

# MECH 6313 - Term Exam

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# 1 Problem 1

Consider the system:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau\dot{x} &= x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - y \\ \dot{y} &= x + \mu\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

where  $\tau > 0$  and  $\mu \geq 0$  are constants.

## 1.1 Part a

**Problem:** Determine the equilibrium points and classify their stability properties depending on the values of parameter  $\mu$ .

**Solution:**

### 1.1.1 Equilibrium Point Identification

The equilibrium points exist whenever  $\dot{x} = \dot{y} = 0$  and can be identified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau(0) &= x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - y \\ (0) &= x + \mu\end{aligned}\tag{1.2}$$

which becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \\ x &= -\mu\end{aligned}\tag{1.3}$$

and can then substituted in as:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{eq} &= -\mu \\ y_{eq} &= -\mu - \frac{1}{3}(-\mu)^3\end{aligned}\tag{1.4}$$

This results in the equilibrium points being defined in terms of  $\mu$  as:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned}x_{eq} &= -\mu \\ y_{eq} &= \frac{1}{3}\mu^3 - \mu\end{aligned}}\tag{1.5}$$

### 1.1.2 System Linearization

The stability around an equilibrium point can be evaluated by looking at the linearized model, which can be found as follows:

Let the state-variables be defined as:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

The nonlinear state equation would then be defined as:

$$\dot{X} = f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_1 - \frac{1}{3}x_1^3 - x_2}{\tau} \\ x_1 + \mu \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.6)$$

Then the equilibrium point is described as

$$X_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mu \\ \frac{1}{3}\mu^3 - \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

and the jacobian can be computed as:

$$J_x = \frac{df}{dX} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{df_1}{dx_1} & \frac{df_1}{dx_2} \\ \frac{df_2}{dx_1} & \frac{df_2}{dx_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.7)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1 - x_1^2}{\tau} & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.8)$$

The state dynamics around the equilibrium are described by this Jacobian evaluated at  $X = X_{eq}$ :

$$A = J_x \Big|_{X=X_{eq}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1 - x_1^2}{\tau} & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x_1 = -\mu, x_2 = \frac{1}{3}\mu^3 - \mu} \quad (1.9)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1 - (-\mu)^2}{\tau} & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.10)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{\tau} & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.11)$$

The dynamics of this linearized system are described by the characteristic polynomial calculated as:

$$\Delta(s) = \det(sI - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} s - \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{\tau}\right) & 1 \\ -1 & s \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.12)$$

$$= s \left( s - \left( \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{\tau} \right) \right) - (1)(-1) \quad (1.13)$$

$$\boxed{\Delta(s) = s^2 - \left( \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{\tau} \right) s + 1} \quad (1.14)$$

### 1.1.3 Linearized Model Stability

The roots of  $\Delta(s)$  are the eigenvalues of the linearization and are dependent on  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  calculated as:

$$\Lambda(A) = \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{\tau}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{\tau}\right)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)} \quad (1.15)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{\tau} \right) \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{\tau} \right)^2 - 4} \quad (1.16)$$

or in a factored form:

$$= \frac{1}{2\tau} (1 - \mu^2) \pm \frac{1}{2\tau} \sqrt{(1 - \mu^2)^2 - 4\tau^2} \quad (1.17)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\tau} \left( (1 - \mu^2) \pm \sqrt{\mu^4 - 2\mu^2 + 1 - 4\tau^2} \right) \quad (1.18)$$

or in a fully factored form:

$$= \frac{1 - \mu^2}{2\tau} \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\tau^2}{(1 - \mu^2)^2}} \right) \quad (1.19)$$

or in condensed form:

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{2\tau} \right) \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{2\tau} - \frac{\mu^2}{2\tau} \right)^2 - 1} \quad (1.20)$$

The roots are entirely **real** when:

$$(1 - \mu^2)^2 - 4\tau^2 > 0 \quad (1.21)$$

$$(1 - \mu^2)^2 > 4\tau^2 \quad (1.22)$$

$$1 - \mu^2 > 2\tau \quad (1.23)$$

$$\mu^2 + 2\tau > 1 \quad (1.24)$$

in which case, the linearized system is **stable** only when:

$$0 > \Re(\lambda_1) = \frac{1}{2\tau} \left( (1 - \mu^2) + \sqrt{(1 - \mu^2)^2 - 4\tau^2} \right) \quad (1.25)$$

$$\boxed{\Re(\lambda_1) = 1 - \mu^2 + \sqrt{(1 - \mu^2)^2 - 4\tau^2} < 0} \quad (1.26)$$

The system has **complex roots** when :

$$(1 - \mu^2)^2 - 4\tau^2 < 0 \quad (1.27)$$

$$(1 - \mu^2)^2 < 4\tau^2 \quad (1.28)$$

$$1 - \mu^2 < 2\tau \quad (1.29)$$

$$\mu^2 + 2\tau < 1 \quad (1.30)$$

in which case, the linearized system is only **stable** when

$$0 > \Re(\lambda_{1,2}) = \frac{1}{2\tau} (1 - \mu^2) \quad (1.31)$$

$$= 1 - \mu^2 \quad (1.32)$$

$$\boxed{\mu^2 > 1} \quad (1.33)$$

## 1.2 Part b

**Problem:** At which value of  $\mu$  does a bifurcation occur and what type of bifurcation is it?

**Solution:** The stability properties of the linearized system indicate that a hopf bifurcation occur when

$$\mu = 1$$

and the system condenses the system into a single equilibrium point at the (parameter dependent) equilibrium point of

$$X_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mu \\ \frac{1}{3}\mu^3 - \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

### 1.3 Part c

**Problem:** Assume  $\tau \ll 1$  and sketch the phase portrait for two values of  $\mu$ , one just below and one just above the bifurcation value.

**Solution:** As can be seen in the two phase portraits, Figure 1 and Figure 2, the stable focus becomes unstable when bifurcation occurs.

