Given

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1^3 + x_2
\dot{x}_2 = x_1 - x_2^3$$

Find

- 1. Find all equilibrium points
- 2. Determine the type of each isolated equilibrium
- 3. Draw vector field plot

Solution

Find equilibrium points

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/* Define equations */
xd1: -x1^3 + x2;
xd2: x1 - x2^3;
/* Find roots */
solve([xd1=0, xd2=0]);
x2-x1^3
x1-x2<sup>3</sup>
[[x2 = -(-1)^{(1/4)},x1 = sqrt(-\%i)],[x2 = (-1)^{(3/4)},x1 = (-1)^{(1/4)}],
         [x2 = \%i, x1 = -\%i], [x2 = -\%i, x1 = \%i], [x2 = -1, x1 = -1],
         [x2 = 1, x1 = 1], [x2 = 0, x1 = 0]]
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Determine equilibrium point types

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/* Calculate Jacobian */
J:jacobian([xd1, xd2], [x1, x2]);
/* Calculate eigenvalue for each equilibrium point */
/* The eigenvalue output is of the following format */
/* [[eigenvalues], [multiplicity]]
float(eivals(psubst([x1=1, x2=1], J)));
float(eivals(psubst([x1=-1, x2=-1], J)));
float(eivals(psubst([x1=0, x2=0], J)));
matrix([-3*x1^2,1],[1,-3*x2^2])
[[-2.0,-4.0],[1.0,1.0]]
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[[-1.0,1.0],[1.0,1.0]]
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Based on the eigevalues found from the Jacobians found at each of the equilibrium points, we can determine that they are:

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• (1,1): Stable node
• (-1,-1): Stable Node
• (0,0): Saddle
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Draw vector field

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plotdf([xd1, xd2], [x1, x2], [x1, -1.5, 1.5], [x2, -1.5, 1.5])$
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