

MAT 475: Solution practice final

Exercise 1.

- For A , eigenvalues/eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \mathbf{u}_1 = (-1, 1, 0), \lambda_2 = 1, \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 1, 0), \lambda_3 = 1, \mathbf{u}_3 = (1, 2, 1).$$

Thus, the general solution is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{u}_2 + c_3 e^{\lambda_3 t} \mathbf{u}_3.$$

To compute the exponential, we introduce $P = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3]$. We deduce:

$$e^{tA} = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^t \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

- For B , eigenvalues/eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = 1 \pm i, \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{e}_1 \pm i\mathbf{e}_3, \lambda_3 = -2, \mathbf{u}_3 = (1, 2, 1).$$

Thus, the general solution is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^t \left(c_1 (\cos t \mathbf{e}_1 - \sin t \mathbf{e}_2) + c_2 (\sin t \mathbf{e}_1 + \cos t \mathbf{e}_2) \right) + c_3 e^{\lambda_3 t} \mathbf{u}_3.$$

Let $P = [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{u}_3]$, the exponential is given by:

$$e^{tB} = P \begin{bmatrix} e^t \cos t & -e^t \sin t & 0 \\ e^t \sin t & e^t \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

- For C , there was a typo:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Eigenvalues/eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -1, \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0, 1), \lambda_3 = 1, \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{e}_2.$$

Generalized eigenvector: $\mathbf{w} = (0, 1, 1)$. The general solution is:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 e^{-t} (\mathbf{w} + t \mathbf{u}_1) + c_3 e^{\lambda_3 t} \mathbf{u}_3.$$

Let $P = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{e}_3]$, the exponential is given by:

$$e^{tC} = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & te^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^t \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}.$$

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Exercise 2.

- a) Equilibria: $x = 0$ (stable), $x = \pm 1$ (unstable).
- b) Equilibria: $x = -1$ (unstable), $x = 1$ (stable).
- c) Equilibria: $x = -\sqrt{e-1}$ (stable), $x = \sqrt{e-1}$ (unstable).
- d) Equilibria: $x = \sqrt{2k}$ (unstable), $x = \sqrt{2k+1}$ (stable).

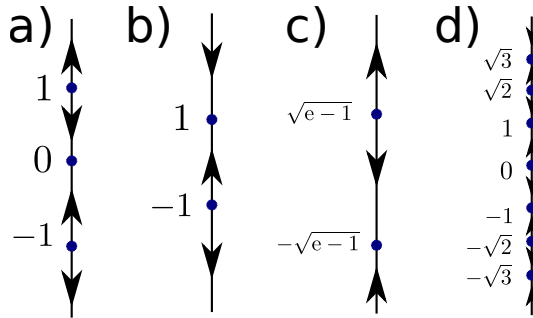


Figure 1: Phase lines for **Ex.2**.

Exercise 3.

a) Since $D = \det(A) = a - b$ and $T = \text{Trace}(A) = a + 1$, we find the regions:

- saddle: $a - b < 0$
- spiral: $a - b > \frac{1}{4}(a + 1)^2 \Rightarrow b < -\frac{1}{4}(a - 1)^2$.
- node: $b > -\frac{1}{4}(a - 1)^2$ and $a - b > 0$
- center: $a + 1 = 0$ and $a - b > 0$.

Spiral and nodes are stable if $T < 0$ meaning $a < -1$.

b) See figure 2 for the phase diagram.

Exercise 4.

a) Equilibria: $(-1, -1)$, $(0, 0)$.