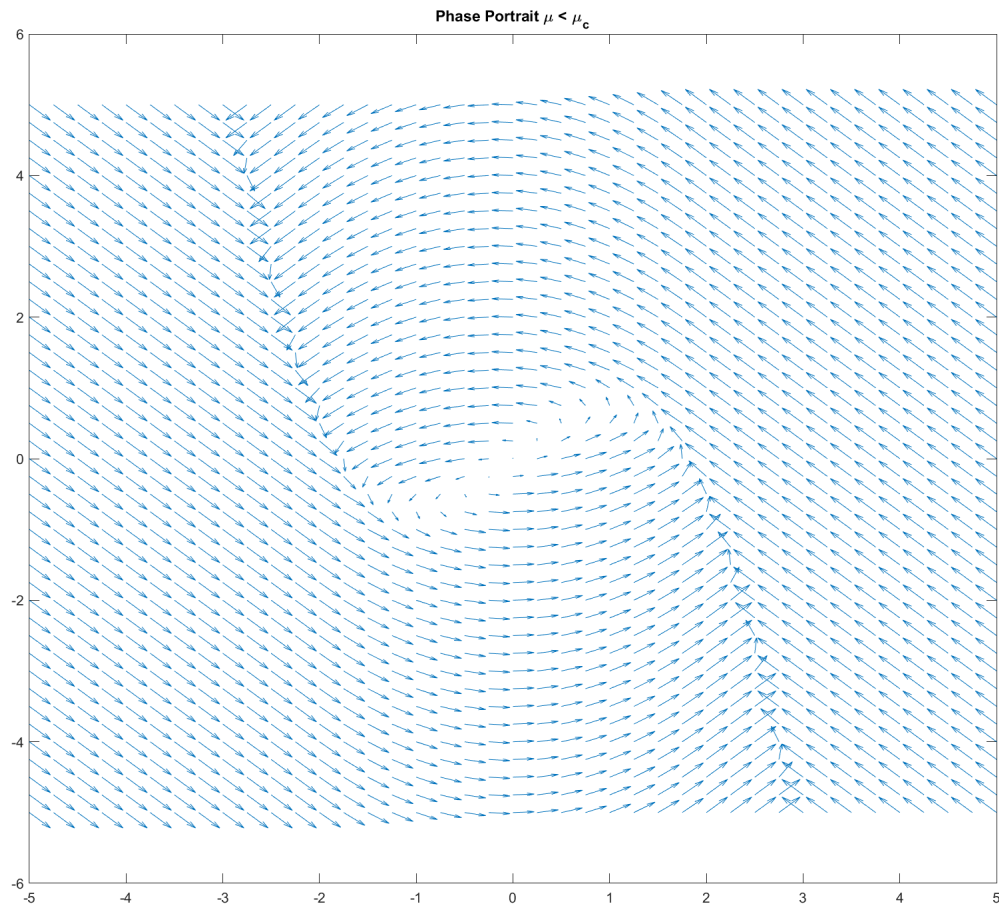


Figure 1: Phase Portrait for Problem 1 with the parameter below the critical value.

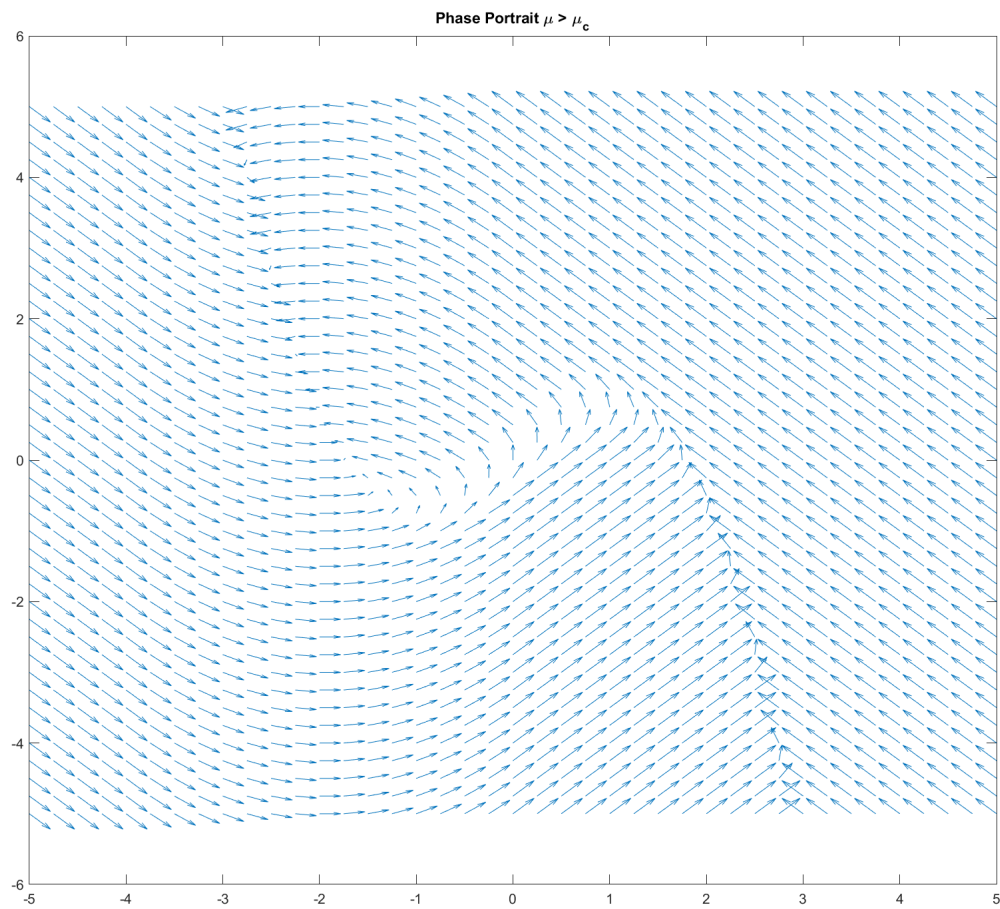


Figure 2: Phase Portrait for Problem 1 with the parameter above the critical value.

## 2 Problem 2:

Consider the system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{2}\right) + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 - \frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{2}\right)\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

### 2.1 Part a

**Problem:** Find all equilibrium points of this system.

**Solution:** The equilibrium points exist whenever  $\dot{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$  and can be identified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{2}\right) + x_2 \\ 0 &= x_1 - \frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{2}\right)\end{aligned}\tag{2.2}$$

which becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x_1}{2}\right) \\ x_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x_2}{2}\right)\end{aligned}\tag{2.3}$$

There are an infinite number of solutions to this set of equations, each of which are equilibrium points.

