

## 1 Problem 1

For a nonlinear system, a:

1. Stable node is asymptotically stable,
2. Unstable node is unstable,
3. Stable focus is asymptotically stable,
4. Unstable focus is unstable,
5. Center is stable,
6. Saddle is unstable.

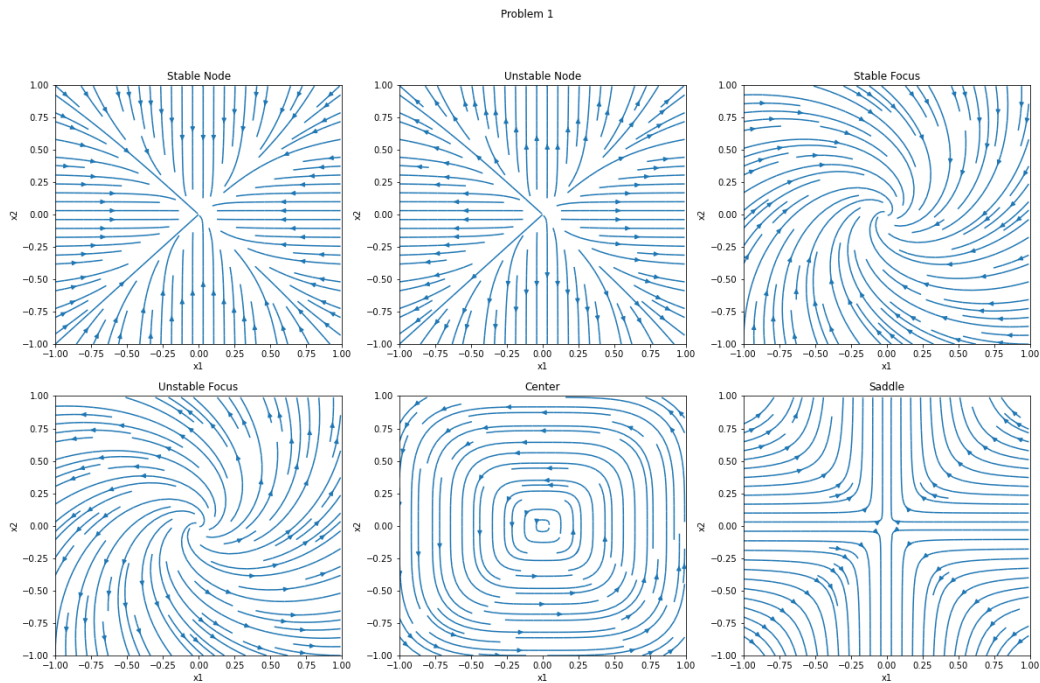


Figure 1: Problem 1 Phase Portraits

## 2 Problem 2

$$\dot{x} = ax^p + g(x), p \in \mathbb{N}^+ \quad (1)$$

$$|g(x)| \leq k|x|^{p+1}, \forall x : \|x\| \leq c \quad (2)$$

Note that near the origin, the  $ax^p$  term will dominate, resulting in  $\text{sign}(\dot{x}) = \text{sign}(ax^p)$ .

## 2.1 $p$ is odd, $a < 0$

Define the following Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \quad (3)$$

Then,

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = x(ax^p + g(x)) \quad (4)$$

$$x(ax^p + g(x)) = ax^{p+1} + g(x)x \quad (5)$$

Since

$$|g(x)| \leq k|x|^{p+1}, \forall x : ||x|| \leq c \quad (6)$$

In the neighborhood of the origin,

$$g(x)x \leq k|x|^{p+2} \quad (7)$$

Thus,

$$\dot{V} \leq ax^{p+1} + k|x|^{p+2} \quad (8)$$

Near the origin, since  $x < 0$ , the  $ax^{p+1}$  term will dominate. Since  $a < 0$ ,  $\dot{V} < 0$  near the origin. Because  $\dot{V} < 0$  in the neighborhood of the origin, the origin is asymptotically stable.

## 2.2 $p$ is odd, $a > 0$

If  $a > 0$ ,  $\dot{V} > 0$ , thus any state near the origin will move away from the origin, making the origin unstable for this case.

## 2.3 $p$ is even, $a \neq 0$

When  $p$  is even, one side of the origin will have  $\dot{x}$  towards the origin, while the other side will point away from the origin, making this case unstable.

# 3 Problem 3

## 3.1 Problem 3.1

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_1x_2 \quad (9)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_2 \quad (10)$$

Define Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \quad (11)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1\dot{x}_1 + x_2\dot{x}_2 = x_1(-x_1 + x_1x_2) + x_2(-x_2) = -x_1^2(1 - x_2) - x_2^2 \quad (12)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_1^2x_2 \quad (13)$$

Consider the set  $||x||_2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq r$ . Then  $|x_1| \leq r$ .

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_1^2x_2 \leq -x_1^2 - x_2^2 + r|x_1||x_2| \quad (14)$$

This can be rewritten in matrix form as follows,

$$\dot{V} \leq - \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -r/2 \\ -r/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$\dot{V} < 0$  for  $r < 2$ . Thus, the origin is asymptotically stable.

Note that the solution of the second equation is  $x_2(t) = x_{20}e^{-t}$ . Substituting this into the first equation results in the following.

$$\dot{x}_1 = (x_{20}e^{-t} - 1)x_1 \quad (16)$$

The solution to this time-varying system does not have a finite escape time; thus, after some finite time, the coefficient of  $x_1$  will be negative, resulting in  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_1(t) = 0$ . Therefore, the origin is globally asymptotically stable.

### 3.2 Problem 3.2

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_2 - x_1(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \quad (17)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_2(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \quad (18)$$

Define Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \quad (19)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1\dot{x}_1 + x_2\dot{x}_2 = x_1(-x_2 - x_1(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)) + x_2(x_1 - x_2(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)) \quad (20)$$

$$\dot{V} = -(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \quad (21)$$

$$\dot{V} = -2V(1 - 2V) \quad (22)$$

$\dot{V} < 0$  where  $V < 1/2$ , thus the origin is asymptotically stable. However, since  $\dot{V} > 0$  for  $V > 1/2$ , trajectories beginning where  $V > 1/2$  will never approach the origin, therefore the origin is not globally asymptotically stable.

### 3.3 Problem 3.3

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2(1 - x_1^2) \quad (23)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -(x_1 + x_2)(1 - x_1^2) \quad (24)$$

Define Lyapunov function, where  $P$  is a positive definite symmetric matrix.

$$V(x) = x^T P x = p_{11}x_1^2 + 2p_{12}x_1x_2 + p_{22}x_2^2 \quad (25)$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1}\dot{x}_1 + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2}\dot{x}_2 = (2p_{11}x_1 + 2p_{12}x_2)(x_2(1 - x_1^2)) + (2p_{12}x_1 + 2p_{22}x_2)(-(x_1 + x_2)(1 - x_1^2)) \quad (26)$$

$$\dot{V} = -2p_{12}x_1^2 + 2(p_{11} - p_{12} - p_{22})x_1x_2 - 2(p_{22} - p_{12})x_2^2 + \mathcal{O}(x) \quad (27)$$

The quadratic terms will dominate the higher order terms near the origin, resulting in  $\dot{V} < 0$  in the neighborhood of the origin if the quadratic term is negative definite. The coefficients of matrix,  $P$ , can be chosen such that this is the case (ex:  $p_{11} = 3, p_{12} = 1, p_{22} = 2$ ). Thus, the origin is asymptotically stable. The point  $x = (1, 1)$  is also an equilibrium point, so the origin is not globally asymptotically stable.