Stability: $DF(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2y \\ -2x & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Thus,

$$\text{at } (-1, -1) \quad DF(-1, -1) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \textit{saddle}$$

$$\text{at } (0, 0) \quad DF(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \textit{sink}.$$

b) At the equilibria $(-1, -1)$, the eigenvectors are:

$$\lambda_1 = -3, \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 1) \quad \lambda_2 = 1, \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, -1).$$

We deduce the phase portrait given in figure 3.

c) The time derivative of V along the solutions is given by:

$$\dot{V} = 2x(-x - y^2) + 2y(-y - x^2) = -2x^2(1 + y) - 2y^2(1 + x).$$

Thus, if $x \geq -1$ and $y \geq -1$, we have: $\dot{V} \leq 0$. In particular, if initially (x_0, y_0) is in unit ball (i.e. $V(x_0, y_0) \leq 1$), we have $\dot{V} \leq 0$ and thus $V(x(t), y(t)) \leq 1$. As a consequence, the solution is “trapped” in the region $V \leq 1$ which is precisely the unit ball.

Exercise 5.

a) Taking $H(x, y) = \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{2}$, we have

$$x' = \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \quad , \quad y' = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}.$$

Therefore, H is an Hamiltonian for the system, the solutions are ‘trapped’ in the region $H(x, y) = C$ (since H is constant along solutions).

b) The contour $H(x, y) = 0$ leads

$$y^2 = x^4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \pm x^2.$$

We deduce 5 solutions curves (see figure 4 in red).

We conclude that the origin is not stable as two solutions ‘escape’ from the origin.

Exercise 6.

Consider the dynamical system:

$$\begin{cases} x' &= 3y^2 - 3x \\ y' &= -3x^2 + 3y. \end{cases}$$

a) $H(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3xy$.

b) Finding the equilibria lead to: $x = y^2$ and $y = x^2$. Thus, $y - y^4 = 0$ and therefore $y = 0$ or $y = 1$. We deduce two equilibria: $(1, 1)$ and $(0, 0)$.

At the origin $(0, 0)$, the Jacobian is given by:

$$DF(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, the origin is a saddle point.

At $(1, 1)$, the Jacobian is given by:

$$DF(1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We cannot conclude about the stability of $(1, 1)$ since we have a center for the linearized system (i.e. $(1, 1)$ not hyperbolic).

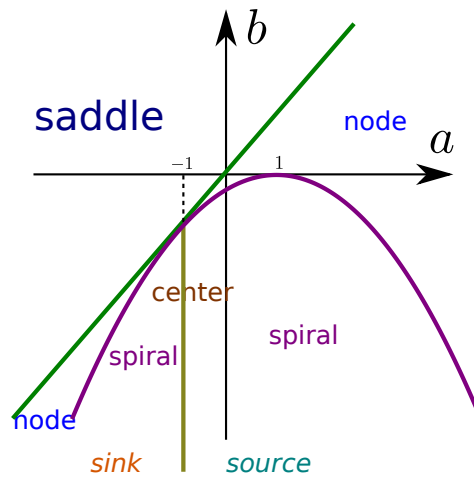


Figure 2: Phase diagram for **Ex.4**.

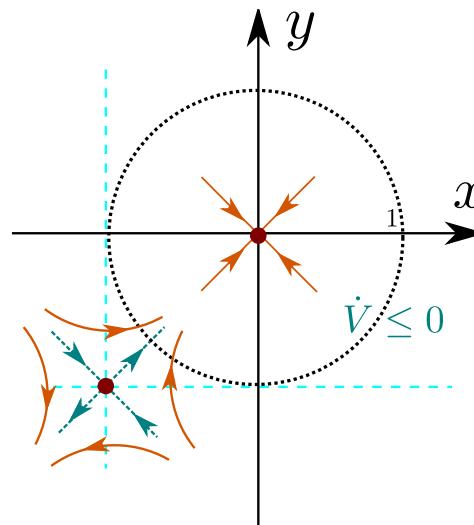


Figure 3: Phase portrait for **Ex.5**.

Thus, we look if we can use the Hamiltonian to deduce the stability. At $(1, 1)$, we find $\nabla H(1, 1) = 0$ and

$$\nabla^2 H(1, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since determinant and trace are positive, both eigenvalues are strictly positive. We deduce that $(1, 1)$ is a strict local minimum. Therefore, H is a Lyapunov function $(1, 1)$, and we conclude that $(1, 1)$ is a stable equilibrium.

