

Math 2280-1

Monday April 11

§ 6.4 Mechanical systems

discuss competition model (last Wed. notes) first! (§ 6.3)

rigid-rod pendulum:

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

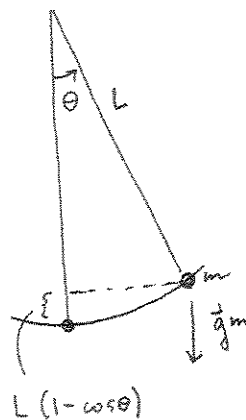
We derived this DE using

KE + PE = constant

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

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

(and we took  $\frac{d}{dt}(\%)$  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

$$y = 0$$

$$\sin x = 0: \quad x = k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

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  $x = k\pi$ ,  $k$  odd

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

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

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

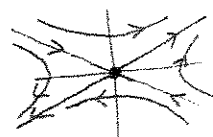
$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

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

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

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

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



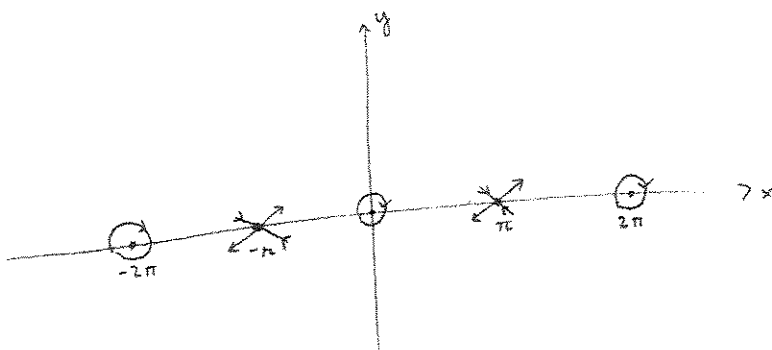
fill in?

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:

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

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

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

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

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

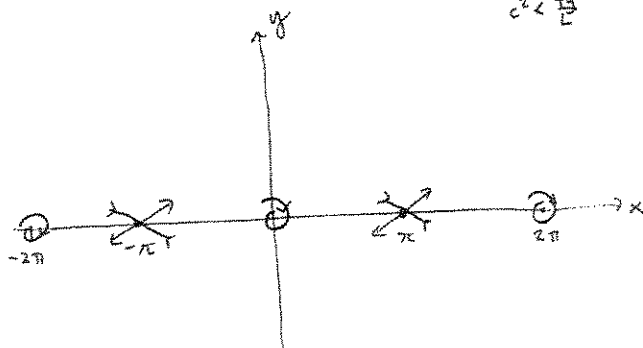
$\left( +\frac{g}{L} \text{ if } x=k\pi \text{ even} \right)$   
 $\left( -\frac{g}{L} \text{ if } k \text{ odd} \right)$