### 3.4 Problem 3.4

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 - x_2 \quad (28)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 2x_1 - x_2^3 \quad (29)$$

Define Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \quad (30)$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1}\dot{x}_1 + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2}\dot{x}_2 = 2x_1(-x_1 - x_2) + x_2(2x_1 - x_2^3) \quad (31)$$

$$\dot{V} = -2x_1^2 - x_2^4 \quad (32)$$

$\dot{V} < 0$ , therefore the origin is globally asymptotically stable.

## 4 Problem 4

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1(k^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) + x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + k^2) \quad (33)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1(k^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2) + x_2(k^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \quad (34)$$

Define Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 \quad (35)$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} \dot{x}_1 + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} \dot{x}_2 = 2x_1(x_1(k^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) + x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + k^2)) + 2x_2(-x_1(k^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2) + x_2(k^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)) \quad (36)$$

$$\dot{V} = 2(x_1^2 + x_2^2)(k^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \quad (37)$$

If  $k = 0$ ,

$$\dot{V} = -2(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^2 \quad (38)$$

If  $k = 0$ ,  $\dot{V} < 0, \forall x \neq 0$ , thus the origin is globally asymptotically stable for  $k = 0$ .

If  $k \neq 0$ ,  $\dot{V} > 0$  for  $k^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 > 0$ . In other words, if  $x$  is within a ball of radius  $k$  centered at the origin,  $\dot{V} > 0$  and if  $x$  is outside the ball of radius  $k$  centered at the origin ( $\|x\| < k$ ),  $\dot{V} < 0$ . And on the circle  $\|x\| = k$ ,  $\dot{V} = 0$ . Thus there exists a set of equilibrium points radius  $k$  away from the origin that is globally asymptotically stable.

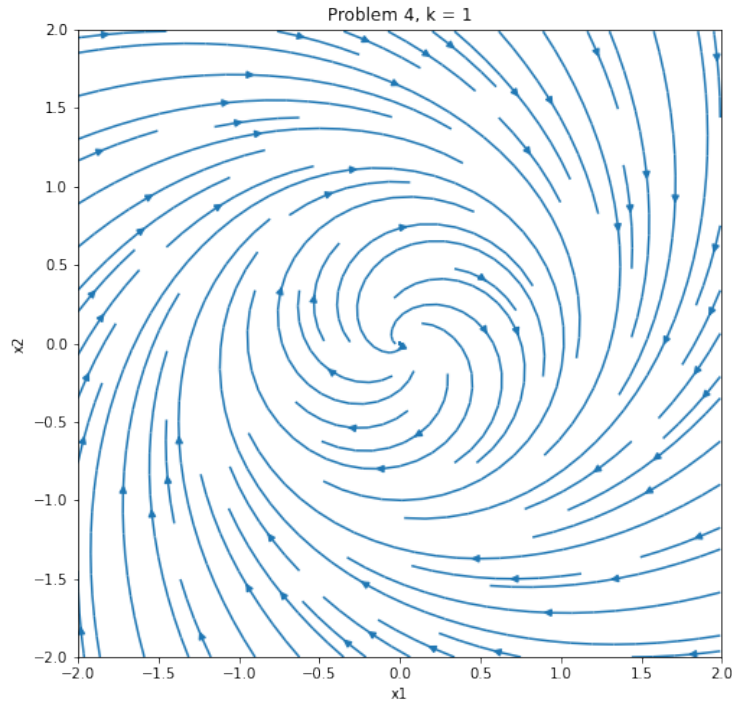


Figure 2: Problem 4 Phase Portrait, k=1

## 5 Problem 5

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 \quad (39)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_1 - \text{sat}(2x_1 + x_2) \quad (40)$$

### 5.1 Problem 5a

Find the equilibrium points by setting  $\dot{x} = 0$ .

$$0 = x_2 \quad (41)$$

$$0 = x_1 - \text{sat}(2x_1 + x_2) = x_1 - \text{sat}(2x_1) \Rightarrow x_1 = 0 \quad (42)$$

Thus the origin is the unique equilibrium point.

Linearize the system such that it takes the form  $\dot{x} = Ax$ .

$$A = \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{x}_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{x}_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}_2}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=0} \quad (43)$$

$$\text{sat}(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \\ \text{sign}(x), & \text{if } |x| > 1 \end{cases} \quad (44)$$

Let  $|2x_1 + x_2|$ ,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \text{sat}(2x_1 + x_2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2x_1 + x_2) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \text{sat}(2x_1 + x_2) = 2, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \text{sat}(2x_1 + x_2) = 1 \quad (45)$$

$$A = \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (46)$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (47)$$

$$0 = (-\lambda)(-1 - \lambda) - (1)(-1) = \lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 \quad (48)$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \quad (49)$$

For the linearization matrix,  $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ , therefore the origin is asymptotically stable.

### 5.2 Problem 5b

Define Lyapunov function

$$V(x) = x_1 x_2 \quad (50)$$

$V(x) > 0$  in the first and third quadrants.

$$\dot{V}(x) = x_2 \dot{x}_1 + x_1 \dot{x}_2 = x_2^2 + x_1^2 - x_1 \text{sat}(2x_1 + x_2) \quad (51)$$

Suppose  $2x_1 + x_2 \geq 1$ , then  $\text{sat}(2x_1 + x_2) = 1$ .

Evaluate the Lyapunov function along the curve  $x_1 x_2 = c$ .

$$\dot{V} = \frac{c^2}{x_1^2} + x_1^2 - x_1 \quad (52)$$

If  $c > 1$ ,  $\dot{V} > 0 \forall x_1 \geq 1$ . All trajectories in the first quadrant right of the curve  $x_1 x_2 = c$  cannot cross the curve and reach the origin. Similarly, all trajectories in the third quadrant left of the curve  $x_1 x_2 = c$  cannot cross the curve and reach the origin.

### 5.3 Problem 5c

Since there exists a set in  $\mathbb{R}$  that can not converge to the origin, the origin is not globally asymptotically stable.

## 6 Problem 6

### 6.1 Problem 6.1

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1^3 + x_1^2 x_2 \quad (53)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_2 + x_2^2 + x_1 x_2 - x_1^3 \quad (54)$$

Define Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \quad (55)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1 \dot{x}_1 - x_2 \dot{x}_2 \quad (56)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1(x_1^3 + x_1^2 x_2) - x_2(-x_2 + x_2^2 + x_1 x_2 - x_1^3) \quad (57)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1^4 + x_1^3 x_2 + x_2^2 - x_2^3 - x_1 x_2^2 + x_1^3 x_2 \quad (58)$$

$$\dot{V} = (x_1^4 + 2x_1^3 x_2 + (x_1 x_2)^2) - x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_2^2 - x_2^3 - x_1 x_2^2 \quad (59)$$

$$\dot{V} = (x_1 + x_1 x_2)^2 + x_2^2(1 - x_2 - x_1 - x_1^2) \quad (60)$$

Let  $0 < c < 1$ . There is a domain around the origin where,

$$0 < c < 1 - x_2 - x_1 - x_1^2 \quad (61)$$

Thus on the same domain, around the origin,

$$\dot{V} = (x_1^2 + x_1 x_2)^2 + c x_2^2 > 0 \quad (62)$$

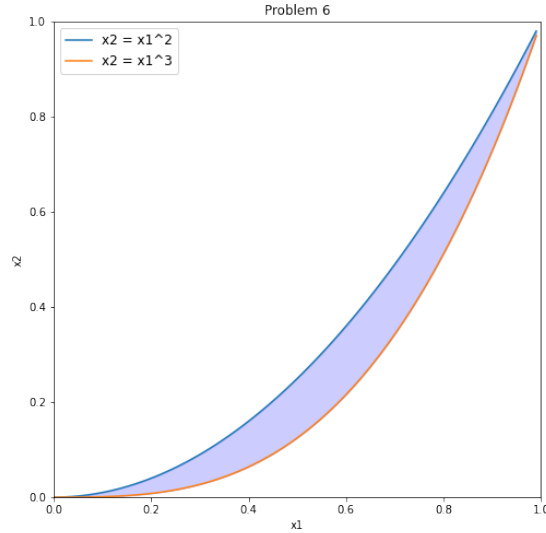


Figure 3: Problem 6

Since the origin is a boundary point of the set  $G = \{x | V(x) > 0\}$  and there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of origin such that  $\dot{V}(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in G \cap U$ , by Chetaev's Instability Theorem, the origin is an unstable equilibrium point of the system.

