

We will consider only autonomous systems

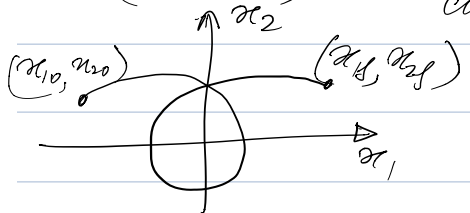
$$\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2)$$

The locus in the $x_1 - x_2$ plane of $x(t) \forall t \geq 0$ is a phase-plane plot / trajectory

$$x_0 = (x_{10}, x_{20})^T$$

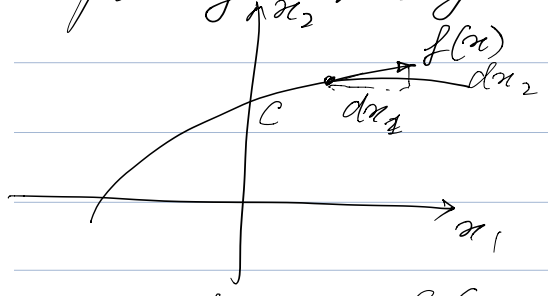
The family of all such curves is called a phase-portrait.



Defⁿ: The vector field associated with $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{cases}$

is defined as the continuous function $f := \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{bmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. The direction of the vector field f at a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is denoted by $\theta_f(x) = \tan^{-1} \frac{f_2(x_1, x_2)}{f_1(x_1, x_2)}$

$f(x)$ is tangent to the phase plane trajectory passing through x .



$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = f_1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = f_2(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dx_1} = \frac{f_2(x_1, x_2)}{f_1(x_1, x_2)}$$

Q: Can the phase trajectories intersect?

Phase Portraits of linear systems

$$u \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} x_1(0) &= x_{10} = x(0) = x_0 \\ x_2(0) &= x_{20} \end{aligned}$$

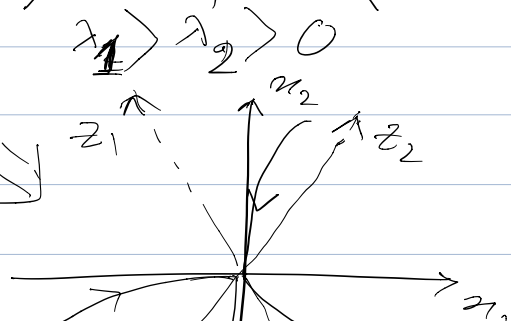
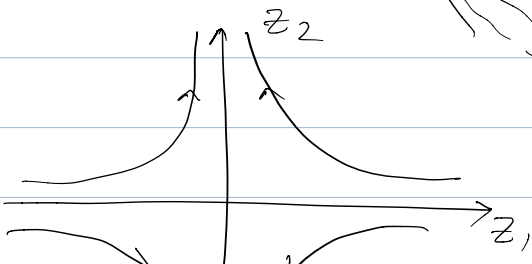
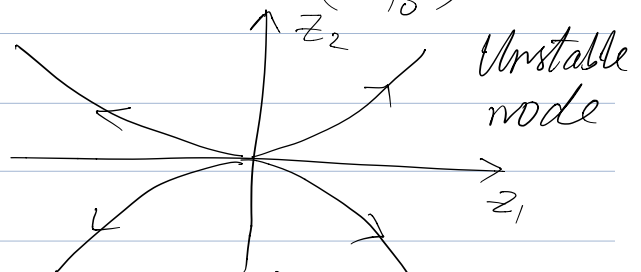
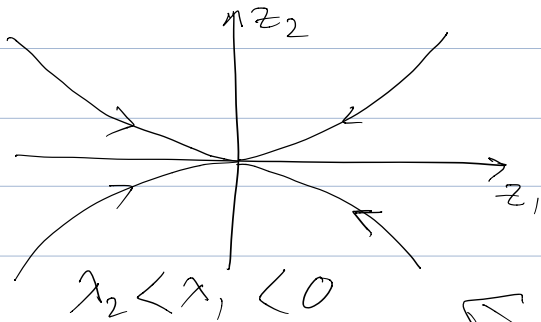
$z(t) = M^{-1}x(t) \rightarrow \dot{z} = M^{-1}AMz(t); z(0) = M^{-1}x_0$
 By choosing M appropriately, $M^{-1}AM$ can be made into one of the following 3 forms:

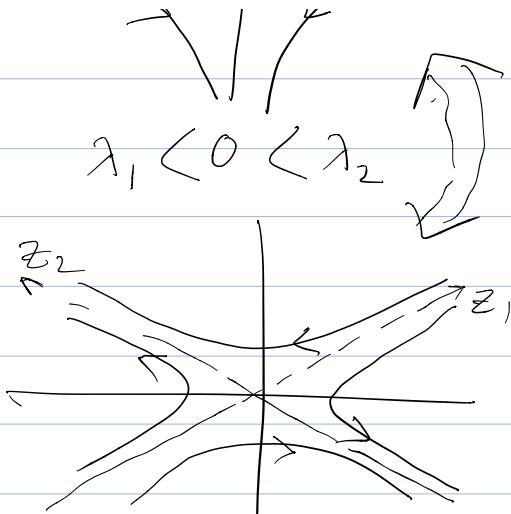
1) $M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$ λ_1, λ_2 are real (not necessarily distinct)

2) $M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ λ is repeated real

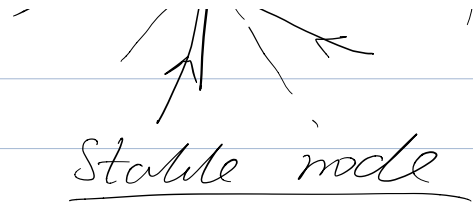
3) $M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$ $\alpha \pm j\beta$ are the eigenvalues.
For $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$

Case 1: $z_1(t) = z_{10}e^{\lambda_1 t}; z_2(t) = z_{20}e^{\lambda_2 t}$
 eliminate t , to get $z_2 = z_{20} \left(\frac{z_1}{z_{10}} \right)^{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}$





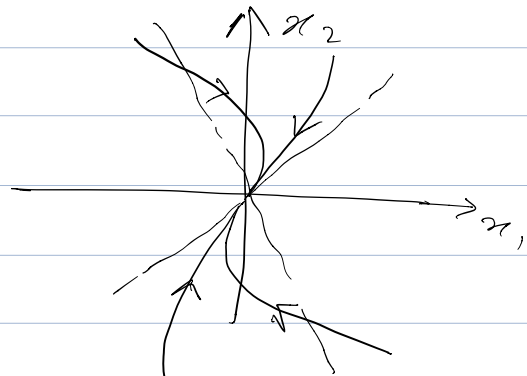
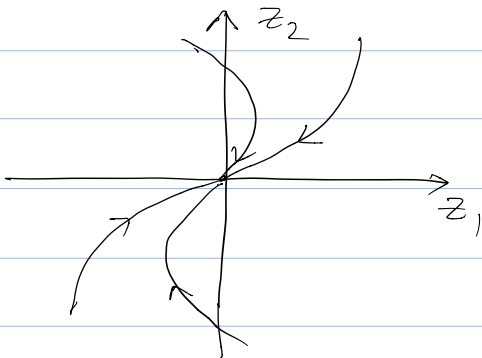
Saddle point?
Why?



Case 2:

Jordan Form : $\dot{z}_1 = \lambda z_1 + z_2$ | $z_1(0) = z_{10}$
 $\dot{z}_2 = \lambda z_2$ | $z_2(0) = z_{20}$

$z_1(t) = z_{10} e^{\lambda t} + z_{20} t e^{\lambda t}$
 $z_2(t) = z_{20} e^{\lambda t}$) still possible to eliminate t , but messy.



