

Seminar 5

1. b) - We consider the following linear planar systems.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -x, \\ \dot{y} &= 5y\end{aligned}$$

(i) Decide the type and stability of the equilibrium point at the origin $(0,0)$.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x \\ \dot{y} = 5y \end{cases} \Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

We find the eigenvalues of A , $\lambda_1 = -1$, $\lambda_2 = 5$ (since it is a diagonal matrix no calculation is required, otherwise we would have used the following formula $\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\text{Tr}(A) \pm \sqrt{\text{Tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)}}{2}$)

$\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$, $\lambda_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$, hence the equilibrium point at the origin is a saddle point. Saddle points are unstable.

(ii) Decide whether it has a global first integral.

(iii) Find a first integral (global or not).

A global first integral is a function $H(x,y)$ that remains constant along all trajectories of the system and

satisfies: $\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \dot{y} = 0$. ①

$$\begin{cases} x' = -x \\ y' = 5y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = 5y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = -5 \int \frac{dx}{x} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln|y| + 5\ln|x| = \ln|C| \quad (\text{We decided to express the integral constant in this format})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow yx^5 = C$$

$$C \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{We define } H(x, y) = yx^5, \quad H: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Checking in ①, we get:

$$5x^4y \cdot (-x) + x^5 \cdot (5y) = 0, \text{ hence } H \text{ is a global first integral}$$

(iv) Represent the phase portrait.

$$\begin{cases} x' = -x \\ y' = 5y \end{cases}$$

$$y=0 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x > 0, x' < 0 &\leftarrow \\ x < 0, x' > 0 &\rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$x=0 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} y > 0, y' > 0 &\uparrow \\ y < 0, y' < 0 &\downarrow \end{aligned}$$