## 6.2 Problem 6.2

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + x_2 \quad (63)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_1^6 - x_2^3 \quad (64)$$

Solve for the equilibrium points by solving for  $(x_1, x_2)$  such that  $\dot{x}_1 = 0$  and  $\dot{x}_2 = 0$ .

$$\dot{x}_1 = 0 = -x_1^3 + x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 = x_1^3 \quad (65)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 0 = x_1^6 - x_2^3 \Rightarrow x_2^3 = x_1^6 \quad (66)$$

The equilibrium points of the system are  $\{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}$ .

Define set,  $\Gamma$ :

$$\Gamma = \{0 \leq x_1 \leq 1\} \cap \{x_1^3 \leq x_2 \leq x_1^2\} \quad (67)$$

On the left boundary of  $\Gamma$ ,  $x_2 = x_1^2$ ,  $x_1 > 0$  and  $\dot{x}_2 = 0$  - thus all points on the left boundary will move to the right into  $\Gamma$ . On the right boundary of  $\Gamma$ ,  $x_2 = x_1^3$ ,  $x_1 = 0$  and  $\dot{x}_2 > 0$  - thus all points on the right boundary will move upwards. Since all boundaries of  $\Gamma$  have trajectories going into  $\Gamma$ , the set  $\Gamma$  is positively invariant. Inside set  $\Gamma$ ,  $x_1 > 0$  and  $x_2 > 0$ , thus all trajectories move toward the equilibrium point  $(1, 1)$  and away from the origin. Since the set  $\Gamma$  intersects all neighborhoods of the origin, there exists no neighborhood of the origin where  $x_1 < 0$  and  $x_2 < 0$  for the entire neighborhood, therefore the origin can not be stable. Therefore, the origin is unstable.

## 7 Problem 7

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 \quad (68)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = (x_1 + x_2)\sin x_1 - 3x_2 \quad (69)$$

### 7.1 Problem 7a

Solve for the equilibrium point using  $\dot{x}_1 = 0$  and  $\dot{x}_2 = 0$ .

$$\dot{x}_1 = 0 = -x_1 + x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad (70)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 0 = (x_1 + x_2)\sin x_1 - 3x_2 \quad (71)$$

$$2x_1 \sin x_1 = 3x_1 \quad (72)$$

$x_1 = 0$  or  $2\sin x_1 = 3$ . But  $2\sin x_1 = 3$  is not possible since  $\sin x_1 \leq 1$ , therefore  $x_1 = 0$ . Thus the equilibrium point is  $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$ .

### 7.2 Problem 7b

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 \quad (73)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = (x_1 + x_2)\sin x_1 - 3x_2 \quad (74)$$

The linearized system centered at the origin takes the following form:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + x(\dot{x} = 0) \quad (75)$$

Where,

$$A = \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{x}_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{x}_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}_2}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=0} \quad (76)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \sin x_1 + (x_1 + x_2)\cos x_1 & \sin x_1 - 3 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (77)$$

Solve for the eigenvalues of  $A$  to assess stability.

$$Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)v = 0 \quad (78)$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & -3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (79)$$

$$0 = (-1 - \lambda)(-3 - \lambda) - 1 = \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2 \quad (80)$$

$$\lambda = \{-2 \pm \sqrt{2}\} \quad (81)$$

$\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ , therefore A is Hurwitz/Stable. Because the linearization of the system about the origin is asymptotically stable, the original system is asymptotically stable.

### 7.3 Problem 7c

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 \quad (82)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = (x_1 + x_2)\sin x_1 - 3x_2 \quad (83)$$

Define Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) := \frac{1}{2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \quad (84)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1\dot{x}_1 + x_2\dot{x}_2 = x_1(-x_1 + x_2) + x_2((x_1 + x_2)\sin x_1 - 3x_2) \quad (85)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2(x_1 + x_2)\sin x_1 - 3x_2^2 \quad (86)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_2\sin x_1 + x_2^2\sin x_1 - 3x_2^2 \quad (87)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^2 + x_1x_2(1 + \sin x_1) - x_2^2(3 - \sin x_1) \quad (88)$$

Using  $\sin x_1 \leq 1$ ,

$$\dot{V} \leq -x_1^2 + 2|x_1||x_2| - 2x_2^2 \quad (89)$$

This can be rewritten as a matrix equation,

$$\dot{V} \leq - \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| & |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \quad (90)$$

$$\dot{V} \leq - \begin{bmatrix} a|x_1| + c|x_2| & b|x_1| + d|x_2| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} a|x_1|^2 + c|x_1||x_2| + bc|x_1||x_2| + d|x_2|^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (91)$$

Solving for the matrix elements gives:  $a = 1, d = 2, b = -1, c = -1$

$$\dot{V} \leq - \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| & |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \quad (92)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \neq 0 \quad (93)$$

Since  $\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \neq 0$  and  $V(x = 0) = 0$ , by Corollary 4.2, the origin is globally asymptotically stable.

## 8 Problem 8

By LaSalle's theorem,  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists T > 0$  such that

$$\inf_{y \in M} \|x(t) - y\| < \epsilon, \forall t > T \quad (94)$$

Let us choose  $\epsilon$  such that the neighborhood  $N(p, 2\epsilon)$  of  $p \in M$  contains no other points in M. We are to prove:

$$\|x(t) - p\| < \epsilon, \forall t > T, \text{ for some } p \in M \quad (95)$$

We will prove the previous statement by contradiction. Let us assume the contrary:



At  $t = t_1 > T$ , let  $p \in M$  be a point for which  $|x(t) - p| < \epsilon$ . Suppose  $\exists t_2 > t_1$  such that  $|x(t_2) - p_1| = \epsilon$ . Let  $p \neq p_1$  be any other point in  $M$ .

Then, we may say the following:

$$|x(t_2) - p| = |x(t_2) - p_1 + p_1 - p| \quad (96)$$

$$|x(t_2) - p| \geq |x(t_2) - p_1| \geq 2\epsilon - \epsilon = \epsilon \quad (97)$$

This implies that

$$\inf_{y \in M} |x(t) - y| \geq \epsilon \quad (98)$$

However, the previous statement contradicts LaSalle's Theorem:  $\inf_{y \in M} |x(t) - y| \leq \epsilon$ . Therefore the assumption is incorrect and the following is true:

$$\|x(t) - p\| < \epsilon, \forall t > T, \text{ for some } p \in M \quad (99)$$

This implies that as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow p$  for some  $p \in M$ .

## 9 Problem 9

### 9.1 Problem 9a

Claim:  $x = 0$  is an isolated equilibrium point of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  if and only if  $z=0$  is an isolated equilibrium point of  $\dot{z} = \hat{f}(z)$ .

We will prove this claim by contradiction. Suppose the equilibrium point  $z = 0$  is not isolated. Then there exists a point  $\bar{z} \neq 0$ , that is arbitrarily close to 0, such that  $\hat{f}(\bar{z}) = 0$ .

