

# Stability Diagram

Consider the system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{x}$$

Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{J}\mathbf{x}$

Results from Linear Algebra

give  $tr(\mathbf{J}) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ ,

$\det|\mathbf{J}| = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2$ , and

$$D = (j_{11} - j_{22})^2 + 4j_{12}j_{21}$$

The figure shows the

**Stability Diagram** for

$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{x}$  with axes

of  $tr(\mathbf{J})$  vs  $\det|\mathbf{J}|$