- c*) To draw the phase portrait, we have to plot the contour plot $H(x, y) = C$. We notice that for $C = 1$, the curve is actually the folium of Descartes. We use this curve to deduce the behavior of the solutions nearby (see figure).

Exercise 7.

Consider the dynamical system:

$$\begin{cases} x' &= 1 - x - y \\ y' &= -xy. \end{cases}$$

- a) Equilibria: $(0, 1)$, $(1, 0)$.

We deduce:

$$DF(0, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{stable}$$

$$DF(1, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{stable node.}$$

- b-c) See figure 6.

The solution starting at $\mathbf{x}_0 = (0, .5)$ is trapped in the triangle formed by the nullclines. The solution will converge to the equilibrium $(1, 0)$.

Exercise 8.

Consider the dynamical system:

$$\begin{cases} x' &= 4 - x^2 - y^2 \\ y' &= 1 - xy. \end{cases}$$

- a) See figure 7.

- b) Equilibria: $y = 1/x$ and $4 - x^2 - 1/x^2 = 0$ thus $x^4 - 4x^2 + 1 = 0$ which gives $x = \pm\sqrt{2 \pm \sqrt{3}}$.

Two equilibria are saddle (if $|x_*| < 1$). At $x_* = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}$, the equilibrium is a stable node and at $x_* = -\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}$, the equilibrium is an unstable node.

- c) The solution is trapped in between the two nullclines and converges toward the stable equilibrium..

Exercise 9.

a) The Jacobian is given by:

$$Df(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - (x^2 + y^2) - 2x^2 & -2y - 2xy \\ y - 2xy & 1 + x - (x^2 + y^2) - 2y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$Df(-1, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \textit{stable node}$$

$$Df(0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \textit{unstable node}$$

$$Df(1, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \textit{saddle point.}$$

b) In polar coordinates:

$$r' = \frac{xx' + yy'}{r} = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - (x^2 + y^2)(x^2 + y^2)}{r} = r - r^3,$$
$$\theta' = \frac{-x'y + y'x}{r^2} = \frac{-xy + y^3 + xy + x^2y}{r^2} = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)y}{r^2} = y = r \sin \theta.$$

c) The phase portrait is given in figure 8.

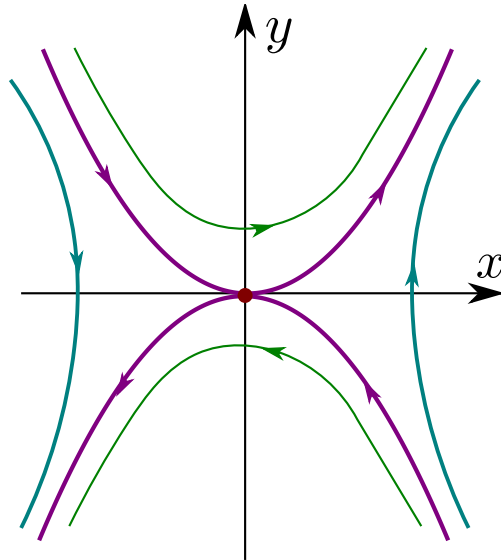


Figure 4: Phase portrait for **Ex.5**.

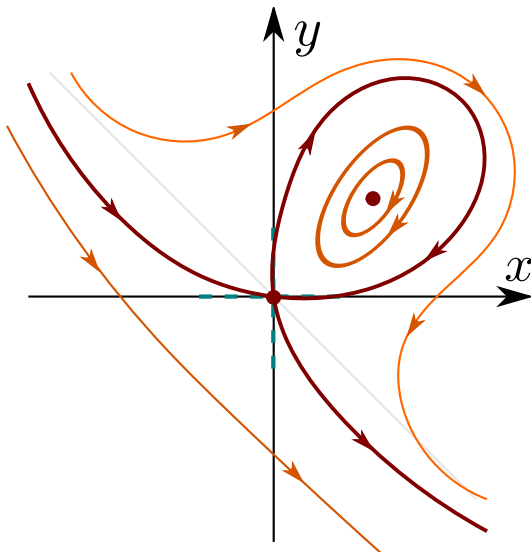


Figure 5: Phase portrait for **Ex.6**.

