

# Problem 4

## Invariant Sets

a] using the Polar Coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta = r^2 [\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta] = r^2$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{differentiate with } dt$$

$$2r \cdot \dot{r} = 2x \dot{x} + 2y \dot{y}$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{x \dot{x} + y \dot{y}}{r} \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

L.H.S.  $x \dot{x} + y \dot{y} = x [\lambda x - y + (\alpha x - \beta y)(x^2 + y^2)]$   
 $y [x + \lambda y + (\beta x + \alpha y)(x^2 + y^2)]$

expand the multiplication &  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

$$x \dot{x} + y \dot{y} = \lambda x^2 - \cancel{xy} + \alpha x r^2 - \cancel{xy} \beta r^2 + \cancel{yx} + \lambda y^2 + \beta \cancel{xy} r^2 + \alpha y^2 r^2$$

$$= \lambda x^2 + \lambda y^2 + \alpha x^2 r^2 + \alpha y^2 r^2$$

$$= \lambda (x^2 + y^2) + \alpha r^2 (x^2 + y^2) \quad [x^2 + y^2 = r^2]$$

$$= \lambda r^2 + \alpha r^4$$

substitute in  $\textcircled{1}$

$$\dot{r} = \lambda r + \alpha r^3$$

Now, Let's analyse  $\dot{r}$



$$\dot{r} = \lambda r + \alpha r^3 \Rightarrow$$

for  $\dot{r} = 0$

$$\lambda r^* + \alpha r^{*3} = 0$$

$$r^* = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad r^* = \sqrt{\frac{-\lambda}{\alpha}}$$

I) From this for  $r^* = 0 \Rightarrow$  the origin is at Equilibrium.

II) for  $\lambda < 0$  :-

$$\text{for } r \approx 0 \Rightarrow \dot{r} \approx \lambda r < 0$$

then for  $r \approx 0 \Rightarrow$  the function is decreasing towards 0,

III) for  $1 > r > 0 \Rightarrow$  the term  $\alpha r^*$  is so small

&  $\lambda r$  would be the dominant part of  $\dot{r}$

& since  $\lambda < 0 \Rightarrow \dot{r}$  is also negative

which means the function is also decreasing towards 0

From I, II & III :-

the origin is at equilibrium

& the origin attracts the nearby points

for any initial  $r^* \in [0, 1]$



b] for  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\alpha < 0$ ,  $\dot{r} = \lambda r + \alpha r^3$

I) Solving for equilibrium points:  $\dot{r} = 0$

$$r(\lambda + \alpha r^2) = 0 \Rightarrow r^* = 0, r^* = \sqrt{\frac{-\lambda}{\alpha}}$$

Since  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\alpha < 0$

then  $r^* = \sqrt{\frac{-\lambda}{\alpha}}$  exists and  $r^* > 0$

the  $(\sqrt{\frac{-\lambda}{\alpha}})$  is an equilibrium point.

II) for  $0 < r < \sqrt{\frac{-\lambda}{\alpha}}$

which means  $r$  is small

the in  $\dot{r} = \lambda r + \alpha r^3$

$\lambda r$  dominates &  $\lambda > 0$

then  $\dot{r} > 0$ , which means  $r(t)$  increases.

III) for  $r > r^*$

which means  $r$  is large

then in,  $\dot{r} = \lambda r + \alpha r^3$

$\alpha r^3$  dominates &  $\alpha < 0$

then  $\dot{r} < 0$ , which means  $r(t)$  decreases.

From I, II, III,

$r^*$  is an equilibrium

for  $r < r^*$  the function increases

& for  $r > r^*$  the function decreases

$\therefore r^*$  is an attractor

$\therefore r^* = \sqrt{\frac{-\lambda}{\alpha}}$  is a stable limit cycle