

EE 5323 Homework 4

Vector Fields, Flows, First Integrals

1. Consider the undamped oscillator

$$\ddot{x} + x = 0$$

- Write position-velocity state space form $\dot{X} = f(X)$.
- Plot the trajectories $x(t), \dot{x}(t)$ vs. time. Use initial conditions of $x(0) = 0.1, \dot{x}(0) = 0$
- Plot the vector field $f(X) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{bmatrix}$ in the phase plane $(x_1, x_2) = (x, \dot{x})$. Plot for points spaced in a uniform mesh in the box $x_1 = [-10, 10], x_2 = [-10, 10]$.
- Plot the system trajectories (flows or orbits) in the phase plane. Take ICs spaced in a uniform mesh in the box $x_1 = [-10, 10], x_2 = [-10, 10]$.
- Derive the First Integral of Motion $F(x_1, x_2)$ as done in class. Plot the FIM as a 3-D surface over the phase plane on the $x_1 = [-10, 10], x_2 = [-10, 10]$.

2. Repeat for the unstable system

$$\ddot{x} - x = 0$$