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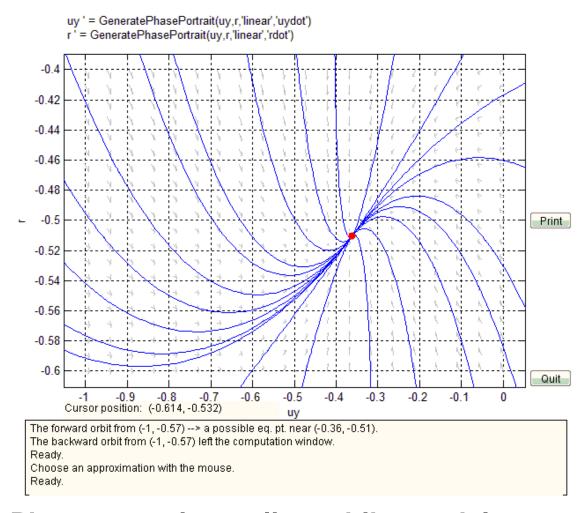
1(a) Linear bike model

We expect to see one equilibrium for the linear model. See the understeer gradient below. Since it is positive, we expect an understeering car.

K = 0.0361

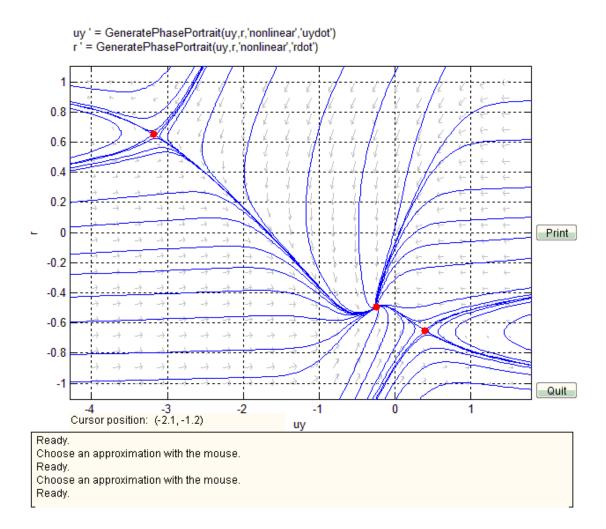
1(b) Phase portrait: linear bike model

We find one equilibrium: a stable node at (Uy = -0.3617, r = -0.5104).



1(c) Phase portrait: nonlinear bike model

We find three equilibria: (1) stable focus at (Uy = -0.2425, r = -0.4942). (2) unstable saddlepoint at (Uy = -3.1853, r = 0.6499) (3) unstable saddlepoint at (Uy = 0.3928, r = -0.6499) All of our equilibria have complex eigenvalues. We still have one stable equilibrium, a node in the linear case (with negative eigenvalues), and a focus in the nonlinear case (with LHP complex eigenvalues).



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