

LECTURE 19

AN EXAMPLE

$$\dot{x} = a - x - \frac{4xy}{1+x^2}$$

$$a, b > 0$$

$x, y > 0$ Chemical concentrations

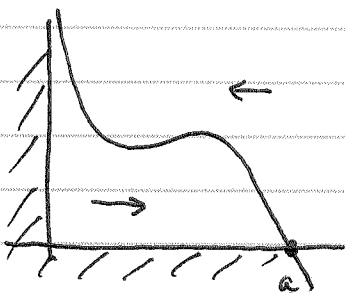
$$\dot{y} = bx \left(1 - \frac{y}{1+x^2}\right)$$

Where is $\dot{x} = 0$? The null-clines are the solutions to

$$a - x - \frac{4xy}{1+x^2} = 0$$

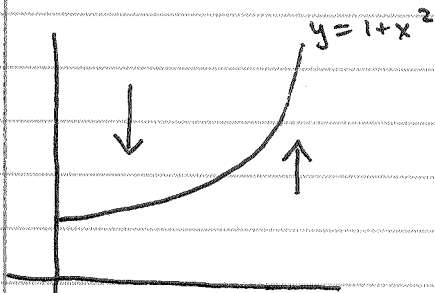
$$\frac{4xy}{1+x^2} = a - x$$

$$y = \frac{(1+x^2)(a-x)}{4x}$$



$\dot{y} = 0$ the null-clines satisfy $bx \left(1 - \frac{y}{1+x^2}\right) = 0$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y = 1 + x^2$$



FIXED POINTS $1+x^2 = \frac{(1+x^2)(a-x)}{4x}$

$$4x = a - x$$

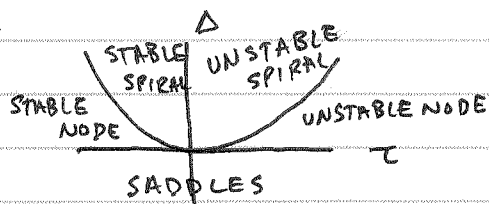
$$x^* = \frac{a}{5}, \quad y^* = 1 + \frac{a^2}{25}$$

FIND (AFTER A LOT OF WORK, AND USING $y^* = 1 + x^{*2}$)

$$J(x^*, y^*) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1+x^2} [3x^2 - 5] & -4x \\ 2bx^2 & -bx \end{bmatrix}$$

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Recall



$$\Delta = \frac{5bx}{1+x^2} > 0$$

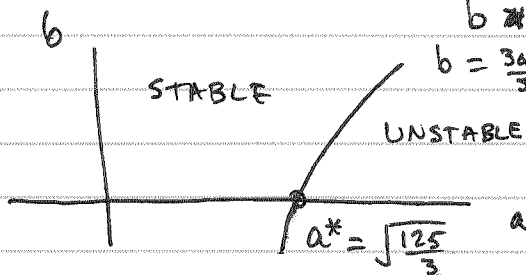
\Rightarrow stability entirely due to τ

$$\tau = \frac{1}{1+x^2}(3x^2 - 5 - bx) \Big|_{x=x^*=a/5}$$

UNSTABLE IF $\frac{3a^2}{25} - 5 - \frac{ba}{5} > 0$

$$b < \frac{3a}{5} - \frac{25}{a}$$

$$b = \frac{3a}{5} - \frac{25}{a}$$



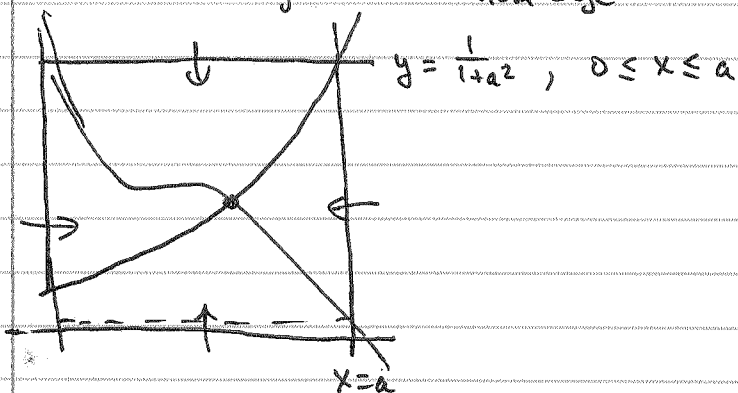
TRAPPING REGION

CLEARLY $x=0$

$y=0$

left edge

bottom edge



if $b < b_c(a)$ then
fixed point unstable
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ cycle around 0
s.t. flow outward

if $b > b_c(a)$, solutions in
trapping region approach
 (x^*, y^*)

Van der Pol oscillator

$$\ddot{x} + \varepsilon(x^2 - 1)\dot{x} + x = 0$$

only fixed pt $x = \dot{x} = 0$

if $(x^2 - 1) < 0$ negative damping

$(x^2 - 1) > 0$ positive damping

Q: Is there a balance at moderate amplitude
leading to periodic orbit?