At each asymptote, there are unstable equilibrium points

$$X_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + j \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\tag{2.4}$$

with  $i = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots$  and  $j = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots$

In addition, any time the each subsequent tangent function intersect with each other another equilibrium point exists, including, but not exhausted:

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)\tag{2.5}$$

Additionally, within the region around the origin  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and  $y \in [-1, 1]$ , 3 distinct equilibrium points exist:

$$\begin{aligned}X_{eq} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ X_{eq} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \\ X_{eq} &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}\tag{2.6}$$



## 2.2 Part b

**Problem:** Use linearization to study the stability of each equilibrium point.

**Solution:** The linearization around individual equilibrium points is given by evaluating the Jacobian matrix which is calculated as:

$$A = J_x \Big|_{X=X_{eq}} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{df_1}{dx_1} & \frac{df_1}{dx_2} \\ \frac{df_2}{dx_1} & \frac{df_2}{dx_2} \end{array} \right] \Big|_{X=X_{eq}} \quad (2.7)$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc} -\frac{\pi}{4} \left( \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi x_1}{2} \right) + 1 \right) & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{\pi}{4} \left( \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi x_2}{2} \right) + 1 \right) \end{array} \right] \Big|_{X=X_{eq}} \quad (2.8)$$

Using the nlsys class I developed in MATLAB, see Appendix A, multiple Equilibrium points were linearized and stability was analyzed.

It was determined based on the eigenvalues of the linear systems that all the "equilibrium points" occurring at asymptotes (2.4) were all unstable, the asymptotes (that were checked) satisfying (2.5) were asymptotically stable, and the analysis of the 3 important equilibrium points (2.6) are addressed below:

The origin itself was determined to be unstable given the dynamics matrix and eigenvalues:

$$\boxed{X_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7854 & 1 \\ 1 & -0.7854 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = -1.7854 \\ \lambda_2 = 0.2146 \end{array}} \quad (2.9)$$

The quadrant 1 and 3 systems were determined to be asymptotically stable given the dynamics matrix and eigenvalues:

$$\boxed{X_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -1.5708 & 1 \\ 1 & -1.5708 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = -2.5708 \\ \lambda_2 = -0.5708 \end{array}} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\boxed{X_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -1.5708 & 1 \\ 1 & -1.5708 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = -2.5708 \\ \lambda_2 = -0.5708 \end{array}} \quad (2.11)$$

### 2.3 Part c

**Problem:** Using quadratic Lyapunov functions, estimate the region of attraction of each asymptotically stable equilibrium point.

**Solution:**

For the asymptotically stable equilibrium point in quadrant 1, a relative system can be defined with

$$\tilde{x} = x - x_{eq}$$

resulting in

$$f(\tilde{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi(\tilde{x}_1 + x_{1eq})}{2}\right) + \tilde{x}_2 + x_{2eq} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi(\tilde{x}_2 + x_{2eq})}{2}\right) + \tilde{x}_1 + x_{1eq} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.12)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi\tilde{x}_1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \tilde{x}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi\tilde{x}_2}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \tilde{x}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.13)$$

Additionally, an invariant set boundary can be defined by

$$\tilde{x}_1^2 + \tilde{x}_2^2 = r^2$$

which represents a simple radial boundary.

The maximum positive invariant set boundary can be calculated by solving for  $r$  s.t.

$$f^T(x) \cdot \nabla V(x) \leq 0$$

and is shown as follows:

$$V(x) = \tilde{x}_1^2 + \tilde{x}_2^2 = r^2 \quad (2.14)$$

$$\nabla V(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2\tilde{x}_1 \\ 2\tilde{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.15)$$

$$f^T(x) \cdot \nabla V(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi\tilde{x}_1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \tilde{x}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi\tilde{x}_2}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \tilde{x}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2\tilde{x}_1 \\ 2\tilde{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.16)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi\tilde{x}_1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \tilde{x}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)(2\tilde{x}_1) \\ + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi\tilde{x}_2}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \tilde{x}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)(2\tilde{x}_2) \quad (2.17)$$

$$= \tilde{x}_1 \tan\left(\frac{\pi\tilde{x}_1}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \tilde{x}_2 \tan\left(\frac{\pi\tilde{x}_2}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ + 4\tilde{x}_1\tilde{x}_2 + \tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2 \quad (2.18)$$

Which when solved results in a conservative region of attraction of radius  $r \leq 0.5$ . (or maybe strictly less-than... calculator acted funny when solving it)

Additionally, when the process was repeated for the 3rd quadrant equilibrium point, the results were the same and the conservative region of attraction had a radius of  $r = 0.5$ .

A few other equilibrium points were tested and it was clear that the asymptotic eq-points were unstable, but of the other stable eq-points (done numerically) they were all very very conservative results using this method. (SOS is probably a better option... or perhaps a more complicated elliptical bound instead)

### 2.3.1 Part d

**Problem:** Plot the phase portrait of the system and show on it the exact regions of attraction as well as your estimates.

**Solution:** The phase portrait of the system was plotted along with the important indicators for equilibrium points and boundary regions as seen in Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5.

