

Math 2250-1  
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4.2 Classification of equilibrium solutions  
(& continue) via linearization

We've been studying the stability and geometry of equilibrium solutions to 2 1<sup>st</sup> order (non-linear) DE's, via linearization.

- Page 5 Friday example with complex eigenvalues  
Here's how to name & classify these equilibria, for the linear systems, and the non-linear ones:

Eigenvalues of A	Type of Critical Point
Real, unequal, same sign	Improper node
Real, unequal, opposite sign	Saddle point
Real and equal	Proper or improper node
Complex conjugate	Spiral point
Pure imaginary	Center

FIGURE 9.2.9. Classification of the critical point (0, 0) of the two-dimensional system  $x' = Ax$ .

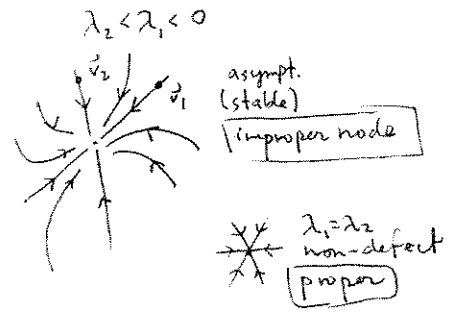
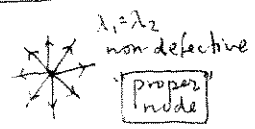
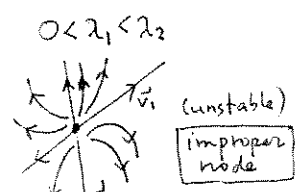
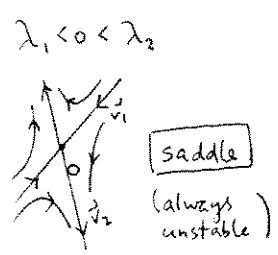
Eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ for the Linearized System	Type of Critical Point of the Almost Linear System
$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$	Stable improper node
$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 < 0$	Stable node or spiral point
$\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$	Unstable saddle point
$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 > 0$	Unstable node or spiral point
$\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$	Unstable improper node
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = a \pm bi$ ( $a < 0$ )	Stable spiral point
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = a \pm bi$ ( $a > 0$ )	Unstable spiral point
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \pm bi$	Stable or unstable, center or spiral point

FIGURE 9.2.12. Classification of critical points of an almost linear system.

Linear

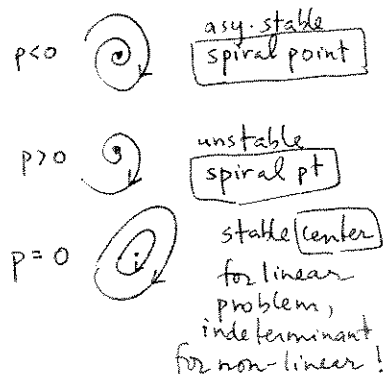
If  $\lambda$  real:  $\vec{x}_H(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$   
 (or if  $\lambda$  is defective  $\vec{x}_H(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_1 t} (t\vec{v}_1 + \vec{w})$ )

nonlinear - dominated by linearization except in border line cases.  
 (If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$  or  $\text{Re } \lambda < 0$  for linearized problem, equil. pt is asympt. stable for non linear. If one  $\lambda_i > 0$  or  $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$ , then unstable. If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \leq 0$  or  $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$ , non-linear prob. is indeterminate).



$\lambda = p \pm qi$  complex  
 $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_1 + i\vec{v}_2$   
 $e^{(p+qi)t} (\vec{v}_1 + i\vec{v}_2)$   
 $= e^{pt} (\cos qt \vec{v}_1 - \sin qt \vec{v}_2 + i(\sin qt \vec{v}_1 + \cos qt \vec{v}_2))$

so  $\vec{x}_H(t) = c_1 e^{pt} (\cos qt \vec{v}_1 - \sin qt \vec{v}_2) + c_2 e^{pt} (\sin qt \vec{v}_1 + \cos qt \vec{v}_2)$



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7.3:

(An example where the linearization is borderline)

• predator-prey:

$$PP \begin{cases} x'(t) = ax - pxy = x(a - py) & \text{prey} \\ y'(t) = -by + qxy = y(-b + qx) & \text{predator} \end{cases} \quad a, b, p, q \neq 0$$

natural region of interest:  $x \gg 0, y \gg 0$

equil solns:

$$\begin{array}{ll} x=0 & y = \frac{a}{p} \\ \Downarrow & \Downarrow \\ y=0 & x = \frac{b}{q} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b}{q} \\ \frac{a}{p} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{in 1st quad.} \\ \text{is this equil stable?} \end{array}$$

linearize:

$$\begin{bmatrix} F \\ G \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax - pxy \\ -by + qxy \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Jacobian matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a - py & -px \\ qy & -b + qx \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{at } \vec{x}_* \text{, } J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -pb/q \\ aq/p & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

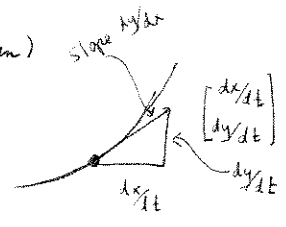
$$|J - \lambda I| = \lambda^2 + ab \quad ; \quad \lambda = \pm i\sqrt{ab}$$

linearization DE is stable center (ellipse trajectories)

this is borderline for the original non-linear system....

method for understanding soln trajectories: (in this case for the non-linear problem)

1270 Chain rule  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt}$



So  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$  (use this in §9.1 #24 HW too!)

for PP,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y(-b+qx)}{x(a-py)}$  separable!

$\frac{a-py}{y} dy = \frac{-b+qx}{x} dx$

$a \ln y - py = -b \ln x + qx + C$  (in 1st quadrant!)

$\underbrace{a \ln y + b \ln x - py - qx}_{f(x,y)} = C$

So solution trajectories follow level curves of  $f(x,y)$  (See figures 6.3.1 & 6.3.2 page 401) and this  $f(x,y)$  has a local max at  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b/q \\ a/p \end{bmatrix} = \bar{x}$  (Actually global 1st quadrant max!)

So  $\bar{x}$  is stable, and general solns are periodic!!

