos x = \lambda^2 + c\lambda \pm \frac{g}{L}$$

$$\begin{cases} +\frac{g}{L} & \text{if } x = k\pi \\ & k \text{ even} \\ -\frac{g}{L} & \text{if } k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

roots $\lambda = \frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 \mp \frac{4g}{L}}}{2}$

- k odd \Rightarrow saddle
- k even, $c^2 < \frac{4g}{L} \Rightarrow$ stable spiral (underdamped)
- $c^2 > \frac{4g}{L} \Rightarrow$ stable node (overdamped)

pictures for page 1-2:



nonlinear springs

m x'' = -cx' - kx + beta x^3 (spring force is odd fun; F(x) = -F(-x))

beta > 0 "soft spring"
beta < 0 "hard spring"

Example 1 p. 553

x'' + 4x - x^3 = 0 (k=0, beta=1)

has a KE fun which is constant along trajectories:

E = 1/2(x')^2 + 2x^2 - x^4/4 = const

x=x, y=x' => [x'] = [y; x^3-4x] -> dy/dx = (dy/dt)/(dx/dt) = (x^3-4x)/y so y dy = (x^3-4x) dx
1/2 y^2 = x^4/4 - 2x^2 + C

equil: [0; 0], [2; 0], [-2; 0]

you can do the linearization analysis & deduce the phase portrait page 553, and below
Would such a spring make sense physically, at least for large x?