Stable node if $\lambda < 0$
 Unstable node if $\lambda > 0$. } Eq pt. $(0,0)$.

Case 3: Complex Conjugate

$\dot{z}_1 = \alpha z_1 + \beta z_2$ | $z_1(0) = z_{10}$

$$\# \begin{cases} \dot{z}_2 = -\beta z_1 + \alpha z_2 \\ z_2(0) = z_{20} \end{cases}$$

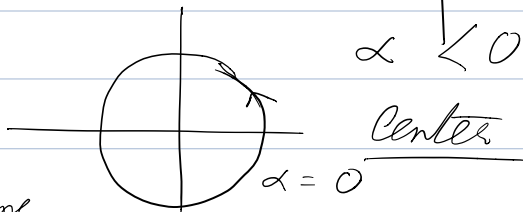
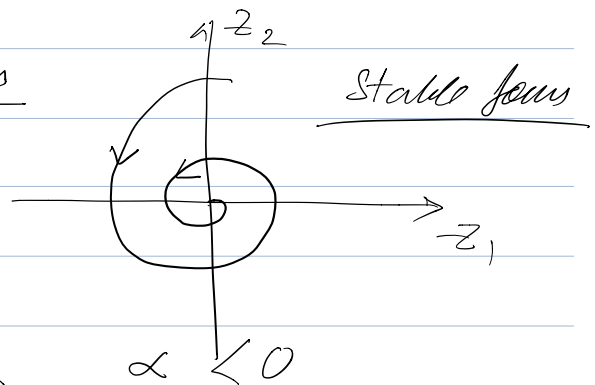
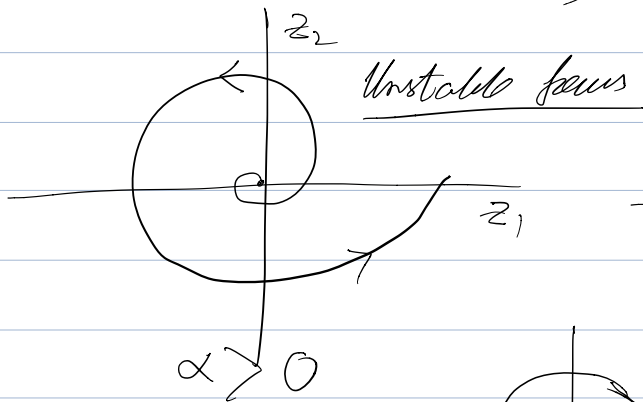
Introduce polar coordinates to simplify:

$$r = \sqrt{z_1^2 + z_2^2} \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{z_2}{z_1}$$

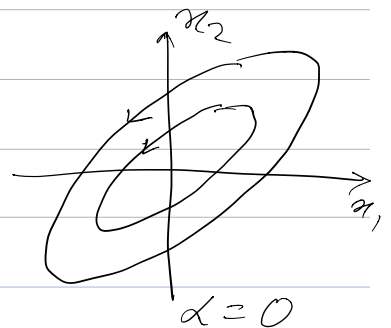
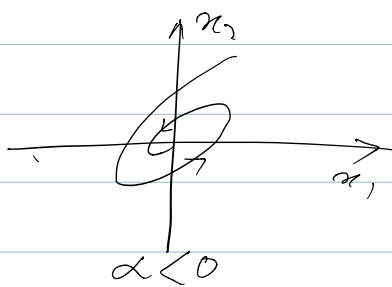
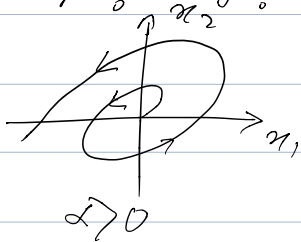
Then (*) becomes $\dot{r} = \alpha r(t)$ & $\dot{\phi} = -\beta$

$$\left[\begin{aligned} \dot{r} &= \frac{\partial r}{\partial z_1} \dot{z}_1 + \frac{\partial r}{\partial z_2} \dot{z}_2 = \frac{1}{r} \left[2z_1 \dot{z}_1 + 2z_2 \dot{z}_2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \left[\alpha z_1^2 + \beta z_1 z_2 - \beta z_1 z_2 + \alpha z_2^2 \right] = \alpha r. \end{aligned} \right]$$

Solution: $r(t) = r_0 e^{\alpha t}$, $\phi(t) = \phi_0 - \beta t$



Q. Direction is same always? Why?



Exercise: Phase portraits for one or both eigenvalues zero.

