

Nonlinear Dynamical Systems:

Lecture 11

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Outline

- **Bendixson criterion and Poincaré-Bendixson criterion**
- **van der Pol oscillator**

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then the Lienard system has **unique** and **stable limit cycle**.

(See: Nonlinear Oscillations-Nicholas Minorsky).

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Therefore,

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It has a unique equilibrium point, which is at the origin.

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Why?

- Consider the function $V(x) = (x_1^2 + x_2^2)/2$ ($V(x)$ is equivalent to system energy).
- Hence, $\dot{V}(x) = -\epsilon x_1 H(x_1)$. (Easy to verify.)
- For $x_1 > p$, $\dot{V}(x) < 0$ and for $x_1 < p$, $\dot{V}(x) > 0$, where p is the root of $H(x_1)$ for $x > 0$.
- Let $\delta(k) = V(E) - V(A) = \int_{AE} \dot{V}(x) dt = \int_{AB} \dot{V}(x) dt + \int_{BCD} \dot{V}(x) dt + \int_{DE} \dot{V}(x) dt$.
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Main features

For each initial condition:

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