

- Define Lyapunov function  $E(r)$ .
- Rewrite IVP to separate  $-\frac{1}{r}u'(r)$ .
- Calculate  $E'(r)$ .
- Use IVP to simplify expression.
- Conclude from sign of  $E'(r)$  that  $E(r)$  is nonincreasing.
  - Note that  $V'(r) \leq 0$  and  $u'(r)^2 \geq 0$ ,  $r \geq 0$  and  $u(r)^{p+1} \geq 0$ .
- Evaluate  $E(0)$ . Analyse the sign of  $E(0)$  as a function of  $\alpha$ .
  - Solve  $E(0) = 0$  for  $\bar{\alpha}$  and note  $\alpha < \bar{\alpha} \implies E(0) < 0$  and vice versa.
- Now analyse the behaviour of solutions with  $\alpha < \bar{\alpha}$  using proof by contradiction.
  - $\alpha < \bar{\alpha} \in N$  would imply  $u(z(\alpha)) = 0$  and  $E(z(\alpha)) \geq 0$  contradicting  $E < 0$ .
  - $\dots \in G$  would imply  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} E(r) = 0$  contradicting  $E < 0$ .
- Conclusion:  $\alpha \in P$ .

- As  $\alpha \in G \cup N$ ,  $E(r) \geq 0$  for  $r \in (0, z(\alpha))$ .
- Even in  $z(\alpha)$ ,  $E(z(\alpha)) \geq 0$  (SHOW).
- By IVP and Lemma 5.1:  $u''(0) < 0$ .
- Using an argument from Chapter 4:  $u''(0)$  and  $u'(0) = 0$  would imply  $u \equiv \alpha$ .
- On the other hand  $u''(0) > 0$  and  $u'(0) = 0$  would imply  $u(r) > u(0) = \alpha$  for  $r > 0$  and small.
- This contradicts  $E'(r) \leq 0$ ? (SHOW)
- Conclusion:  $u''(0) < 0$  and  $u'(r) < 0$  for  $r > 0$  and small.
- To show  $u'(r) < 0$  for  $r \in (0, z(\alpha))$ :
  - Suppose by contradiction that there exists  $r_0$  such that  $u'(r_0) = 0$ .
  - By the IVP:  $u''(r_0) = \lambda u(r_0) - V(r_0)u(r_0)^p$ .
  - From the previous concavity argument,  $u''(r_0) \geq 0$  and  $u''(r_0) = 0$  would imply  $u \equiv u(r_0)$ .
  - Then  $u''(r_0) > 0$  which can be used in analysis of  $E(r_0)$ .
  - Evaluate  $E(r_0) = \frac{1}{2}u'(r_0)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{2}u(r_0)^2 + \frac{1}{p+1}V(r_0)u(r_0)^{p+1} \geq 0$ .
  - An interesting property of  $u(r_0)$  by IVP,  $u''(r_0) > 0$  and  $u'(r_0) = 0$  follows
 
$$* \quad u(r_0) \leq \left[ \frac{\lambda}{V(r_0)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} < \left[ \frac{\lambda}{V(r_0)} \frac{p+1}{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{p-1}} \iff -\frac{\lambda}{2}u(r_0)^2 + \frac{1}{p+1}V(r_0)u(r_0)^{p+1} > 0$$

$$0 \iff E(r_0) > 0$$
  - Which contradicts  $E(r) \geq 0$  for  $r \in (0, z(\alpha))$ .
  - Hence  $u'(r) < 0$  for  $r \in (0, z(\alpha))$ .
- If  $\alpha \in N$  then  $u'(z(\alpha)) = 0$  then  $u \equiv 0$ .
  - Concavity prevents  $u'(z(\alpha)) > 0$ . (SHOW)
  - What does this yield if  $\alpha \in G$ ? (SHOW)
- So for  $\alpha \in N$ :  $u'(r) < 0$  for  $r \in (0, z(\alpha))$ .