Non-linear systems

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned} \right\} \dot{x} = f(x)$$

Linearization: Linearize f_1, f_2 in the neighborhood of any of the eq. pts.

→ Determine the behaviour of non-linear system trajectories from the linearized system.

1) Assume $(0,0)$ is an eq. pt. (WLOG. → Why?)

2) Assume f_1, f_2 are continuously diff. around $(0,0)$.
 $\tilde{x}_1 = x_1 - x_{10}; \tilde{x}_2 = x_2 - x_{20}$

3) Define $A = - \left[\begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{array} \right]_{x_1=0, x_2=0} =: \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

$$f_1(x_1, x_2) = f_1(0,0) + a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + r_1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$f_2(x_1, x_2) = f_2(0,0) + a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + r_2(x_1, x_2)$$

4) Define the linear system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{\xi}_1 &= a_{11}\xi_1 + a_{12}\xi_2 \\ \dot{\xi}_2 &= a_{21}\xi_1 + a_{22}\xi_2 \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$

#(*) is a linearization of $\dot{x} = f(x)$ around $(0,0)$.

(Will prove later) Trajectories of (*) and $\dot{x} = f(x)$ are qualitatively same in some suitably small neighborhood of $(0,0)$.

	Linearized	Non-linear
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_1 < 0, \lambda_2 < 0$	Stable Node	Stable Node
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0$	Unstable N.	Unstable N.
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$	Saddle pt	Saddle pt.
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda_1 > 0$	Unstable focus	Unstable focus
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda_1 < 0$	Stable focus	Stable focus
λ_1, λ_2 pure imag	Center	?

Example: $\dot{x}_1 = -x_2 - \mu x_1 (x_1^2 + x_2^2)$
 $\dot{x}_2 = x_1 - \mu x_2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2)$

Linearized eq: $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3\mu x_1^2 - \mu x_2^2 & -1 - 2\mu x_1 x_2 \\ 1 - 2\mu x_1 x_2 & \quad \quad \quad \end{bmatrix}$

Eig = $\pm j$

$\leftarrow = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$x_1 = 0$
 $x_2 = 0$

But non-linear system: $x_1 = r \cos \theta, x_2 = r \sin \theta$

$\dot{r} = -\mu r^3, \dot{\theta} = 1$

\rightarrow will resemble stable focus $\rightarrow \mu > 0$.

unstable focus $\rightarrow \mu < 0$.

Periodic Solution & Limit Cycles

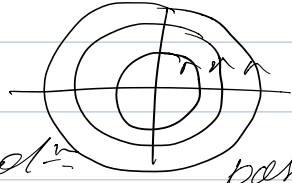
def: For $\dot{x} = f(x), x(t)$ is a periodic solution if $\exists T$ st.
 $x(t+T) = x(t), \forall t$.

$\dot{x}_1 = x_2; \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 \quad \left| \quad x_1(0) = x_{10}; x_2(0) = x_{20}$