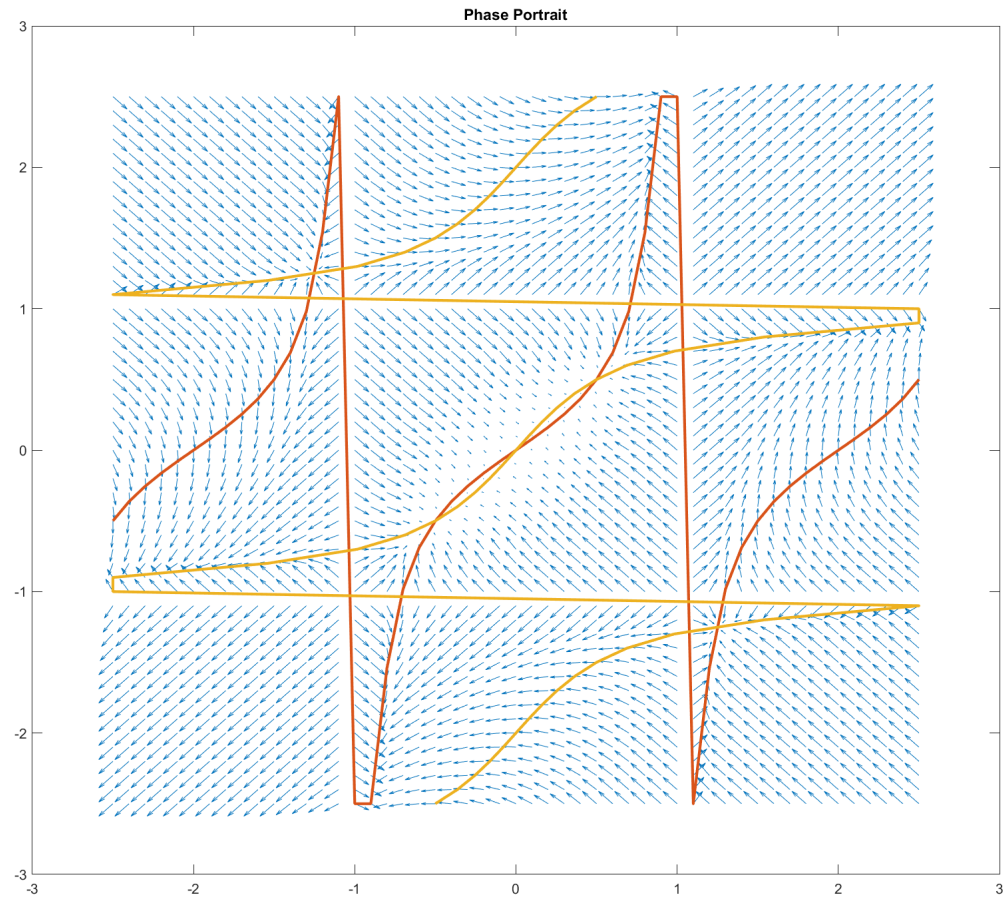


Figure 3: Phase Portrait for Problem 2

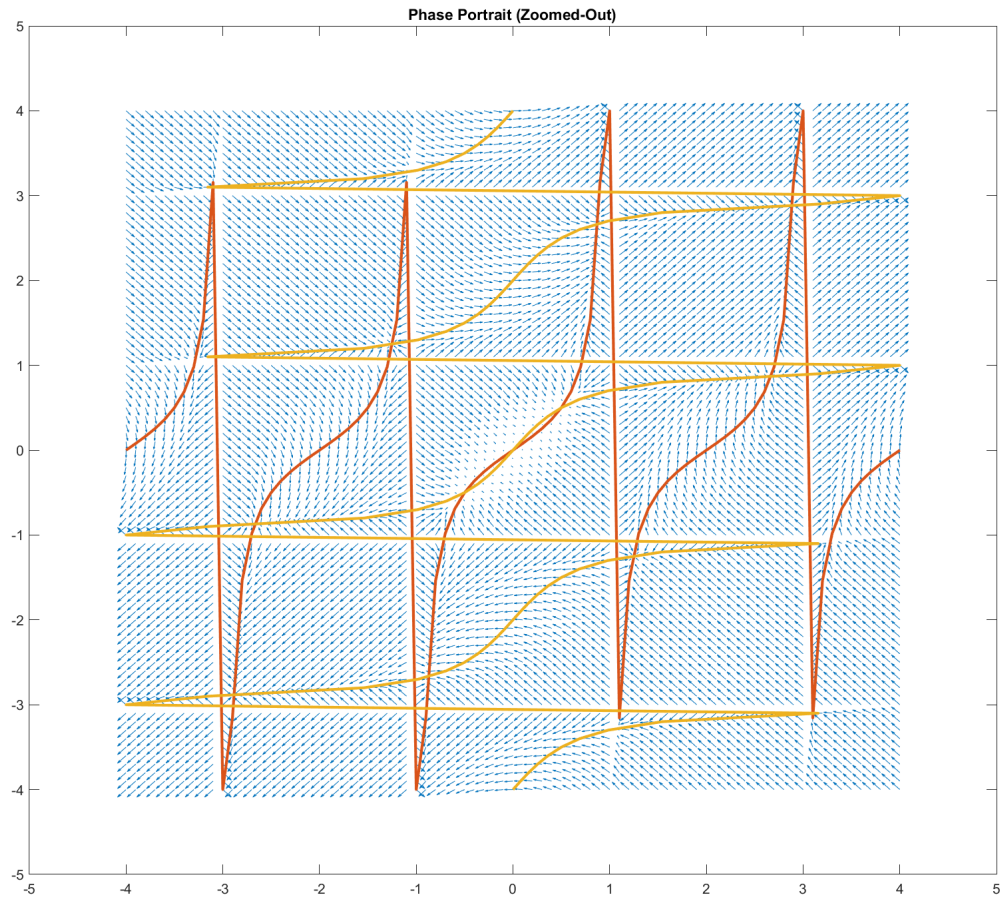


Figure 4: Phase Portrait for Problem 2 that is zoomed out to demonstrate the infinite nature of equilibrium points.