Let us define the transformation of this equilibrium point,  $\bar{x} := T^{-1}(\bar{z})$ . Then,  $f(\bar{x}) = [\partial T / \partial x]^{-1} \hat{f}(\bar{z}) = 0$ . In other words,  $\bar{x}$  is an equilibrium point. Since the inverse transformation,  $T_{-1}(\cdot)$ , is continuous, we can make  $\bar{x}$  arbitrarily close to the origin, which contradicts the fact that the origin is an isolated equilibrium point. Thus, the assumption is incorrect and the claim is true:  $x = 0$  is an isolated equilibrium point of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  if and only if  $z=0$  is an isolated equilibrium point of  $\dot{z} = \hat{f}(z)$ .

### 9.2 Problem 9b

#### 9.2.1 Stable Equilibrium Point

Suppose  $x = 0$  is a stable equilibrium point. Then,  $\forall \epsilon_1 > 0, \exists \delta_1 > 0$  such that

$$|x(0)| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |x(t)| < \epsilon_1, \forall t \geq 0 \quad (100)$$

Since the transformation,  $T(\cdot)$  is continuous, there is  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that

$$|z| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow |x| < \delta \quad (101)$$

Thus,

$$|z(0)| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow |x(0)| < \delta \Rightarrow |x(t)| < \epsilon_2, \forall t \geq 0 \quad (102)$$

Thus,  $z = 0$  is a stable equilibrium point.

#### 9.2.2 Asymptotically Stable Equilibrium Point

Suppose  $x = 0$  is an asymptotically stable equilibrium point, then

$$x(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \quad (103)$$

$\forall \epsilon_1 > 0, \exists T_1 > 0$  such that  $|x(t)| < \epsilon_1$  for all  $t > T_1$ . Since  $T(\cdot)$  is continuous,  $\forall \epsilon_2 > 0, \exists r > 0$  such that

$$|x| < r \Rightarrow |z| < \epsilon_2 \quad (104)$$

There exists  $T_2 > 0$  such that

$$|x(t)| < r, \forall t > T_2 \Rightarrow |z(t)| < \epsilon_2, \forall t > T_2 \quad (105)$$

Thus,

$$z(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \quad (106)$$

Thus,  $z = 0$  is asymptotically stable. The converse statement is also proven without loss of generality.

$$x = 0 \text{ is stable} \leftrightarrow z = 0 \text{ is stable} \quad (107)$$

### 9.2.3 Unstable Equilibrium Point

If an equilibrium point is not stable, it is unstable. Thus the contrapositive of the previously proven statement, must also be true:

$$x = 0 \text{ is unstable} \leftrightarrow z = 0 \text{ is unstable} \quad (108)$$

## 10 Problem 10

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 \quad (109)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_1^3 - x_2 \quad (110)$$

To solve for the equilibrium points, set  $\dot{x} = 0$ .

$$0 = x_2 \quad (111)$$

$$0 = -x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_1^3 - 0 \quad (112)$$

$$3x_1 = x_1^3 \quad (113)$$

Either  $x_1 = 0$  or  $x_1^2 = 3$ .

Thus the equilibrium points are  $\{(0, 0), (-\sqrt{3}, 0), (+\sqrt{3}, 0)\}$ .

Define the Lyapunov function

$$V(x) := \frac{3}{4}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{12}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_1x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \quad (114)$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1}\dot{x}_1 + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2}\dot{x}_2 \quad (115)$$

$$\dot{V} = \left(\frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{1}{3}x_1^3 + \frac{1}{2}x_2\right)(x_2) + \left(\frac{1}{2}x_1 + x_2\right)\left(-x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_1^3 - x_2\right) \quad (116)$$

$$\dot{V} = -\frac{1}{2}x_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + \frac{1}{3}x_1^4 \quad (117)$$

Near the origin, the 2nd order terms will dominate the 4th order term, resulting in  $\dot{V} < 0$  in a small neighborhood around the origin. Thus, the origin is asymptotically stable. A small neighborhood around the origin where the system converges to the origin is seen in the phase portrait and contour plot shown. The set  $\{V(x) < 9/8\}$  is approximately the largest estimate of the region of attraction that can be generated from this Lyapunov function, within  $\pm 1/8$ .

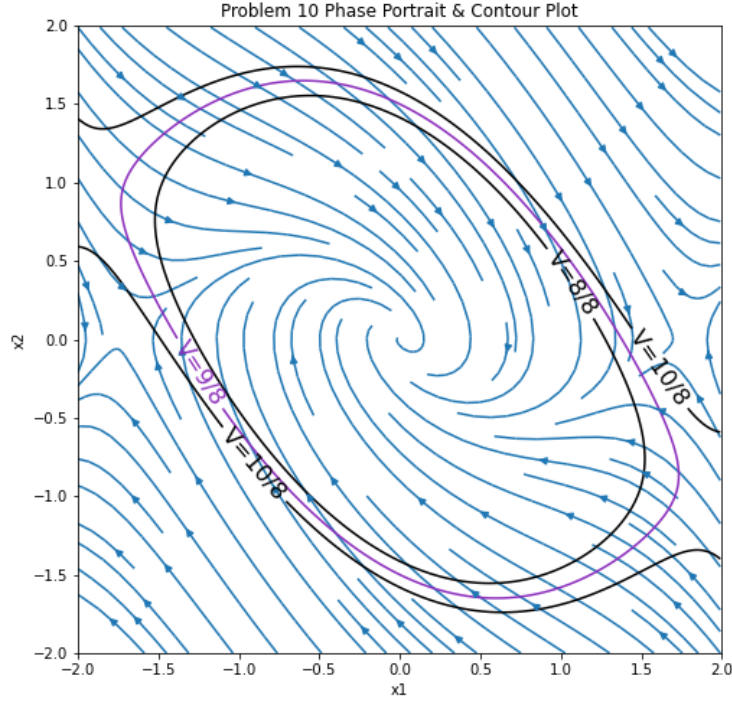


Figure 4: Problem 10: Phase Portrait and Contour Plot

## 11 Problem 11

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 \quad (118)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2 \text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2) \quad (119)$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = x_3 \text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2) \quad (120)$$

To solve for the set of equilibrium points, set  $\dot{x} = 0$ :

$$x_{1_{eq}} = 0 = x_{2_{eq}} \Rightarrow x_{2_{eq}} = 0 \quad (121)$$

$$x_{2_{eq}} = 0 = -x_{2_{eq}} - x_{2_{eq}} \text{sat}(x_{2_{eq}}^2 - x_{3_{eq}}^2) = -x_{1_{eq}} - 0 \Rightarrow x_{1_{eq}} = 0 \quad (122)$$

$$x_{3_{eq}} = 0 = x_{3_{eq}} \text{sat}(x_{2_{eq}}^2 - x_{3_{eq}}^2) = x_{3_{eq}} \text{sat}(-x_{3_{eq}}^2) \quad (123)$$

$$\text{sat}(-x_{3_{eq}}^2) = 0 \text{ when } x_{3_{eq}} = 0$$

Thus the origin is the unique equilibrium point.