A: Yes, but standard $\dot{x} = y$

$$\dot{y} = -\varepsilon(x^2 - 1)y - x$$

won't give trapping
region

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Lienard equations a generalization of van der Pol

① $\ddot{x} + f(x)\dot{x} + g(x) = 0$

We will prove the existence of a trapping region

let $F(x) = \int_0^x f(\xi) d\xi$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y - F(x) \\ \dot{y} = -g(x) \end{cases}$$

stability depends on

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -f(x) & 1 \\ -g'(x) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

origin unstable if $f(0) < 0$
and not a saddle $g'(0) > 0$

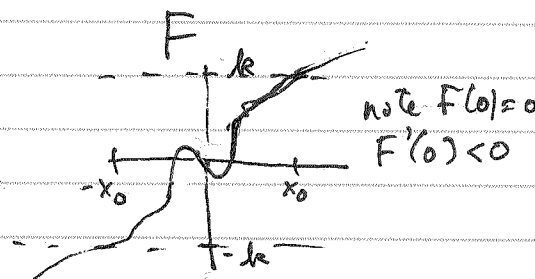
Theorem Consider ① with assumptions

- i) $xg(x) > 0$ for $x \neq 0$
 $g(0) = 0, g'(0) > 0$
 $f(0) < 0$

$\nabla xg(x)$
 $\nabla g(x)$

- (ii) $\text{sign } x \cdot F(x) > k > 0$ for $|x|$ suff large

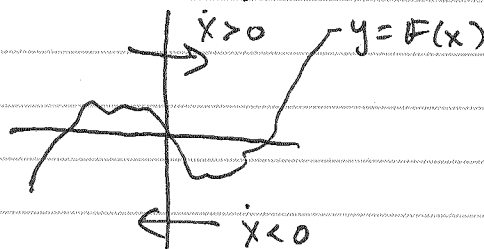
- (iii) $G(x) = \int_0^x g(\xi) d\xi \rightarrow \infty$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$



Then ① has at least one periodic orbit

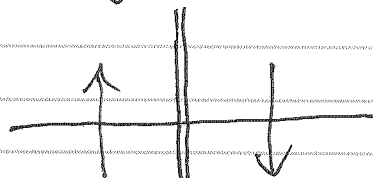
~~PROOF (i) $\Rightarrow (0,0)$ the only fixed point and we can take a small circle containing $(0,0)$ as the inner boundary~~

Intuition: Nullclines $\dot{x} = 0$ along $y = F(x)$



FROM (i) & ii

$\dot{y} = 0$ along $g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x(0) = 0$



so large scale circulation is finite

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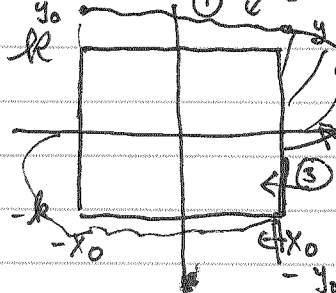
also note general form of $F \Rightarrow$ negative damping for small x
regular damping for large x

proof $(0,0)$ ^{only} fixed pt and (i) \Rightarrow it is unstable + not a saddle

Want to use Poincaré - Bendixson. Construct a trapping region
3 Steps

Assume for $|x| > x_0$, $|F(x)| > k$

look at box



A TRAJECTORY

Here use a Lyapunov function argument

Here use $y < F(x) \Rightarrow \dot{y} < 0$

MAKE PERIODIC

① Note on any trajectory $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-g(x)}{y-F(x)}$

looking for a solution s.t. for $-x_0 < x < x_0$, ~~exists~~
~~y exists~~

since $[-x_0, x_0]$ compact, $g(x), F(x)$ continuous

$\exists c > 0$ s.t. $|g(x)| < c, |F(x)| < c$ on $[-x_0, x_0]$

pick $y_0 > 2k$ s.t

$$\left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right| = \left| \frac{-g(x)}{y-F(x)} \right| < \frac{k}{2x_0} \quad \forall y \in [y_0 - k, y_0 + k]$$

for all $y \in [y_0 - k, y_0 + k]$

Can I do this? $\left| \frac{g(x)}{y-F(x)} \right| \leq \frac{c}{y_0 - k - c} \leq \frac{k}{2x_0}$