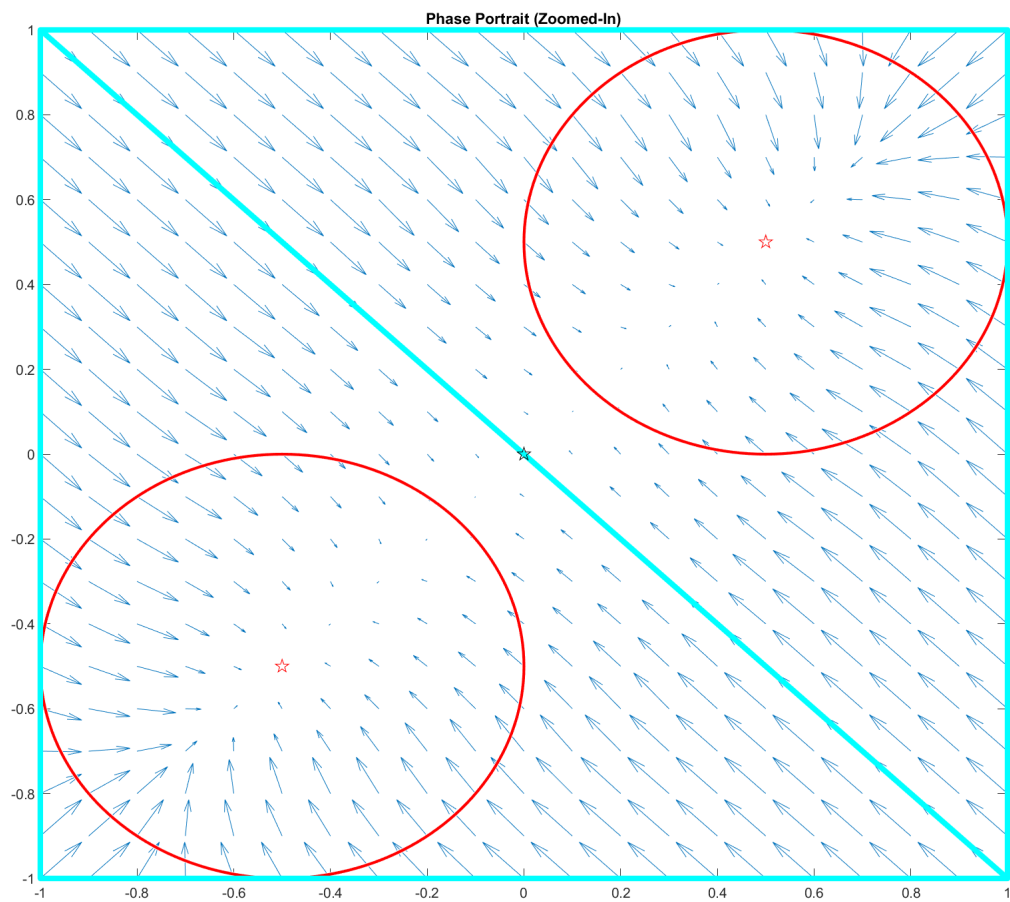


Figure 5: Phase Portrait for Problem 2 focusing on the origin with regions of convergences and equilibrium points.

### 3 Problem 3

**Problem:** Prove that the origin is the globally asymptotically stable equilibrium point of the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 - \text{sat}(x_3) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_2 - \text{sat}(x_1) \\ \dot{x}_3 &= -x_3 - \text{sat}(x_2)\end{aligned}\tag{3.1}$$

where

$$\text{sat}(x) := \text{sign}(x) \min\{1, |x|\}\tag{3.2}$$

**Solution:**

#### 3.1 System and Storage Function Definition

This system can be rewritten in a coupling feedback system  $H$  and  $K$  defined as:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 & & \\ & H_2 & \\ & & H_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad H_i = \begin{cases} \dot{x}_i = f(x_i) + g(x_i)u_i \\ y_i = h(x_i) \end{cases}\tag{3.3}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\tag{3.4}$$

where  $K$  is the coupling matrix of the individual nonlinear subsystems with the following specific definitions:

$$H_i = \begin{cases} \dot{x}_i = -x_i + u_i \\ y_i = h_i(x_i) \end{cases}\tag{3.5}$$

where  $h_i(x_i) = \text{sat}(x_i)$ .

A storage function for each of the individual subsystems can be defined as:

$$V_i(x_i) = \int_0^{x_i} h_i(\eta) d\eta\tag{3.6}$$

Taking a look at the change of the storage function over time, the output strict passivity can be proven by:

$$\dot{V}_i(x_i) = \frac{dV_i}{dx_i} \dot{x}_i\tag{3.7}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx_i} \int_0^{x_i} h_i(\eta) d\eta \dot{x}_i\tag{3.8}$$

$$= h_i(x_i) \dot{x}_i\tag{3.9}$$

taking the definition for  $\dot{x}_i$  and relating  $h_i(x_i) = y_i$ ,

$$= h_i(x_i)(-x_i + u_i)\tag{3.10}$$

$$= -x_i h_i(x_i) + u_i y_i\tag{3.11}$$

### 3.2 Probing Input/Output Passivity

In order to guarantee Input passivity, the system must satisfy the following inequality:

$$xh(x) \leq \delta_i x^2 \quad (3.12)$$

$$x(\text{sat}(x)) \leq \delta x^2 \quad (3.13)$$

by definition,  $\text{sat}(x) := \text{sign}(x) \min\{1, |x|\}$ , thus the following inequalities apply:

$$\begin{cases} \text{sat}(x) > 0, & x > 0 \\ \text{sat}(x) < 0, & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.14)$$

therefore, the input passivity equality holds.

Since the input passivity holds, a  $\delta_i$  will exist s.t.,

$$x_i h_i(x_i) \leq \delta_i x_i^2 \quad (3.15)$$

$$x_i(h_i(x_i) - \delta_i x_i) \leq 0 \quad (3.16)$$

clearly,  $x_i h_i(x_i)$  can then be bounded from below by:

$$x_i h_i(x) \geq \frac{1}{\delta_i} h_i^2(x_i) \quad (3.17)$$

$$-x_i h_i(x) \geq -\frac{1}{\delta_i} h_i^2(x_i) \quad (3.18)$$

since  $y_i = h_i(x_i)$ ,

$$-x_i h_i(x) \geq -\frac{1}{\delta_i} y_i^2(x_i) \quad (3.19)$$

Therefore, this demonstrates Output Strict Passivity:

$$\dot{V}_i \leq -\frac{1}{\delta_i} y_i^2 + y_i u_i \quad (3.20)$$

or with  $d_i = \frac{1}{\delta_i}$  and

$$\dot{V}_i \leq d_i y_i^2 + y_i u_i \quad (3.21)$$

and the passivity theorem can then be applied.

### 3.3 Applying Passivity Theorem

Let

$$\epsilon_i = \frac{1}{\delta_i}$$

and then define

$$A = -\text{diag}\{\epsilon_i\} + K \quad (3.22)$$

$$P = \text{diag}\{d_i\} \quad (3.23)$$

which for this  $3^{rd}$ -order system can be written as

$$A = -\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 & & \\ & \epsilon_2 & \\ & & \epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\epsilon_1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -\epsilon_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -\epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.24)$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & \\ & d_2 & \\ & & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.25)$$

Appropriate values for A and P can be found to prove stability of the full feedback interconnection using the following inequality:

$$A^T P + P A \leq 0 \quad (3.26)$$

This can then be further developed to prove Global Asymptotic Stability by making it a strict inequality like so:

$$A^T P + P A < 0 \quad (3.27)$$

This can be written with the actual matrices as

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\epsilon_1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -\epsilon_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -\epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & \\ & d_2 & \\ & & d_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & \\ & d_2 & \\ & & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\epsilon_1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -\epsilon_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -\epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (3.28)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -d_1\epsilon_1 & -d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -d_2\epsilon_2 & -d_2 \\ -d_3 & 0 & -d_3\epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -d_2\epsilon_1 & 0 & -d_1 \\ -d_2 & -d_2\epsilon_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -d_3 & -d_3\epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (3.29)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2d_1\epsilon_1 & -d_1 & -d_1 \\ -d_2 & -2d_2\epsilon_2 & -d_2 \\ -d_3 & -d_3 & -2d_3\epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (3.30)$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2d_1\epsilon_1 & d_1 & d_1 \\ d_2 & 2d_2\epsilon_2 & d_2 \\ d_3 & d_3 & 2d_3\epsilon_3 \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (3.31)$$