Define the Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = x^T x = 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \quad (124)$$

$$\dot{V} = 2x_1\dot{x}_1 + 2x_2\dot{x}_2 + 2x_3\dot{x}_3 \quad (125)$$

$$\dot{V} = 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2(-x_1 - x_2 \text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2)) + 2x_3 \text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2) \quad (126)$$

$$\dot{V} = -2(x_2^2 - x_3^2) \text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2) \quad (127)$$

$$\text{sign}(x_2^2 - x_3^2) = \text{sign}(\text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2)) \Rightarrow \text{sign}((x_2^2 - x_3^2) \text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2)) = +1, 0 \quad (128)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) \leq 0 \quad (129)$$

$\dot{V}(x) \leq 0$ , therefore the origin is asymptotically stable. For the origin to be globally asymptotically stable,  $\dot{V} = 0$  must only occur at the origin.

$$\dot{V} = 0 \rightarrow -2(x_2^2 - x_3^2) \text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2) = 0 \Rightarrow x_2^2 - x_3^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2^2 = x_3^2 \quad (130)$$

$$x_2^2 = x_3^2 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_3 = x_3 \text{sat}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = \text{constant} \quad (131)$$

$$x_3 = \text{constant} \ \& \ x_2^2 = x_3^2 \Rightarrow x_2 = \text{constant} \quad (132)$$

$$x_2 = \text{constant} \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow -x_1 - x_2 \text{sat}(x_2^2 - x_3^2) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0 \quad (133)$$

$$x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = 0 \quad (134)$$

The origin is the only point where  $\dot{V} = 0$ , therefore, by LaSalle's Theorem (Corollary 4.2), the origin is globally asymptotically stable.

## 12 Problem 12

$$\dot{x}_1 = -kh(x)x_1 + x_2 \quad (135)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -h(x)x_2 - x_1^3 \quad (136)$$

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \|x\|_2 < 1\} \quad (137)$$

Define the Lyapunov function

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{4}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 \quad (138)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1^3(-kh(x)x_1 + x_2) + x_2(-h(x)x_2 - x_1^3) \quad (139)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^4kh(x) - x_2^2h(x) \quad (140)$$

Define the following terms:

$$T_1 := -x_1^4kh(x) \quad (141)$$

$$T_2 := -x_2^2h(x) \quad (142)$$

**12.1**  $k > 0, h > 0, \forall x \in D$

$$T_1 < 0, T_2 < 0, \forall x \in \{D - \{0\}\}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \in \{D - \{0\}\} \Rightarrow \text{The origin is asymptotically stable}$$

**12.2**  $k > 0, h > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$T_1 < 0, T_2 < 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow \text{The origin is globally asymptotically stable}$$

**12.3**  $k > 0, h < 0, \forall x \in D$

$$T_1 > 0, T_2 > 0, \forall x \in \{D - \{0\}\}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) > 0, \forall x \in \{D - \{0\}\} \Rightarrow \text{By Chetaev's Theorem, the origin is unstable}$$

**12.4**  $k > 0, h = 0, \forall x \in D$

$$T_1 = 0, T_2 = 0, \forall x \in D$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = 0, \forall x \in D \Rightarrow \text{The origin is unstable}$$

**12.5**  $k = 0, h > 0, \forall x \in D$

$$T_1 = 0, T_2 < 0, \forall x \in \{D - \{0\}\}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \in \{D - \{0\}\} \Rightarrow \text{The origin is asymptotically stable}$$

**12.6**  $k = 0, h > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$T_1 = 0, T_2 < 0, \forall x \in \{\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}\}$$

$$\dot{V}(x) < 0, \forall x \in \{\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}\} \Rightarrow \text{The origin is globally asymptotically stable}$$

### 13 Problem 13

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1 \tag{143}$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -a \sin x_1 - kx_1 - dx_2 - cx_3 \tag{144}$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = -x_3 + x_2 \tag{145}$$

$$k > a > 0, c > 0, d > 0, p > 0$$

Define the Lyapunov function

$$V(x) = 2a \int_0^{x_1} \sin y dy + kx_1^2 + x_2^2 + px_3^2 \tag{146}$$

$$\int_0^{x_1} \sin y dy = -\cos y \Big|_{y=0}^{x_1} = 1 - \cos x_1 \tag{147}$$

$$V(x) = 2a(1 - \cos x_1) + kx_1^2 + x_2^2 + px_3^2 \tag{148}$$

$$\cos x_1 \leq 1, a > 0 \Rightarrow 2a(1 - \cos x_1) \geq 0$$

$$k > 0 \Rightarrow kx_1^2 \geq 0$$

$$x_2^2 \geq 0$$

$$p > 0 \Rightarrow px_3^2 \geq 0$$

All terms of  $V(x)$  are positive definite, therefore the Lyapunov function is positive definite:  $V(x) \geq 0$ . Additionally,  $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} V(x) = \infty$ , therefore the Lyapunov function is radially unbounded.

$$\dot{V} = (2a \sin x_1 + 2kx_1)x_1 + 2x_2\dot{x}_2 + 2px_3\dot{x}_3 \tag{149}$$

$$\dot{V} = (2a \sin x_1 + 2kx_1)x_2 + 2x_2(-a \sin x_1 - kx_1 - dx_2 - cx_3) + 2px_3(-x_3 + x_2) \tag{150}$$

$$\dot{V} = 2(-dx_2^2 - cx_2x_3 - px_3^2 + px_2x_3) \tag{151}$$

Let  $c = p$ ,

$$\dot{V} = -2dx_2^2 - 2px_3^2 \Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) \leq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \tag{152}$$

Solving for the set of points where  $\dot{V} = 0$ ,

$$\dot{V} = 0 = -2dx_2^2 - 2px_3^2 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0 \quad (153)$$

$$x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2 = 0 \quad (154)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow -asinx_1 - kx_1 - dx_2 - cx_3 = -asinx_1 - kx_1 = 0 \quad (155)$$

$$asinx_1 + kx_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0 \quad (156)$$

Thus, the origin is the unique point where  $\dot{V} = 0$ .

$V(x)$  is positive definite ( $V(x) > 0, \forall x \in \{\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\}\}$ );  $V(x)$  is radially unbounded ( $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} V(x) = \infty$ );  $\dot{V}(x) \leq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ;  $x = 0$  is the unique point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  where  $\dot{V}(x) = 0$ , therefore, by LaSalle's Theorem (Corollary 4.2), the origin is globally asymptotically stable.

## 14 Problem 14

$$M\ddot{y} = Mg - ky - c_1\dot{y} - c_2\dot{y}|\dot{y}| \quad (157)$$

Define state variables,  $x_1, x_2$

$$x_1 := y - Mg/k \quad (158)$$

$$x_2 := \dot{y} \quad (159)$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 \quad (160)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{k}{M}x_1 - \frac{c_1}{M}x_2 - \frac{c_2}{M}x_2|x_2| \quad (161)$$

Define the Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = ax_1^2 + bx_2^2, a, b > 0 \quad (162)$$

The Lyapunov function defined is positive definite:  $V(x) > 0, \forall x \in \{\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}\}$  and radially unbounded:  $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} V(x) = \infty$ .

$$\dot{V}(x) = 2ax_1\dot{x}_1 + 2bx_2\dot{x}_2 \quad (163)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = 2ax_1x_2 + 2bx_2(-\frac{k}{M}x_1 - \frac{c_1}{M}x_2 - \frac{c_2}{M}x_2|x_2|) \quad (164)$$

To cancel terms, define  $a := k/2$  and  $b := M/2$ .

$$\dot{V} = -c_1x_2^2 - c_2x_2^2|x_2| \quad (165)$$

$$\dot{V} \leq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (166)$$

Solve for the set of points where  $\dot{V} = 0$

$$\dot{V} = 0 = -c_1x_2^2 - c_2x_2^2|x_2| \Rightarrow (c_1 + c_2|x_2|)x_2^2 = 0 \quad (167)$$

$$(c_1 + c_2|x_2|)x_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0 \quad (168)$$

$$x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{k}{m}x_1 - 0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0 \quad (169)$$

Thus,  $x = 0$  is the unique point where  $\dot{V} = 0$ .