FACT: Periodic solⁿ \Leftrightarrow ^{solⁿ is a} closed curve in \mathbb{R}^2

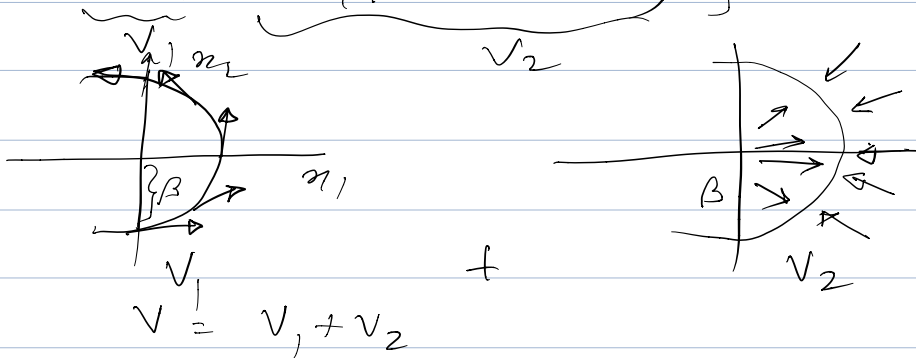
$$\text{solⁿ: } \begin{cases} x_1(t) = r_0 \cos(-t + \phi_0) \\ x_2(t) = r_0 \sin(-t + \phi_0) \end{cases} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} r_0 = \sqrt{x_{10}^2 + x_{20}^2} \\ \phi_0 = \tan^{-1} \frac{x_{20}}{x_{10}} \end{array} \right.$$

Entire state space is covered with periodic solution.



Nonlinear Case: Isolated periodic solⁿ possible

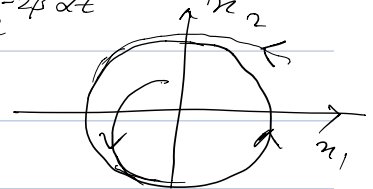
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 + \alpha x_1 (\beta^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 + \alpha x_2 (\beta^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$



Introduce polar coordinates: $r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$; $\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{x_2}{x_1}$
 the (*) becomes $\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{r} &= \alpha r (\beta^2 - r^2) \\ \dot{\phi} &= -1 \end{aligned} \right\}$

Solution (Exercise: Please verify): $r(t) = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1 + c_0 e^{-2\beta^2 \alpha t}}}$ and

$$\phi(t) = \phi_0 - t \quad \left(c_0 = \frac{\beta^2}{r_0^2} - 1 \right)$$



Only one periodic solⁿ: $r(t) = \beta / \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} = \beta^2$

Also if $r_0 \neq 0$, every solⁿ approach this periodic solⁿ.

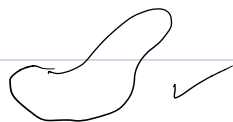
Def: A limit cycle of $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2) \end{cases}$ is a periodic solution. (sometimes "isolated" is insisted)

By convention, eq. pt. is not considered a limit cycle / periodic set.

Bendixson's Thm: $\in \mathbb{R}^2$

Def: A connected region is one which every two points in the set can be connected by a curve lying entirely within the set.

Def: A set is simply connected if (1) it is connected (2) its boundary is connected.



Connected but not simply connected.

Thm: Let D be a simply connected set in \mathbb{R}^2 such that the quantity

$$\nabla f(x) := \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}(x_1, x_2) \text{ is}$$

1) not identically zero over any subregion of D
 2) does not change sign in D .

Then D contains no closed trajectories of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = f_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_2 \end{cases}$$

→ This is a suff. condition for non-existence of a periodic set.

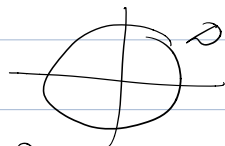
→ sufficient condition for non-existence of a periodic solution.

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda^2 - (a_{11} + a_{22})\lambda + \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{22} \\ -a_{12} & a_{21} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Periodic solⁿ: \Leftrightarrow Purely imag. eigenvalues
 \Leftrightarrow (1) $a_{11} + a_{22} = 0$, $a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} > 0$

$$\nabla f = a_{11} + a_{22} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Here $a_{11} + a_{22} \neq 0$ over any



\Rightarrow no periodic solⁿ in D .