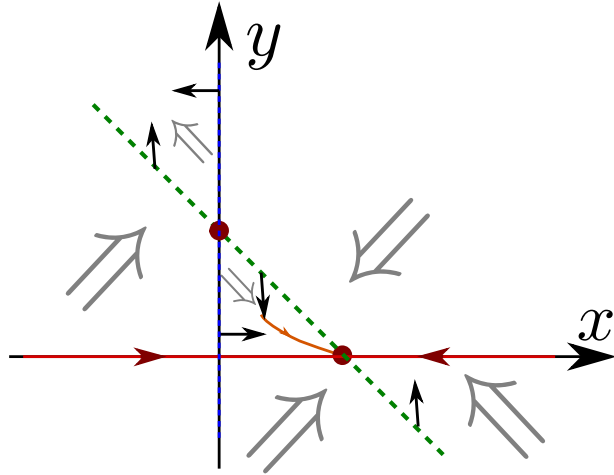


Figure 6: Phase portrait for **Ex.7**.

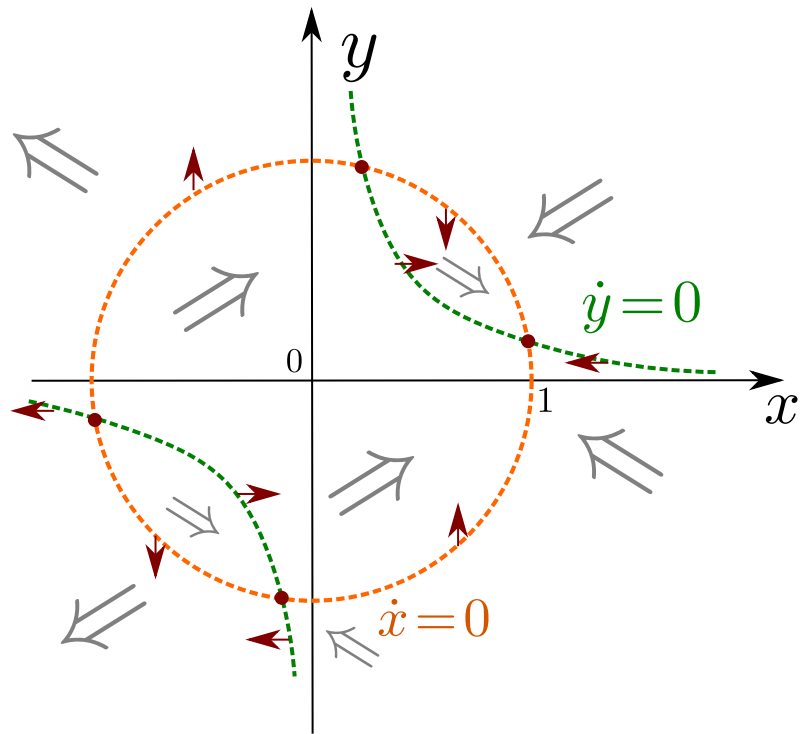


Figure 7: Phase portrait for **Ex.8**.

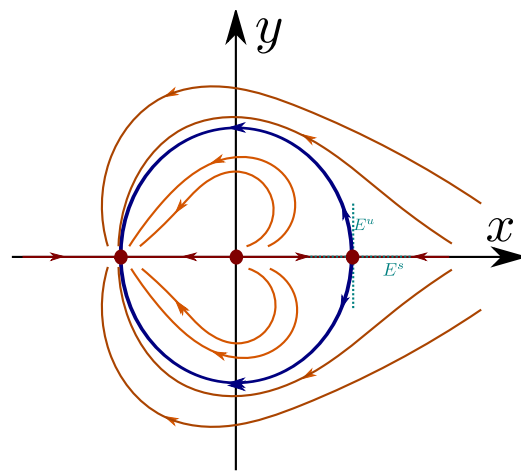


Figure 8: Phase portrait for **Ex.9**.