$V(x)$  is positive definite ( $V(x) > 0, \forall x \in \{\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}\}$ );  $V(x)$  is radially unbounded ( $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} V(x) = \infty$ );  $\dot{V}(x) \leq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ;  $x = 0$  is the unique point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  where  $\dot{V}(x) = 0$ , therefore, by LaSalle's Theorem (Corollary 4.2), the origin is globally asymptotically stable.

## 15 Problem 15

$$\dot{x} = (A - BR^{-1}B^T P)x \quad (170)$$

$$PA + A^T P + Q - PBR^{-1}B^T P = 0 \quad (171)$$

$$P = P^T > 0, R = R^T > 0, Q = Q^T \geq 0 \quad (172)$$

### 15.1 Problem 15.1

Define Lyapunov function

$$V(x) = x^T P x \quad (173)$$

From Nonlinear Systems - Khalil, 3rd ed, page 135,

$$\dot{V}(x) = x^T P \dot{x} + \dot{x}^T P x = x^T (PA + A^T P)x = -x^T M x \quad (174)$$

$$M = P(A - BR^{-1}B^T P) + (A - BR^{-1}B^T P)^T P = PA - PBR^{-1}B^T P + A^T P - P^T BR^{-1}B^T P \quad (175)$$

$$M = -Q - PBR^{-1}B^T P \quad (176)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x^T (Q + PBR^{-1}B^T P)x \quad (177)$$

Given  $P > 0, R > 0$ ,  $B$  can be chosen such that  $BR^{-1}B > 0$ .

$$BR^{-1}B > 0 \Rightarrow PBR^{-1}B^T P \geq 0 \quad (178)$$

Given  $Q > 0$

$$\Rightarrow Q + PBR^{-1}B^T P > 0 \Rightarrow \dot{V} = -x^T (Q + PBR^{-1}B^T P)x < 0 \quad (179)$$

Since  $\dot{V} < 0$  if  $Q > 0$ ,  $x = 0$  is globally asymptotically stable if  $Q > 0$ .

### 15.2 Problem 15.2

$$Q = C^T C \geq 0 \quad (180)$$

$$C^T C + PBR^{-1}B^T P \geq 0 \quad (181)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^T (Q + PBR^{-1}B^T P)x = 0 \Rightarrow x^T C^T C x = 0 \text{ and } x^T (PBR^{-1}B^T P)x = 0 \quad (182)$$

$$x^T C^T C x = 0 \Rightarrow Cx = 0 \quad (183)$$

$$x^T (PBR^{-1}B^T P)x = 0 \Rightarrow R^{-1}B^T P)x = 0 \quad (184)$$

$$\dot{x} = (A - BR^{-1}B^T P)x \Rightarrow \dot{x} = (A - 0)x \Rightarrow \dot{x} = Ax \quad (185)$$

Solving  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ,

$$x(t) = Cx_0 \exp(At) \quad (186)$$

$$Cx = 0 \Rightarrow x(t) = Cx_0 \exp(At) = 0 \Rightarrow x(t) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x(0) = 0 \quad (187)$$

Since  $\dot{V} < 0 \forall x \neq 0$  and  $V(x = 0) = 0$ , by Corollary 4.2, the origin  $x = 0$  is globally asymptotically stable.

## 16 Problem 16

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 \quad (188)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = (x_1x_2 - 1)x_2^3 + (x_1x_2 - 1 + x_1^2)x_2 \quad (189)$$

### 16.1 Problem 16a

To find the set of equilibrium points, set  $\dot{x} = 0$ .

$$\dot{x}_{1eq} = 0 = -x_{1eq} \Rightarrow x_{1eq} = 0 \quad (190)$$

$$\dot{x}_{2eq} = (x_{1eq}x_{2eq} - 1)x_{2eq}^3 + (x_{1eq}x_{2eq} - 1 + x_{1eq}^2)x_{2eq} = (0 - 1)x_{2eq}^3 + (0 - 1 + 0^2)x_{2eq} \quad (191)$$

$$0 = -x_{2eq}^3 - x_{2eq} \Rightarrow x_{2eq}^3 = -x_{2eq} \quad (192)$$

$$x_{2eq} = 0 \text{ or } x_{2eq} = -1 \text{ but } x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x_{2eq} = 0$$

Thus, the origin,  $x = 0$ , is the unique equilibrium point.

### 16.2 Problem 16b

$$\dot{x} = \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} x \quad (193)$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{x}_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{x}_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{x}_2}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ x_2^4 + x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 & 4x_1x_2^3 - 3x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 1 + x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (194)$$

Solve for the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$\det \left( \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} - \lambda I \right) = 0 \quad (195)$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -1 \quad (196)$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0 \quad (197)$$

The matrix is Hurwitz/Stable, therefore, the origin is asymptotically stable.

### 16.3 Problem 16c

$$\Gamma = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x_1x_2 \geq 2\} \quad (198)$$

Define Lyapunov function,

$$V(x) = x_1x_2 \quad (199)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = x_2(-x_1) + x_1[(x_1x_2 - 1)x_2^3 + (x_1x_2 - 1 + x_1^2)x_2] \quad (200)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = -2x_1x_2 + (x_1x_2)^2x_2^2 + (x_1x_2)^2 \quad (201)$$

Evaluate the Lyapunov function along the boundary of  $\Gamma$

$$\dot{V}(x)|_{x_1x_2=2} = -4 + 4x_2^2 + 4 = 4x_2^2 \Rightarrow \dot{V}(x)|_{x_1x_2=2} > 0 \quad (202)$$

Since the Lyapunov function is positive definite along the boundaries of the set,  $\Gamma$  is a positive invariant set of the given system.



## 16.4 Problem 16d

Since  $\Gamma$  is a subset of the 2-dimensional space,  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , and is positive invariant, and  $\Gamma$  does not intersect the origin,  $\Gamma \cap \{0\} = \{\}$ , trajectories that begin in the set  $\Gamma$  will not go towards the origin, the origin  $x = 0$  is not globally asymptotically stable.

## 17 Problem 17

### 17.1 Problem 17.1

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 \quad (203)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = (x_1 + x_2)\sin x_1 - 3x_2 \quad (204)$$

$$A = \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ \sin x_1 - x_1 \cos x_1 & \sin x_1 - 3 \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (205)$$

Solve for the eigenvalues to assess stability

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & -3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (206)$$

$$0 = (-1 - \lambda)(-3 - \lambda) - 1 = \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2 \quad (207)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = -2 \pm \sqrt{2} \quad (208)$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) > 0$$

therefore A is Hurwitz, therefore the origin is asymptotically stable.

Define Lyapunov function

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \quad (209)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 = x_1(-x_1 + x_2) + x_2((x_1 + x_2)\sin x_1 - 3x_2) \quad (210)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = -x_1^2 + x_1 x_2(1 + \sin x_1) - (3 - \sin x_1)x_2^2 \quad (211)$$

$$\sin x_1 \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1 + \sin x_1 \leq 2 \Rightarrow x_1 x_2(1 + \sin x_1) \leq 2|x_1||x_2|$$

$$\sin x_1 \leq 1 \Rightarrow -\sin x_1 \geq -1 \Rightarrow 3 - \sin x_1 \geq 2 \Rightarrow -(3 - \sin x_1)x_2^2 \leq -2x_2^2$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -x_1^2 + 2|x_1||x_2| - 2x_2^2 = -\begin{bmatrix} |x_1| & |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \quad (212)$$

Thus,  $\dot{V} < 0, \forall x \neq 0$ ; therefore, the origin  $x = 0$  is globally asymptotically stable.

