

Quiz 8: 15 March

Name: Key

Section:

The differential equation system is expressed in polar coordinates:

(3pts) $\frac{dr}{dt} = \sin(3\pi r)$ and $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1$

(a) Find all the periodic solution orbits.

Periodic solutions $r = \frac{n}{3}$ for any non-negative integer n
 $\theta = t + C$

(3pts)

(b) Which orbits are attracting?

$$\frac{2}{r} \sin 3\pi r = 3\pi \cos 3\pi r \leq 0 \quad \text{for } r = \frac{n}{3} \quad \cos(\pi n) < 0$$

$\Rightarrow n$ odd

The circles radii $\frac{2k+1}{3}$ for integer $k \geq 0$ are attracting.

(3pts)

(c) Which orbits are repelling?

$$\frac{2}{r} \sin 3\pi r = 3\pi \cos 3\pi r \geq 0$$

$$\cos(\pi n) > 0 \Rightarrow n \text{ even}$$

The circles radii $\frac{2k}{3}$ for integer $k \geq 0$ are ~~attracting~~ repelling.