The positive definiteness can be determined by

$$2d_1\epsilon_1 > 0 \quad (3.32)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2d_1\epsilon_1 & d_1 \\ d_2 & 2d_2\epsilon_2 \end{vmatrix} = d_1d_2(4\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 - 1) > 0 \quad (3.33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 2d_1\epsilon_1 & d_1 & d_1 \\ d_2 & 2d_2\epsilon_2 & d_2 \\ d_3 & d_3 & 2d_3\epsilon_3 \end{vmatrix} &= d_1d_2d_3(8\epsilon_1\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 - 2\epsilon_1) \\ &\quad - d_1d_2d_3(2\epsilon_3 - 1) + d_1d_2d_3(1 - 2\epsilon_2) \\ &= d_1d_2d_3(8\epsilon_1\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 - 2\epsilon_1 - 2\epsilon_2 - 2\epsilon_3) > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

From this and the definition of  $d_i > 0$ , these inequalities can be equated to

$$\epsilon_1 > 0 \quad (3.35)$$

$$4\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 - 1 > 0 \quad (3.36)$$

$$4\epsilon_1\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_3 > 0 \quad (3.37)$$

Returning to the original definition of  $\epsilon_i = \frac{1}{\delta_i}$  and the limitation of  $xsat(x) \leq \delta_i x^2$ , it can be seen that a selection of  $\delta_i = 1 \ \forall i = 1, 2, 3$  is valid and thus

$$\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 = 1$$

which can be used to satisfy the inequalities:

$$(1) = 1 > 0 \quad (3.38)$$

$$4(1)(1) - 1 = 3 > 0 \quad (3.39)$$

$$4(1)(1)(1) - (1) - (1) - (1) = 1 > 0 \quad (3.40)$$

Therefore, it can be seen said that the origin for the coupled feedback system is Globally Asymptotically Stable.

## 4 Problem 4

**Problem:** Comment on the existence/uniqueness of solutions for the systems below. Provide your reasons.

### 4.1 Part a

$$\dot{x} = x^2 \quad (4.1)$$

**Solution:** Assuming that the system is defined for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ , existence and uniqueness can be guaranteed by ensuring certain continuity conditions exist.

Since the function  $f(x) = x^2$  is a continuous function  $\forall x \in \mathfrak{R}$ , it can be said that a solution does exist.

Additionally, since  $f(x)$  is locally Lipschitz continuous, i.e.  $\frac{df}{dx} = 2x$  is continuous, it can be said that a unique solution exists for  $t \in [0, t_f)$ .

However,  $f(x)$  is not globally Lipschitz continuous, since  $\left\| \frac{df}{dx} \right\| = \|2x\| \not\leq L \forall x \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ , (which can be more rigorously proven as this was only a sufficient condition) the uniqueness of a solution cannot be guaranteed for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .

### 4.2 Part b

$$\dot{x} = \sqrt{x} \quad (4.2)$$

**Solution:** Assuming that the system is defined for  $x \geq 0$ , existence and uniqueness can be guaranteed by ensuring certain continuity conditions exist.

Since the function  $f(x) = x^2$  is a continuous function  $\forall x \geq 0$ , it can be said that a solution does exist.

However, a unique solution cannot be guaranteed as the function is not Lipschitz continuous directly around  $x = 0$  as the slope becomes infinite and cannot be bounded by a Lipschitz constant.

### 4.3 Part c

$$\dot{x} = 1 + \frac{1 + x^3}{1 + x^4} \quad (4.3)$$

**Solution:** Assuming that the system is defined for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ , existence and uniqueness can be guaranteed by ensuring certain continuity conditions exist.

Since the function  $f(x)$  is a continuous function  $\forall x \in \mathfrak{R}$ , it can be said that a solution does exist.

Additionally, the system is also continuously differentiable:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( 1 + \frac{1 + x^3}{1 + x^4} \right) = \frac{-x^2(x^4 - 2x - 3)}{(1 + x^4)^2}$$

and its derivative is bounded

$$\left\| \frac{-x^2(x^4 - 2x - 3)}{(1 + x^4)^2} \right\| \leq L$$

by the positive constant  $L < \infty$ . This implies that the system is globally Lipschitz continuous and therefore a unique solution is guaranteed to exist for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .

## 5 Problem 5

**Problem:** Show that the following system contains no closed orbits.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 + x_2^3 + 1 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -4x_1^2 + 3x_2\end{aligned}\tag{5.1}$$

**Solution:** Sufficient conditions to proving that no closed orbits exist are that If  $\nabla \cdot f \neq 0 \forall x \in D$  and does not change sign within a simply connected region  $D$ . Let  $D = x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . The divergence is given as:

$$\nabla \cdot f = \frac{df_1}{dx_1} + \frac{df_2}{dx_2}\tag{5.2}$$

$$= -1 + 3\tag{5.3}$$

$$= 4\tag{5.4}$$

Since  $\nabla \cdot f$  is constant (and not identically zero) within the entire region  $D$ , there is sufficient evidence to say that no periodic orbits exist and therefore the system has no closed orbits.

## 6 Problem 6

**Problem:** Prove that the origin is the globally asymptotically stable equilibrium of the following system.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -(\sin(x_1) + 2)(x_1 + x_2)\end{aligned}\tag{6.1}$$

**Solution:**

### 6.1 Initial Linearized System Stability

The linearization around individual equilibrium points is given by evaluating the Jacobian matrix which is calculated as:

$$A = J_x \Big|_{X=X_{eq}} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{df_1}{dx_1} & \frac{df_1}{dx_2} \\ \frac{df_2}{dx_1} & \frac{df_2}{dx_2} \end{array} \right] \Big|_{X=X_{eq}}\tag{6.2}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ -(\sin(x_1) + x_1 \cos(x_1) + 2 + x_2 \cos(x_1)) & -(\sin(x_1) + 2) \end{array} \right] \Big|_{x_1=x_2=0}\tag{6.3}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{array} \right]\tag{6.4}$$

The dynamics of this linearized system are described by the characteristic polynomial calculated as:

$$\Delta(s) = \det(sI - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ 2 & s+2 \end{bmatrix}\tag{6.5}$$

$$= s(s+2) - (-1)(2)\tag{6.6}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta(s) = s^2 + 2s + 2}\tag{6.7}$$

The roots of this polynomial are then calculated as the eigenvalues:

$$\boxed{\lambda_{1,2} = -1 \pm j1}\tag{6.8}$$

From this it is apparent that, locally, there exists a stable focus around the origin.