### 17.2 Problem 17.2

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + x_2 \quad (213)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -ax_1 - bx_2, a, b > 0 \quad (214)$$

$$A = \left[ \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_1^2 & 1 \\ -a & -b \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -a & -b \end{bmatrix} \quad (215)$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -a & -b - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (216)$$

$$(-\lambda)(-b - \lambda) - (1)(-a) = 0 \quad (217)$$

$$\lambda^2 + b\lambda + a = 0 \quad (218)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4(1)(a)}}{2(1)} = -\frac{b}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{b^2 - 4a} \quad (219)$$

If  $b^2 > 4a$ , then  $\sqrt{b^2 - 4a} < b$  since  $a > 0$ . If  $b^2 < 4a$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) = -b/2 < 0$  since  $b > 0$ . Thus,  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0$  and  $A$  is Hurwitz. Therefore, the origin is asymptotically stable.

Define Lyapunov function

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + \alpha x_2^2), \alpha > 0 \quad (220)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + \alpha x_2 \dot{x}_2 \quad (221)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1(-x_1^3 + x_2) + \alpha x_2(-ax_1 - bx_2) \quad (222)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^4 + x_1 x_2 - a\alpha x_1 x_2 - b\alpha x_2^2 \quad (223)$$

Let  $\alpha = 1/a$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^4 - \frac{b}{a}x_2^2 < 0, \forall x \neq 0 \quad (224)$$

Since  $\dot{V} < 0, \forall x \neq 0$ , the origin  $x = 0$  is globally asymptotically stable.

## 18 Problem 18

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{x}{1+t} \quad (225)$$

$$\frac{dx/dt}{x} = -\frac{1}{1+t} \quad (226)$$

$$\frac{1}{x}dx = -\frac{1}{1+\tau}d\tau \quad (227)$$

$$\int_{x(t_0)}^{x(t)} \frac{1}{x}dx = -\int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{1+\tau}d\tau \quad (228)$$

$$\ln|x(t)| - \ln|x(t_0)| = -[\ln|t+1| - \ln|t_0+1|] \quad (229)$$

$$\ln \frac{|x(t)|}{|x(t_0)|} = -\ln \frac{t+1}{t_0+1} \quad (230)$$

$$\ln \frac{|x(t)|}{|x(t_0)|} = \ln \frac{t_0+1}{t+1} \quad (231)$$

$$\frac{x(t)}{x(t_0)} = \frac{t_0+1}{t+1} \quad (232)$$

$$x(t) = x(t_0) \frac{t_0+1}{t+1} \quad (233)$$

Given,  $x(t_0) < \epsilon$ ,

$$x(t) < \epsilon \frac{t_0+1}{t+1} \quad (234)$$

Thus  $\delta(\epsilon, t_0)$  can be defined as  $\delta := \epsilon \frac{t_0+1}{t+1}$  such that the following statement is true:

$$\|x(t_0)\| < \delta \rightarrow \|x(t)\| < \epsilon, \forall t \geq t_0 \geq 0 \quad (235)$$

Additionally,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$ . By definition, the origin is a stable equilibrium point; however it is not uniformly stable since  $\delta$  must be a function of  $t_0$ .

## 19 Problem 19

### 19.1 Problem 19.1

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \alpha(t) \\ \alpha(t) & -2 \end{bmatrix} x, |\alpha(t)| \leq 1 \quad (236)$$

Define Lyapunov function

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \quad (237)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 = x_1(-x_1 + \alpha x_2) + x_2(\alpha x_1 - 2x_2) \quad (238)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^2 + \alpha x_1 x_2 + \alpha x_1 x_2 - 2x_2^2 \quad (239)$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -x_1^2 + 2|x_1||x_2| - 2x_2^2 \quad (240)$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -\begin{bmatrix} |x_1| & |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \quad (241)$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (242)$$

$$(1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(3 + \sqrt{5}), \frac{1}{2}(3 - \sqrt{5}) \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda = \{2.62, 0.38\} \quad (243)$$

From the properties of a positive definite matrix,

$$\dot{V} \leq -\lambda_{\min}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = -0.38(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \Rightarrow \dot{V} < 0 \forall x \neq 0 \quad (244)$$

By Theorem 4.10, the origin is exponentially stable.

### 19.2 Problem 19.2

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \alpha(t) \\ -\alpha(t) & -2 \end{bmatrix} x \quad (245)$$

Define Lyapunov function

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \quad (246)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 = x_1(-x_1 + \alpha x_2) + x_2(-\alpha x_1 - 2x_2) \quad (247)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = -x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 \quad (248)$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -\begin{bmatrix} |x_1| & |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \quad (249)$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (250)$$

$$(1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \{1, 2\} \quad (251)$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -\lambda_{\min} = -1 \quad (252)$$

By Theorem 4.10, the origin is exponentially stable.

### 19.3 Problem 19.3

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -\alpha(t) \end{bmatrix} x, \alpha(t) \geq 2 \quad (253)$$

Define Lyapunov function

$$V(x) := x^T P x \quad (254)$$

Where,  $P = P^T$  and  $\det(P) > 0$ ,

$$P := \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{12} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (255)$$

$$V(x) = p_{11}x_1^2 + 2p_{12}x_1x_2 + p_{22}x_2^2 \quad (256)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = 2p_{11}x_1\dot{x}_1 + 2p_{12}x_2\dot{x}_1 + 2p_{12}x_1\dot{x}_2 + 2p_{22}x_2\dot{x}_2 \quad (257)$$

$$\dot{V} = 2p_{11}x_1x_2 + 2p_{12}x_2^2 - 2p_{12}x_1^2 - 2\alpha p_{12}x_1x_2 - 2p_{22}x_1x_2 - 2\alpha p_{22}x_2^2 \quad (258)$$

$$\dot{V} = -2p_{12} + 2[p_{11} - p_{22} - \alpha p_{12}]x_1x_2 + 2[p_{12} - \alpha p_{22}]x_2^2 \quad (259)$$

Choose  $p_{11} = p_{22} = p > 1$  and  $p_{12} = 1$ ,

$$\dot{V} = -2px_1^2 - 2\alpha px_1x_2 + 2(1 - \alpha)x_2^2 \quad (260)$$

Define upper bound  $k$ ,  $k > |\alpha(t)|$

$$\dot{V} \leq -2x_1^2 + 2k|x_1||x_2| - 2(p - 1)x_2^2 \quad (261)$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -\begin{bmatrix} |x_1| & |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -k \\ -k & 2(p - 1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \quad (262)$$

We want the determinant of the linearization matrix to be strictly positive.

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -k \\ -k & 2(p - 1) \end{bmatrix} \right) > 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 2(p - 1) - k^2 > 0 \Rightarrow p > \frac{k^2}{4} + 1 \quad (263)$$

$p$  can be chosen such that  $p > \frac{k^2}{4} + 1$ , so that the linearization matrix is positive definite. Thus, by Theorem 4.10, the origin  $x = 0$  is exponentially stable.