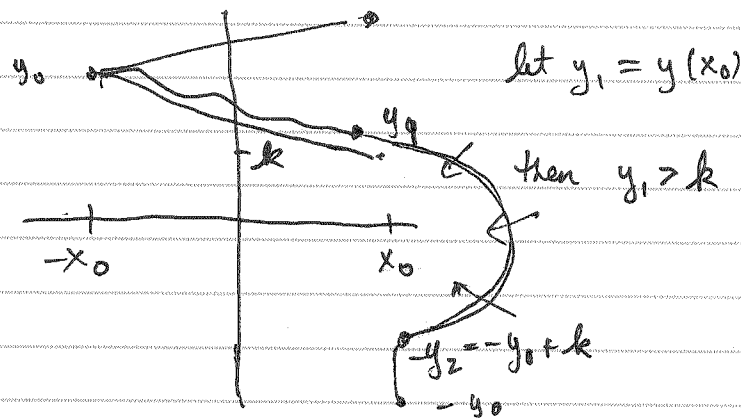
$$\text{if } y_0 > k + c + \frac{2x_0 c}{k}$$

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Thus for $x < x_0$ $\frac{dy}{dx} < \frac{k}{2x_0}$ for the trajectory through $(-x_0, y_0)$

$$\text{so } y_0 - \frac{k(x+x_0)}{2x_0} < y(x) < y_0 + \frac{k(x+x_0)}{2x_0}$$

$$-k = 2k - k \leq y_0 - k < y(x_0) < y_0 + k$$



STEP 2: TO SHOW THE NEXT PART OF THE TRAJECTORY hits $x = x_0$ again at $(x_0, -y_2)$, $y_2 > 0$

We introduce a modified Lyapunov function

$$V(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(y - k)^2 + G(x)$$

This has contour lines that are symmetric about line $y = k$

Since $G(x)$ bounded, a contour line can't approach $y = \infty$ w/ bounded x , nor can it approach ∞ w/ bounded y since $G(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$

So a ~~contour~~ contour through (x_0, y) must cross the line $y = k$ by symmetry, it crosses $x = x_0$ at $-y + k$

The contour through (x_0, y_0) crosses again at $(x_0, -y_0 + k)$ but $-y_0 + k < -k$ define $y_2 = y_0 - k$

Now also along the contour $V(x, y) = V(x_0, y_0)$

$$\dot{V} = (y - k)\dot{y} + g(x)\dot{x}$$

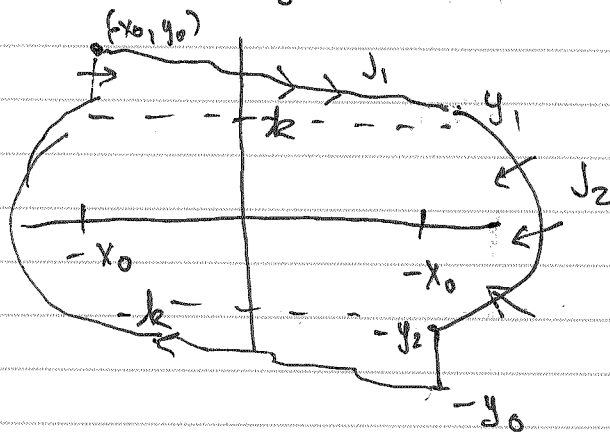
$$= (y - k)(-g(x)) + g(x)(y - F(x))$$

$$= g(x)(k - F(x)) \quad \text{if } x > x_0 \quad F(x) < k$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} < 0$$

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STEP 3 along $x=x_0$, $-y_0 < x < -y_2 < -k$
 $\dot{x} = -g(x) < 0$



the boundary of our trapping region is \mathcal{R}

$$\mathcal{J} = J_1 \cup J_2 \cup J_3 \cup J_4 \cup J_5 \cup J_6$$

J_1 = trajectory from $(-x_0, y_0)$ to (x_0, y_1)

$$J_2 = \{(x, y) \mid x \geq x_0 \text{ and } V(x, y) = V(x_0, y_1)\}$$

$$J_3 = \{(x_0, y) \mid -y_0 \leq y \leq -y_2\}$$

$J_4 - J_6$ constructed similarly

Note Van der Pol

$$\ddot{x} + \varepsilon(x^2 - 1)\dot{x} + x = 0$$

$$f = x^2 - 1$$

$$F = \frac{x^3}{3} - x$$

$$g = x$$

satisfy the Hypotheses $\Rightarrow \exists$ periodic orbit

Perko shows if in addition $F(x), g(x)$ odd

$F(x)$ has exactly one root for $x > 0$

then solution is unique

He does not use Poincaré-Bendixson