Nonlinear Dynamical Systems: Lecture 12

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Outline

Scilab simulation of

- **Lotka-Volterra predator prey model**
- **van der Pol oscillator**

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(parameters a, b, c and d are positive.)

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van der Pol oscillator

This oscillator has a 'stable limit cycle'.
Differential equation

$$\ddot{x} - \epsilon(1 - x^2)\dot{x} + x = 0$$

where $\epsilon > 0$
Let $\dot{x} = y$ **and** $\dot{y} = -x + \epsilon(1 - x^2)y$