### 19.4 Problem 19.4

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ \alpha(t) & -2 \end{bmatrix} x \quad (264)$$

Define Lyapunov function

$$V(x) := x^T P x \quad (265)$$

Where,  $P = P^T$  and  $\det(P) > 0$ ,

$$P := \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{12} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (266)$$

$$V(x) = p_{11}x_1^2 + 2p_{12}x_1x_2 + p_{22}x_2^2 \quad (267)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = 2p_{11}x_1\dot{x}_1 + 2p_{12}x_2\dot{x}_1 + 2p_{12}x_1\dot{x}_2 + 2p_{22}x_2\dot{x}_2 \quad (268)$$

$$\dot{V} = 2p_{11}x_1\dot{x}_1 + 2p_{12}x_2\dot{x}_1 + 2p_{12}x_1\dot{x}_2 + 2p_{22}x_2\dot{x}_2 \quad (269)$$

$$\dot{V} = -2p_{11}x_1^2 - 2p_{12}x_1x_2 + 2\alpha p_{12}x_1^2 - 4p_{12}x_1x_2 + 2\alpha p_{22}x_1x_2 - 4p_{22}x_2^2 \quad (270)$$

$$\dot{V} = -2[p_{11} - \alpha p_{12}]x_1^2 + 2[-p + \alpha p_{22} - 2p_{12}]x_1x_2 - 4p_{22}x_2^2 \quad (271)$$

Choose  $p_{12} = 0$  and  $p_{22} = 1$ ,

$$\dot{V} = -2p_{11}x_1^2 + 2\alpha x_1x_2 - 4x_2^2 \quad (272)$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -\begin{bmatrix} |x_1| & |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2p_{11} & -k \\ -k & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |x_1| \\ |x_2| \end{bmatrix} \quad (273)$$

We want the determinant of the linearization matrix to be strictly positive.

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2p_{11} & -k \\ -k & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) > 0 \Rightarrow 8p_{11} - k^2 > 0 \Rightarrow p_{11} > \frac{k^2}{8} \quad (274)$$

$p$  can be chosen such that  $p_{11} > \frac{k^2}{8}$  so that the linearization matrix is positive definite. Thus, by Theorem 4.10, the origin  $x = 0$  is exponentially stable.

## 20 Problem 20

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 \quad (275)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 2x_1x_2 + 3t + 2 - 3x_1 - 2(t+1)x_2 \quad (276)$$

### 20.1 Problem 20a

Check that  $x = [t1]^T$  is a solution.

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 = 1 \checkmark \quad (277)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = 2(t)(1) + 3t + 2 - 3t - 2(t+1)(1) = 2t + 3t - 3t - 2t + 2 - 2 = 0 \checkmark \quad (278)$$

$x = [t1]^T$  is a solution.

### 20.2 Problem 20b

Shift the  $x$  coordinates to a new set of coordinates  $z$ , such that the solution of the system is at the origin of  $z$ .

$$z_1 = x_1 - t \quad (279)$$

$$z_2 = x_2 - 1 \quad (280)$$

$$\dot{z}_1 = \dot{x}_1 - 1 \quad (281)$$

$$\dot{z}_1 = x_2 - 1 = z_2 \quad (282)$$

$$\dot{z}_2 = \dot{x}_2 = 2x_1x_2 + 3t + 2 - 3x_1 - 2tx_2 - 2x_2 \quad (283)$$

$$\dot{z}_2 = 2(z_1 + t)(z_2 + 1) + 3t + 2 - 3(z_1 + t) - 2t(z_2 + 1) - 2(z_2 + 1) \quad (284)$$

$$\dot{z}_2 = 2z_1z_2 - z_1 - 2z_2 \quad (285)$$

$$A = \frac{\partial \dot{z}}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2z_2 - 1 & 2z_1 - 2 \end{bmatrix}_{z=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (286)$$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 - \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0 \quad (287)$$

$$(-\lambda)(-2 - \lambda) - (1)(-1) = 0 \quad (288)$$

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 = 0 \quad (289)$$

$$(\lambda + 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \{-1\} \quad (290)$$

$Re(\lambda) < 0$ , therefore A is Hurwitz. Therefore  $z = 0$  is uniformly asymptotically stable. Therefore  $x = [t1]^t$  is uniformly asymptotically stable.

## 21 Problem 21

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2 + (x_1^2 + x_2^2) \sin t \quad (291)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 - x_2 + (x_1^2 + x_2^2) \cos t \quad (292)$$

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \quad (293)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 \quad (294)$$

$$\dot{V} = x_1(-x_1 + x_2 + (x_1^2 + x_2^2) \sin t) + x_2(-x_1 - x_2 + (x_1^2 + x_2^2) \cos t) \quad (295)$$

$$\dot{V} = -x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \sin t - x_1 x_2 - x_2^2 + x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \cos t \quad (296)$$

$$\dot{V} = -(x_1^2 + x_2^2) + (x_1^2 + x_2^2)(x_1 \sin t + x_2 \cos t) = -\|x\|^2 + \|x\|^2 (x_1 \sin t + x_2 \cos t) \quad (297)$$

$$(x_1 \sin t + x_2 \cos t) \leq \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = \|x\|$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -\|x\|^2 + \|x\|^3 = -(1 - \|x\|)\|x\|^2 \quad (298)$$

$$\|x\| \leq r$$

$$\dot{V} \leq -(1 - r)\|x\|^2, r < 1 \text{ (to maintain sign)} \quad (299)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) \leq -(1 - r)\|x\|^2, \forall \|x\| \leq r, r < 1 \quad (300)$$

Now, we will check the conditions for Theorem 4.10.

$$\text{Condition 1: } k_1 \|x\|^a \leq V(t, x) \leq k_2 \|x\|^a? \quad (301)$$

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2$$

$$a = 1, k_1 = \frac{1}{4}, k_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \|x\|^1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2 \leq 1 \cdot \|x\|^1 \checkmark \quad (302)$$

$$\text{Condition 2: } \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} f(t, x) \leq -k_3 \|x\|^a? \quad (303)$$

$$\dot{V}(x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \dot{x}$$

$$\dot{V} + \dot{V} \leq -k_3 \|x\|^a? \quad (304)$$

$$\text{let } r=1/2, \dot{V} \leq -\frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2$$

$$2\dot{V} \leq -\|x\|^2$$

$$a = 1, k_3 = 1$$

$$2\dot{V} \leq -1 \cdot \|x\|^1 \checkmark \quad (305)$$

The system satisfies the conditions for Theorem 4.10, therefore the origin  $x = 0$  is exponentially stable. The region of attraction can be defined as  $\|x\| \leq r, r < 1$ .

## 22 Problem 22

$$\dot{x} = f(x), f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, f \in c_1 \quad (306)$$

$$\dot{x} = h(x)f(x), h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h \in c_1 \quad (307)$$

$$f(0) = 0, h(0) > 0$$

$$g(x) := h(x)f(x) \quad (308)$$

$$A_1 := \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} \quad (309)$$

$$A_2 := \left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} \quad (310)$$

$$\frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} = h(x) \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_j} f_i(x) \quad (311)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} \right|_{x=0} = h(0) \left. \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right|_{x=0} + \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_j} \right|_{x=0} f_i(0) \quad (312)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j} \right|_{x=0} = h(0) \left. \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right|_{x=0} \quad (313)$$

$$A_2 = h(0)A_1 \quad (314)$$

$A_1$  is Hurwitz and  $h(0) > 0$ , therefore  $A_2$  is Hurwitz. Therefore, if the origin is an exponentially stable equilibrium point of the linearized system  $\dot{x} = A_1 x$ , then the origin is also an exponentially stable equilibrium point of the linearized system  $\dot{x} = A_2 x$ .

Theorem 4.15 says that given that the origin is an equilibrium point for the system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ , then the origin  $x = 0$  is an exponentially stable equilibrium point for the non-linear system if and only if it is the exponentially stable equilibrium point of the linearized system. Because the origin is the exponentially stable equilibrium point of the linearized systems  $\dot{x} = A_1 x$  and  $\dot{x} = A_2 x$ , it is also the exponentially stable equilibrium point of the original non-linear systems  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  and  $\dot{x} = h(x)f(x)$ .