

Homework 5 Solutions

7.1.5) We have $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$,

so:

$$\dot{x} = \dot{r} \cos \theta - r \dot{\theta} \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{x \dot{r}}{r} - y \dot{\theta}$$

$$= x(1 - r^2) - y$$

$$= x - y - x(x^2 + y^2),$$

$$\dot{y} = \dot{r} \sin \theta + r \dot{\theta} \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{y \dot{r}}{r} + x \dot{\theta}$$

$$= y(1 - r^2) + x$$

$$= x + y - y(x^2 + y^2).$$

7.1.8) a) Write the system as:

$$\dot{x} = y, \quad \dot{y} = -ay(x^2 + y^2 - 1) - x,$$

The only fixed point is $(x^*, y^*) = (0, 0)$. \square

At $(0, 0)$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2axy-1 & -a(x^2+3y^2-1) \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{(0,0)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & a \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2}$$

\Rightarrow Unstable spiral if $0 < a < 2$,
Unstable node if $a > 2$.

b) Change to polar coordinates:

$$r\dot{r} = x\dot{x} + y\dot{y}$$

$$= y(-ay(x^2+y^2-1) - x) + xy$$

$$= -ay^2(x^2+y^2-1)$$

$$= -ar^2 \sin^2 \theta (r^2 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{r} = -ar \sin^2 \theta (r^2 - 1).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\theta} &= \frac{x\dot{y} - y\dot{x}}{r^2} \\
 &= \frac{x(-ay(x^2 + y^2 - 1)) - y^2}{r^2} \\
 &= \frac{-x^2 - y^2 - axy(x^2 + y^2 - 1)}{r^2} \\
 &= \frac{-r^2 - ar^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta (r^2 - 1)}{r^2} \\
 &= -1 - a \sin\theta \cos\theta (r^2 - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, there is a circular limit cycle with amplitude 1, on which $\dot{\theta} = -1$, so the period is 2π .

c) If $f(r, \theta) = -ar \sin^2\theta (r^2 - 1)$, then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right|_{r=1} &= -a \sin^2\theta (3r^2 - 1) \Big|_{r=1} \\
 &= -2a \sin^2\theta \leq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the limit cycle is stable.

7.2.5) a) If this is a gradient system, then there is a scalar function $V(x, y)$ so that:

$$f(x, y) = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}, \quad g(x, y) = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}.$$

Thus:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}.$$

b) Yes, so long as f and g are smooth.

7.2.7) a) We have:

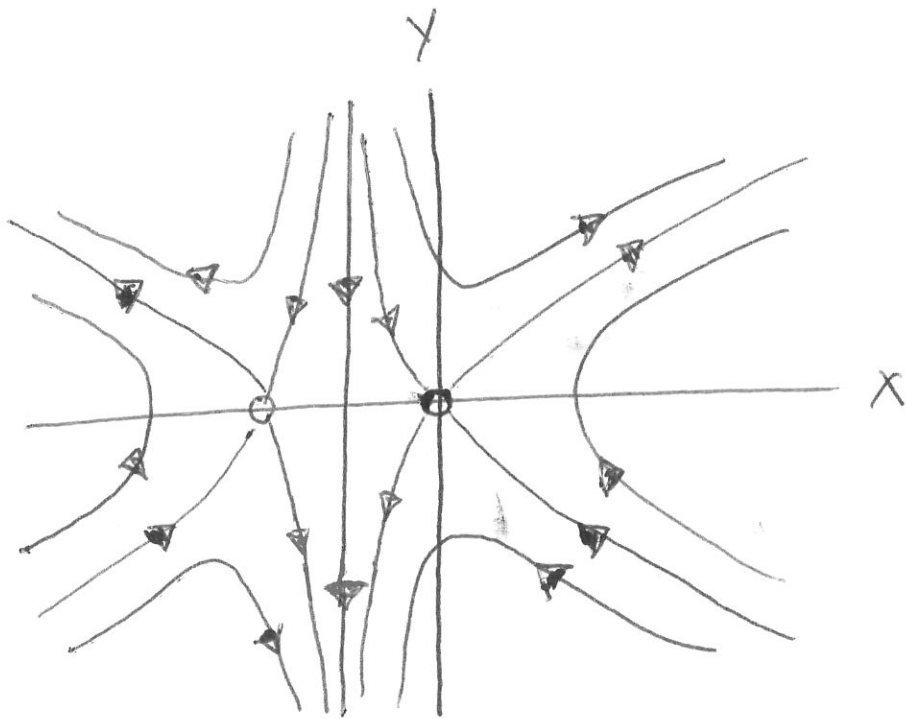
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 1 + 2x, \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 1 + 2x.$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}.$$

b) It is straightforward to find

$$V(x, y) = \frac{1}{3}y^3 - xy - x^2y.$$

c)



7.3.1) a) We have:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 3x^2 - 5y^2 & -1 - 10xy \\ 1 - 2xy & 1 - 3y^2 - x^2 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{(0,0)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = 1 \pm i$$

