

Dynamical Systems

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The stable and unstable invariant subspaces of the linearisation of a dynamical system $\dot{x} = f(x)$ at a saddle point located at 0 are denoted by E^s and E^u respectively, and are spanned by the eigenvectors of the Jacobian of the linearised system with real parts of corresponding eigenvalues < 0 and > 0 , respectively.

The stable and unstable manifold, denoted by W_{loc}^s and W_{loc}^u , respectively, have the same dimension as E^s and E^u , and are tangent to E^s and E^u at the origin, respectively, with

$$W_{loc}^s = \{x : \phi_t(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty\}$$

$$W_{loc}^u = \{x : \phi_t(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow -\infty\}.$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x + x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 \\ \dot{y} = -y + 3x^2 \end{cases}$$

To find W_{loc}^s :

Jacobian $J = \begin{pmatrix} 1+2x+2y & 2x+6y \\ 6x & -1 \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore (0,0)$ is a saddle point, with $\lambda_1 = 1$, $E^u = \{t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\}$;
 $\lambda_2 = -1$, $E^s = \{t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\}$.

To find W_{loc}^s : let $x = S(y) = a_2 y^2 + a_3 y^3 + \dots$ ($a_0 = a_1 = 0$ as by tangent condition, $x' = S'(y) = 0$ when $y = 0$)

$$\dot{x} = S'(y) \dot{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 = (2a_2 y + 3a_3 y^2 + 4a_4 y^3)(-y + 3x^2)$$

Sub $x = S(y)$ and only consider up to cubic order:

$$a_2 y^2 + a_3 y^3 + 2a_2 y^3 + 3y^2 = -2a_2 y^2 - 3a_3 y^3 + \text{h.o.t.}$$

Comparing coefficients:

$$\begin{cases} a_2 + 3 = -2a_2 \\ a_3 + 2a_2 = -3a_3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_2 = -1 \\ a_3 = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore W_{loc}^s = \{x : x = -y^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^3\}.$$



To find W_{loc}^u : let $y = U(x) = b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^4)$.

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = U'(x) \dot{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow -y + 3x^2 = (2b_2 x + 3b_3 x^2)(x + x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2)$$

To cubic order:

$$-b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + 3x^2 = \cancel{2b_2} x^2 + 2b_2 x^3 + 3b_3 x^3 + \text{h.o.t.}$$

$$\begin{cases} -b_2 + 3 = 2b_2 \\ b_3 = 2b_2 + 3b_3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b_2 = 1 \\ b_3 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore W_{loc}^u = \{x : y = x^2 - x^3\}.$$