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

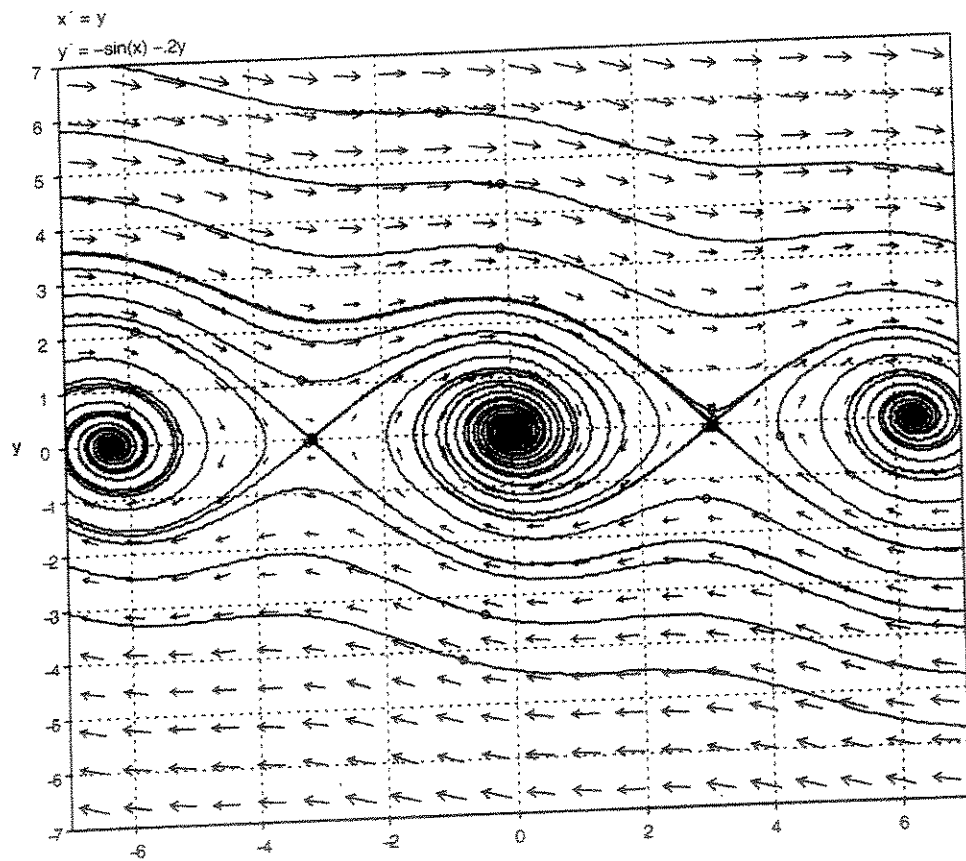
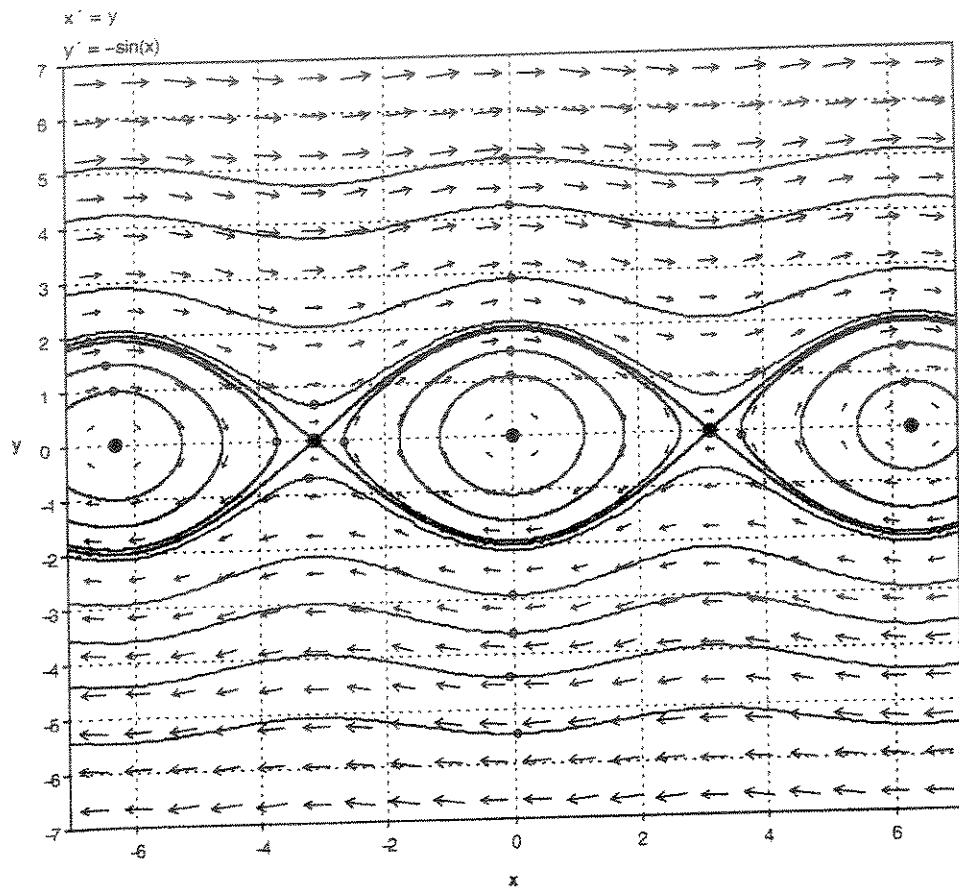
$k$  odd  $\Rightarrow$  saddle  
 $k$  even,  $c^2 < \frac{4g}{L} \Rightarrow$  stable spiral (underdamped)  
 $c^2 > \frac{4g}{L} \Rightarrow$  stable node (overdamped)

Fill in?

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



pictures for page 1-2:



nonlinear springs

$$m x'' = -c x' - k x + \beta x^3 \quad (\text{spring force is odd fun; } F(x) = -F(-x))$$

 $\beta > 0$  "soft spring"

 $\beta < 0$  "hard spring"
Example 1 p 415

$$x'' + 4x - x^3 = 0 \quad (c=0, \beta=1)$$

has a  $\mathcal{H}$  fun which is constant along trajectories:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}(x')^2 + 2x^2 - \frac{x^4}{4} \equiv \text{const}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x = x, \quad y = x' &\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x^3 - 4x \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{x^3 - 4x}{y} \quad \text{so } y dy = (x^3 - 4x) dx \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} y^2 = \frac{x^4}{4} - 2x^2 + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{equil: } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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  $x$ ?