## 6.2 Lyapunov Method

The maximum positive invariant set boundary can be calculated by solving for  $r$  s.t.

$$f^T(x) \cdot \nabla V(x) \leq 0$$

and is shown as follows:

$$V(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 = r^2 \quad (6.9)$$

$$\nabla V(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.10)$$

$$f^T(x) \cdot \nabla V(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 & -(\sin(x_1) + 2)(x_1 + x_2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.11)$$

$$= 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2(x_1 \sin(x_1) + 2x_1 + x_2 \sin(x_1) + 2x_2) \quad (6.12)$$

$$= 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1x_2 \sin(x_1) - 4x_1x_2 - 2x_2^2 \sin(x_1) - 4x_2^2 \quad (6.13)$$

$$= -2x_1x_2(1 + \sin(x_1)) - 2x_2^2(2 + \sin(x_1)) \quad (6.14)$$

The second term is clearly not problematic:

$$-2x_2^2(2 + \sin(x_1)) \leq 0, \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

However, the first term is not as straight forward. It is true that

$$1 + \sin(x_1) \geq 0$$

and that in quadrants 1 and 3, the term satisfies the requirements. In quadrants 2 and 4 it becomes problematic as the term does not always remain negative. However, it is possible to prove that the boundary region itself is unbounded as

$$|2x_1x_2(1 + \sin(x_1))| \leq |2x_2^2(2 + \sin(x_1))|, \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

This leads to the conclusion that the system is Globally Asymptotically Stable since the region of convergence is  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## A MATLAB Code:

All code I write in this course can be found on my GitHub repository:

<https://github.com/jonaswagner2826/MECH6313>

Script 1: MECH6313\_Exam

```
1  % MECH 6313 - Exam
2
3  clear
4  close all
5
6  pblm1 = true;
7  pblm2 = true;
8  pblm3 = false;
9  pblm4 = false;
10 pblm5 = false;
11 pblm6 = false;
12
13 if pblm1
14 %% Problem 1
15
16 satVal = 2;
17
18 tau = 0.25;
19 mu = 0.1;
20 % Phase Plot 1
21 figure('position',[0,0,1200,1000])
22 xmax = 5;
23 ymax = 5;
24 xmin = -5;
25 ymin = -5;
26 xstep = 0.25;
27 ystep = xstep;
28
29 [X,Y] = meshgrid(xmin:xstep:xmax,ymin:ystep:ymax);
30 DX = max(min((X - (X.^3)/3 - Y)/tau, satVal), -satVal);
31 DY = max(min(X + mu, satVal), -satVal);
32
33 quiver(X,Y,DX,DY)
34 title('Phase Portrait \mu < \mu_c')
35 hold on
36 % x = [xmin:xstep:xmax];
37 % y = max(min(1/2*tan(pi/2 * x), xmax), xmin);
38 % plot(x,y, 'LineWidth', 2)
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39 % plot(y,x, 'LineWidth', 2)
40 saveas(gcf,[pwd,'\Exam\fig\pblm1_phaseplot_mu01.png'])
41
42
43
44 % tau = 0.1;
45 mu = 2;
46 % Phase Plot 2
47 figure('position',[0,0,1200,1000])
48 % xmax = 1;
49 % ymax = xmax;
50 % xmin = -1.5*xmax;
51 % ymin = xmin;
52 % xstep = 0.5;
53 % ystep = xstep;
54
55 [X,Y] = meshgrid(xmin:xstep:xmax,ymin:ystep:ymax);
56 DX = max(min((X - (X.^3)/3 - Y)/tau, satVal), -satVal);
57 DY = max(min(X + mu, satVal), -satVal);
58
59 quiver(X,Y,DX,DY)
60 title('Phase Portrait \mu > \mu_c')
61 hold on
62 % x = [xmin:xstep:xmax];
63 % y = max(min(1/2*tan(pi/2 * x), xmax), xmin);
64 % plot(x,y, 'LineWidth', 2)
65 % plot(y,x, 'LineWidth', 2)
66 saveas(gcf,[pwd,'\Exam\fig\pblm1_phaseplot_mu2.png'])
67
68
69 end
70
71 if pblm2
72 %% Problem 2
73 solveEqPnt = false;
74 phasePlt = true;
75 linSysCalc = false;
76
77
78 if solveEqPnt
79 % -----
80 % Equalibrium Points
81 syms x1 x2

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82 eq1 = 0 == -1/2 * tan(pi*x1/2) + x2;
83 eq2 = 0 == x1 -1/2 * tan(pi*x1/2);
84
85
86 [x1_eq, x2_eq] = vpasolve([eq1, eq2], [x1,x2]);
87
88 eq3 = x1 == 1/2 * tan(pi*x1/2);
89
90 x3_eq = solve(eq3, x1);
91 end
92
93 if phasePlt
94 % -----
95 % Phase Plot 1
96 figure('position',[0,0,1200,1000])
97 xmax = 2.5;
98 ymax = xmax;
99 xmin = -xmax;
100 ymin = -ymax;
101 xstep = 0.1;
102 ystep = xstep;
103
104 [X,Y] = meshgrid(xmin:xstep:xmax,ymin:ystep:ymax);
105 DX = max(min(-1/2 * tan(pi*X/2) + Y, 1), -1);
106 DY = max(min(-1/2 * tan(pi*Y/2) + X, 1), -1);
107
108 quiver(X,Y,DX,DY)
109 title('Phase Portrait')
110 hold on
111 x = [xmin:xstep:xmax];
112 y = max(min(1/2*tan(pi/2 * x), xmax), xmin);
113 plot(x,y, 'LineWidth', 2)
114 plot(y,x, 'LineWidth', 2)
115 saveas(gcf,[pwd,'\Exam\fig\pblm2_phaseplot.png'])
116
117
118 % Phase Plot 2
119 figure('position',[0,0,1200,1000])
120 xmax = 1;
121 ymax = xmax;
122 xmin = -xmax;
123 ymin = -ymax;
124 xstep = 0.1;

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125 ystep = xstep;
126
127 [X,Y] = meshgrid(xmin:xstep:xmax,ymin:ystep:ymax);
128 DX = max(min(-1/2 * tan(pi*X/2) + Y, 1), -1);
129 DY = max(min(-1/2 * tan(pi*Y/2) + X, 1), -1);
130
131 quiver(X,Y,DX,DY)
132 title('Phase Portrait (Zoomed-In)')
133 hold on
134 % Region of Attraction
135 viscircles([0.5,0.5;-0.5,-0.5],[0.5,0.5])
136 x=[-1,-1,1,1,-1,1];
137 y=[1,-1,-1,1,1,-1];
138 plot(x,y,'c','LineWidth',4)
139 % Eq-Points
140 scatter([-0.5,0.5],[-0.5,0.5],100,'rp')
141 scatter([0],[0],100,'kp')
142 saveas(gcf,[pwd,'\Exam\fig\pblm2_phaseplot_origin.png'])
143
144
145 % Phase Plot 3
146 figure('position',[0,0,1200,1000])
147 xmax = 4;
148 ymax = xmax;
149 xmin = -xmax;
150 ymin = -ymax;
151 xstep = 0.1;
152 ystep = xstep;
153
154 [X,Y] = meshgrid(xmin:xstep:xmax,ymin:ystep:ymax);
155 DX = max(min(-1/2 * tan(pi*X/2) + Y, 1), -1);
156 DY = max(min(-1/2 * tan(pi*Y/2) + X, 1), -1);
157
158 quiver(X,Y,DX,DY)
159 title('Phase Portrait (Zoomed-Out)')
160 hold on
161 x = [xmin:xstep:xmax];
162 y = max(min(1/2*tan(pi/2 * x), xmax), xmin);
163 plot(x,y, 'LineWidth', 2)
164 plot(y,x, 'LineWidth', 2)
165 saveas(gcf,[pwd,'\Exam\fig\pblm2_phaseplot_zoomOut.png'])
166 end
167

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168
169
170 if linSysCalc
171 % -----
172 % Linearized System Calc
173 sys2a = nlsys(@pblm2a)
174 syms x1 x2
175 linsys2a_sym = sys2a.linearize([x1;x2])
176 linsys2_0 = sys2a.linearize([0;0])
177 eig(linsys2_0)
178 linsys2_p05 = sys2a.linearize([0.5;0.5])
179 eig(linsys2_p05)
180 linsys2_n05 = sys2a.linearize([-0.5;-0.5])
181 eig(linsys2_n05)
182 linsys2_p1p1 = sys2a.linearize([1;1])
183 linsys2_n1n1 = sys2a.linearize([-1;-1])
184 linsys2_p1n1 = sys2a.linearize([1;-1])
185 linsys2_p125n125 = sys2a.linearize([1.25;-1.25])
186 eig(linsys2_p125n125)
187 linsys2_n1p1 = sys2a.linearize([-1;1])
188 linsys2_n125p125 = sys2a.linearize([-1.25;1.25])
189 eig(linsys2_n125p125)
190 end
191
192
193 end
194
195 if pblm3
196 %% Problem 3
197 end
198
199 if pblm4
200 %% Problem 4
201 end
202
203 if pblm5
204 %% Problem 5
205
206 syms x1 x2
207 eq1 = 0 == -x1 + x2^3 + 1;
208 eq2 = 0 == -4*x1^2 + 3*x2;
209 solve([eq1,eq2],[x1,x2])
210

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211 sys5 = nlsys(@pblm5a)
212
213 % Phase Plot 2
214 figure()
215 xmax = 5;
216 ymax = xmax;
217 xmin = -xmax;
218 ymin = -ymax;
219 xstep = 0.1;
220 ystep = xstep;
221
222 [X,Y] = meshgrid(xmin:xstep:xmax,ymin:ystep:ymax);
223 DX = -X + Y^3 + 1;%max(min(, 1), -1);
224 DY = -4*X^2 + 3*Y;%max(min(, 1), -1);
225
226 quiver(X,Y,DX,DY)
227
228
229 end
230
231 if pblm6
232 %% Problem 6
233 sys6 = nlsys(@pblm6a)
234
235 linsys6 = sys6.linearize([0;0])
236
237
238 end
239
240
241 %% Local Functions
242 function y = pblm1a(x,u)
243     % pblm1c function
244     arguments
245         x (2,:) = [0; 0];
246         u (1,:) = 0;
247     end
248
249     % Array Sizes
250     n = 2;
251     p = 1;
252
253

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254     % Parameters
255     tau = 0.1;
256     mu = 0.9;
257
258
259     % State Upadate Eqs
260     y(1,1) = (x(1) - (x(1)^3)/3 - x(2))/tau;
261     y(2,1) = x(1) + mu;
262
263     if nargin == 0
264         y = [n;p];
265     end
266 end
267
268 function y = pblm1b(x,u)
269     % pblm1c function
270     arguments
271         x (2,:) = [0; 0];
272         u (1,:) = 0;
273     end
274
275     % Array Sizes
276     n = 2;
277     p = 1;
278
279     % Parameters
280     tau = 0.1;
281     mu = 1.1;
282
283
284     % State Upadate Eqs
285     y(1,1) = (x(1) - (x(1)^3)/3 - x(2))/tau;
286     y(2,1) = x(1) + mu;
287
288     if nargin == 0
289         y = [n;p];
290     end
291 end
292
293
294 function y = pblm2b(x,u)
295     % pblm1c function
296     arguments

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297     x (2,:) = [0; 0];
298     u (1,:) = 0;
299 end
300
301 % Array Sizes
302 n = 2;
303 p = 1;
304
305
306 % State Upadate Eqs
307 y(1,1) = -1/2 * tan(pi*x(1)/2) + x(2);
308 y(2,1) = x(1) -1/2 * tan(pi*x(2)/2);
309
310 if nargin == 0
311     y = [n;p];
312 end
313 end
314
315 function y = pblm5a(x,u)
316     % pblm1c function
317     arguments
318         x (2,:) = [0; 0];
319         u (1,:) = 0;
320 end
321
322 % Array Sizes
323 n = 2;
324 p = 1;
325
326
327 % State Upadate Eqs
328 y(1,1) = -x(1) + x(2)^3 + 1;
329 y(2,1) = -4*x(1)^2 + 3*x(2);
330
331 if nargin == 0
332     y = [n;p];
333 end
334 end
335
336
337 function y = pblm6a(x,u)
338     % pblm1c function
339     arguments

```

```

340     x (2,:) = [0; 0];
341     u (1,:) = 0;
342 end
343
344 % Array Sizes
345 n = 2;
346 p = 1;
347
348
349 % State Update Eqs
350 y(1,1) = x(2);
351 y(2,1) = -(sin(x(1)) + 2) * (x(1) + x(2));
352
353 if nargin == 0
354     y = [n;p];
355 end
356 end

```