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 + x_1 x_2^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + x_1^2 x_2 \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Eq. pt } (0,0) \rightarrow \text{linearization} \\ x_1' = x_2; \quad x_2' = -x_1 \\ \text{(Remember warning about centers!)} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\nabla f = x_1^2 + x_2^2 > 0 \quad \text{for all } (x_1, x_2) \neq (0,0)$$

\Rightarrow No periodic solⁿ anywhere in \mathbb{R}^2
 (except for $(0,0) \in \text{eq. pt}$)

Ex: (D simply connected important):

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 + \alpha x_1 (\beta^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + \alpha x_2 (\beta^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2)$$

$$\text{Let } D = \left\{ (x_1, x_2) : \frac{2\beta^2}{3} < x_1^2 + x_2^2 < 2\beta^2 \right\}$$

$$\nabla f = 2\alpha\beta^2 - 4\alpha(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$$

Check that $\nabla f \geq 0$ everywhere on D .

But we know that D contains periodic solⁿ.

Poincaré - Bendixson Thm

Def: Let $x(t)$ be a set of $\dot{x} = f(x)$. A pt. $z \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is said to be a limit point of this trajectory if \exists a sequence $\{t_n\}_1^\infty$ in \mathbb{R}_+ s.t. $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $x(t_n) \rightarrow z$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The set of all limit points of a trajectory $x(t)$ is called the limit set of the trajectory & is denoted by L .

As time progresses, trajectory passes arbitrarily close to z infinitely many times.

Thm: Let $S = \{x(t), t \geq 0\}$ denote a trajectory in \mathbb{R}^2 of $\dot{x} = f(x)$, & let L be its limit set. If L is contained in a closed bdd. region $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ & if M contains no eq. pt of $\dot{x} = f(x)$, then either

- (i) S is a periodic set of $\dot{x} = f(x)$.
- (ii) L is a " " " " " "

M has to contain all the limit pts.

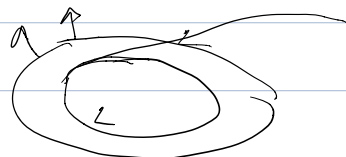
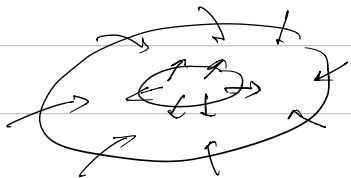
Q. How to check? - But M is closed.
 So if $\exists t_0 < \infty$ s.t. $x(t) \in M \forall t \geq t_0$
 then L is contained in M .

How to use P-B thm?

→ Find a region M s.t. (a) M contains no eq. pts
 (b) some trajectory is eventually confined in M .

Sufficient condition: The vector field should point inward into M along the entire boundary of M .

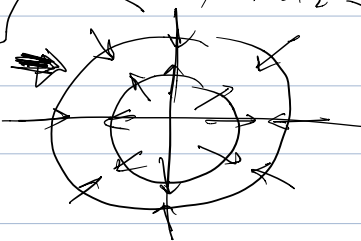
→ Then any trajectory originating within M must remain in M .



Not necessary

Ex:
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 + x_1(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 + x_2(1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \end{aligned} \right\} M = \{(x_1, x_2) : 0.9 \leq x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1\}$$

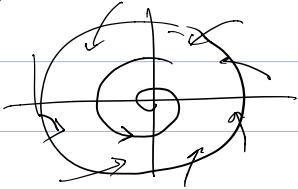
M contains no eq. pt. & Hence M contains a periodic solution



Ex: (Eq. pt. inclusion is imp.):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 + x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 - x_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Take } M \text{ to be unit disk.} \\ \text{Vector field pt. inward.} \end{array}$$

So all trajectories starting from M remain in M . But we know the origin is a stable focus. \Rightarrow No periodic solⁿ.



An alternative statement of P-B thm

Consider $\dot{x} = f(x)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 . Assume S is
closed & its limit set L contains no eq. pts.
Then L is a periodic solution. If $\underline{S \neq L}$
the periodic orbit is called a limit cycle.

In some books limit cycles must have
at least one more trajectory converging
onto it.