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## Problem: Nonlinear Dynamics

### Nonlinear Dynamics

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Consider a system with the dynamics given by

$$\dot{x} = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$$

Fill in the MATLAB code below, which is supposed to:

- Plot a phase diagram  $\dot{x}$  vs.  $x$  for this system and set the three equilibrium points. Ensure that all equilibrium points are included in the plot range.
- Set the variable "eq\_points" such that  $x = \text{eq\_points}(i)$  is an equilibrium point.

Do not change the variable names  $x$ ,  $\dot{x}$ , and eq\_points.

```
1 x =  
2 xdot =  
3 eq_points =  
4 plot(x,xdot)  
5
```

Unanswered

```
x = linspace(-10,10,1000);  
xdot = x.^3 + 2*x.^2 - 5*x - 6;  
eq_points = [-3;-1;2];  
plot(x,xdot);
```

**Run Code**

Is the first equilibrium point (at the smallest value of  $x$ ) stable, unstable, or marginally stable?

☐ Stable☒ Unstable ✓☐ Marginally stable

Is the second equilibrium point stable, unstable, or marginally stable?

☒ Stable ✓☐ Unstable☐ Marginally stable

Is the third equilibrium point (at the largest value of  $x$ ) stable, unstable, or marginally stable?

☐ Stable☒ Unstable ✓

☐ Marginally stable

There is an interval, containing the origin, that is a region of attraction for one of these points. Identify this interval, using standard notation of  $(a, b)$  for open intervals and  $[a, b]$  for closed intervals. Indicate a interval extending to infinity with "-inf" or "inf."

Answer:  $s^* - \frac{s^{*3}}{s^*}, \frac{s^{*2}}{s^*}$

The region of attraction is  $(-3, 2)$

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You have used 0 of 3 attempts

**i** Answers are displayed within the problem