

1) Consider the harmonic oscillator $\frac{dx}{dt} = v$, $\frac{dv}{dt} = -\omega^2 x$.

Show that the orbits are given by ellipses $\omega^2 x^2 + v^2 = C$, where C is any non-negative constant.

2) For the following systems, find the fixed points, sketch the nullclines, the vector field, and a plausible phase portrait.

a) $\frac{dx}{dt} = x - y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 1 - e^x$

b) $\frac{dx}{dt} = x - x^3$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = -y$

3) For each of the following systems, find the fixed points, classify them, sketch the neighbouring trajectories, and try to fill in the rest of the phase portrait.

a) $\frac{dx}{dt} = x - y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = x^2 - 4$

b) $\frac{dx}{dt} = \sin y$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = x - x^3$

4) Consider the following system :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = xy, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x^2 - y$$

a) Show that the linearization predicts that the origin is a non-isolated fixed point.

b) Show that the origin is in fact an isolated fixed point.

c) Sketch the portrait for the above system.