\Rightarrow Unstable spiral.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } r\vec{r} &= x\dot{x} + y\dot{y} = x(x - y - x(x^2 + 5y^2)) \\ &\quad + y(x + y - y(x^2 + y^2)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 - x^2(x^2 + 5y^2) - y^2(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 - (x^2 + y^2)^2 - 4x^2y^2$$

$$= r^2 - r^4 - 4r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= r^2 - r^4 (1 + 4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{r} = r - r^3 (1 + 4 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta).$$

$$r^2 \dot{\theta} = x\dot{y} - y\dot{x}$$

$$= x(x + y - y(x^2 + y^2))$$

$$- y(x - y - x(x^2 + 5y^2))$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 + 4xy^3$$

$$= r^2 + 4r^4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = 1 + 4r^2 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta.$$

c) We have $1 + 4\cos^2\theta\sin^2\theta \leq 5$,

so:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{r} &= r - r^3(1 + 4\cos^2\theta\sin^2\theta) \\ &\geq r - 5r^3\end{aligned}$$

If we require $\dot{r} \geq 0$, then:

$$r - 5r^3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow r \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

So, $r_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$.

d) We have $1 + 4\cos^2\theta\sin^2\theta \geq 1$,

so:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{r} &= r - r^3(1 + 4\cos^2\theta\sin^2\theta) \\ &\leq r - r^3\end{aligned}$$

If we require $\dot{r} \leq 0$, then:

$$r - r^3 \leq 0 \Rightarrow r \geq 1.$$

Thus $r_2 = 1$.

d) This should be clear, since all assumptions of the Poincaré-Bendixson theorem are satisfied.

7.6.1) We have:

$$x(t, \varepsilon) = (1 - \varepsilon^2)^{-1/2} e^{-\varepsilon t} \sin\left((1 - \varepsilon^2)^{1/2} t\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varepsilon}(t, \varepsilon) &= \varepsilon (1 - \varepsilon^2)^{-3/2} e^{-\varepsilon t} \sin\left((1 - \varepsilon^2)^{1/2} t\right) \\ &\quad - t (1 - \varepsilon^2)^{-1/2} e^{-\varepsilon t} \sin\left((1 - \varepsilon^2)^{1/2} t\right) \\ &\quad - t \varepsilon (1 - \varepsilon^2)^{-1} e^{-\varepsilon t} \cos\left((1 - \varepsilon^2)^{1/2} t\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t, 0) = \sin(t),$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \varepsilon}(t, 0) = -t \sin t.$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t, \varepsilon) = \sin t - \varepsilon t \sin t + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2).$$

7.6.2) a) $x(t, \varepsilon) = \cos(t\sqrt{1+\varepsilon})$.

b) Plugging into the ODE:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\ddot{x}_0 + \varepsilon \ddot{x}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{x}_2 + o(\varepsilon^3)) \\ & + (\dot{x}_0 + \varepsilon \dot{x}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \dot{x}_2 + o(\varepsilon^3)) \\ & + \varepsilon (x_0 + \varepsilon x_1 + \varepsilon^2 x_2 + o(\varepsilon^3)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

At $O(1)$:

$$\ddot{x}_0 + \dot{x}_0 = 0$$

At $O(\varepsilon)$:

$$\ddot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_1 + x_0 = 0$$

At $O(\varepsilon^2)$:

$$\ddot{x}_2 + \dot{x}_2 + x_1 = 0$$

With boundary conditions:

$$x_0(0) = 1, \quad x_1(0) = 0, \quad x_2(0) = 0,$$

$$\dot{x}_0(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}_1(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}_2(0) = 0.$$

Solving the ODEs at $\mathcal{O}(1)$, $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$, and $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$ yields:

$$x_0(t) = \cos t,$$

$$x_1(t) = -\frac{1}{2}t \sin t$$

$$x_2(t) = -\frac{1}{8}t^2 \cos t - \frac{1}{8}t \sin t$$

c) Yes, because the term ε introduces a slow timescale due to the frequency shift.

7.6.3) a) $x(t, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon + (1 - \varepsilon) \cos t.$

b) Plugging into the ODE:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\ddot{x}_0 + \varepsilon \ddot{x}_1 + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{x}_2 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3)) \\ & + (x_0 + \varepsilon x_1 + \varepsilon^2 x_2 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3)) = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

At $\mathcal{O}(1)$: $\ddot{x}_0 + x_0 = 0$

At $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$: $\ddot{x}_1 + x_1 = 1$

$$\text{At } \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2): \ddot{x}_2 + x_2 = 0$$

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With boundary conditions:

$$x_0(0) = 1, \quad x_1(0) = 0, \quad x_2(0) = 0,$$
$$\dot{x}_0(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}_1(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}_2(0) = 0.$$

Solving these ODEs yields:

$$x_0(t) = \cos t,$$

$$x_1(t) = 1 - \cos t,$$

$$x_2(t) = 0.$$

c) No, there is only a single time scale, and in fact the solution is a power series in ε .