- To conclude that  $w$  has one zero in  $(0, z(\alpha))$ , use Lagrange identity.
- The proofs for  $\alpha \in G$  and  $\alpha \in N$  will be done separately.
- First, suppose  $\alpha \in N$ .
- Rewrite IVP and  $w$ -d.e. to the following:
  - $(ru')' + r[-\lambda u + Vu^p] = 0$
  - $(rw')' + r[-\lambda w + pVu^{p-1}w] = 0$
- Multiply by  $w$  and  $u$  respectively, then integrate from 0 to  $z(\alpha)$ :
  - $\int_0^{z(\alpha)} w(ru')' - u(rw')' dr = \int_0^{z(\alpha)} r[pVu^p w - Vu^p w] dr$
- By partial integration for left hand side, one obtains:
  - $ruw' \Big|_0^{z(\alpha)} - ruw' \Big|_0^{z(\alpha)} - \int_0^{z(\alpha)} [ru'w' - ru'w'] dr = (p-1) \int_0^{z(\alpha)} rVu^p w dr$
- Use  $u(z(\alpha)) = 0$  to obtain:

- $z(\alpha)w(z(\alpha))u'(z(\alpha)) - z(\alpha)u(z(\alpha))w'(z(\alpha)) = (p-1) \int_0^{z(\alpha)} rV u^p w dr$
- Suppose  $w > 0$  on  $(0, z(\alpha))$  then left hand side  $\leq 0$  as  $z(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $w(z(\alpha)) \geq 0$  (?) and  $u'(z(\alpha)) < 0$ .
- To resolve this, suppose  $w > 0$  on  $(0, z(\alpha))$  then  $z(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $w(z(\alpha)) > 0$  and  $u'(z(\alpha)) < 0 \implies$  l.h.s.  $< 0$ . That is sufficient to show contradiction with r.h.s.  $> 0$  as ...
- To actually resolve this, the initial supposition was correct:  $w > 0$  on  $(0, z(\alpha))$  implies l.h.s.  $\leq 0$  as  $z(\alpha) > 0$ , importantly  $w(z(\alpha)) > 0$  and  $u'(z(\alpha)) < 0$ . Why can't  $w(z(\alpha)) = 0$ ? By Sturm comparison! Since  $pV w u^{p-1} \neq V u^p$ , the zeroes of  $w$  and  $u$  will not coincide!
  - Note work remains to be done to clarify this part of the argument. From Suppose  $w > 0 \dots$  to the contradiction.
- By this contradiction then,  $w(r)$  has at least one zero on  $(0, z(\alpha))$ .
- To conclude the same for  $\alpha \in G$ , again, assume  $w > 0$  on  $(0, z(\alpha))$  then still r.h.s. of identity  $> 0$ .
- As for the l.h.s. regard the expression  $\frac{u}{w} \dots$ 
  - Write  $\left(\frac{u}{w}\right)' = \frac{wu' - uw'}{w^2}$ .
  - Note that  $u(0) > 0$  and  $w(0) > 0$  implies  $\frac{u}{w}(0) > 0$ .
  - Rewrite the identity to read:
    - \*  $rwu' - ruw' = (p-1) \int_0^{z(\alpha)} rV u^p w dr$
    - \*  $\frac{wu'}{w^2} - \frac{uw'}{w^2} = \frac{p-1}{rw^2} \int_0^{z(\alpha)} rV u^p w dr > 0$
    - \*  $\frac{wu' - uw'}{w^2} > 0 \implies \left(\frac{u}{w}\right)' > 0$
  - So  $\left(\frac{u}{w}\right)'$  is increasing.
- Now, there is a hole.. Apparently, this also implies  $w > 0$  yields contradiction.
  - Intuitively,  $\left(\frac{u}{w}\right)'$  increasing means that  $w$  decays faster than  $u$  everywhere.
  - Then, as for  $\alpha \in G$  the solution decays to 0, so must  $w$ .
  - But, since  $w$  decays faster than  $u$ , the zero of  $w$  must be to the left of  $z(\alpha) = \infty$ .
  - Hence,  $w$  has a zero in  $(0, z(\alpha))$ .
    - \* Hooray!
- Might need to formalise this a bit further.