

Homework 4

Mathematical Modeling

Due: October 3, 2018

1 Problems for Everybody

1. In this problem we study 2×2 systems of linear ODEs:

$$\dot{y} = Ay, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

Classify the origin as a stable/unstable spiral, node, or saddle, and sketch the phase portrait for each of the following cases:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. Show that

$$x_1(t) = e^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t) \\ -\sin(\beta t) \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } x_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\beta t) \\ \cos(\beta t) \end{bmatrix}$$

are two solutions of the linear differential equation:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} x.$$

The principle of linear superposition ensure that all solutions can be written as a linear combination of x_1 and x_2 :

$$x(t) = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t).$$

Write $x(t)$ in the following form:

$$x(t) = ae^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t + \phi) \\ -\sin(\beta t + \phi) \end{bmatrix},$$

with $a = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$. The parameter ϕ is called the phase. Find an expression for the phase depending on c_1 and c_2 .

3. For a 2×2 matrix A prove that the eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,2}$ of A satisfy:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\text{Tr}(A)}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\text{Tr}(A))^2 - 4 \det(A)}.$$

Hint: You can use the fact that $\text{Tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ and $\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$.

Problems for Everybody

#1.

Classify the origin as stable/unstable spiral, node, or saddle, and sketch the phase portrait for the system $\dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x}$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues satisfy:

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = -4$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -2.$$

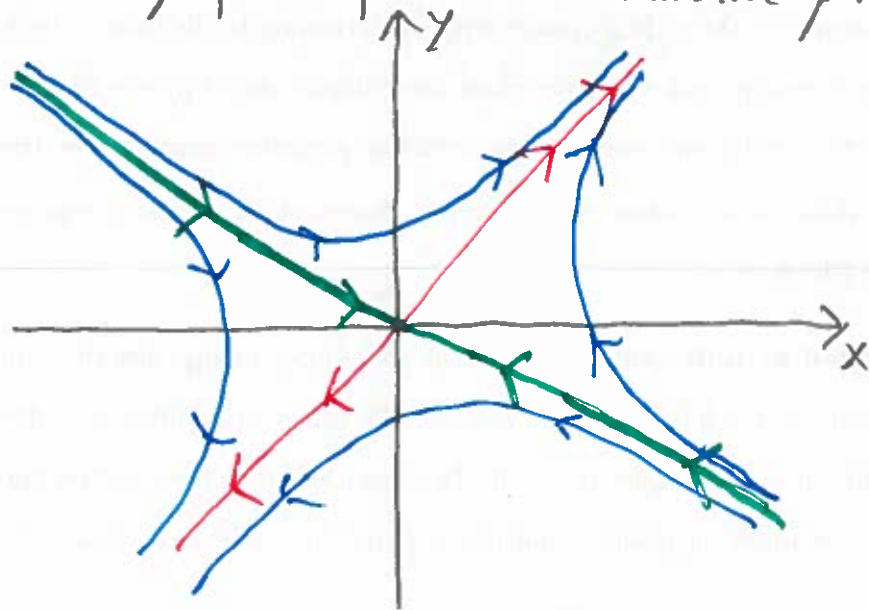
The eigenvectors are in the nullspace of the following matrices:

$$A_{\lambda_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A_{\lambda_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Consequently, eigenvectors \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 corresponding to λ_1 and λ_2 are given by:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The resulting phase portrait is therefore given by:



Saddle Node

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues satisfy:

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 4$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \frac{4}{\lambda_1} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1^2 - 5\lambda_1 + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda_1 - 4)(\lambda_1 - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = 1.$$

The eigenvectors are in the nullspace of the following matrices

$$A_{\lambda_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A_{\lambda_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Consequently, eigenvectors corresponding to λ_1 and λ_2 are given by:

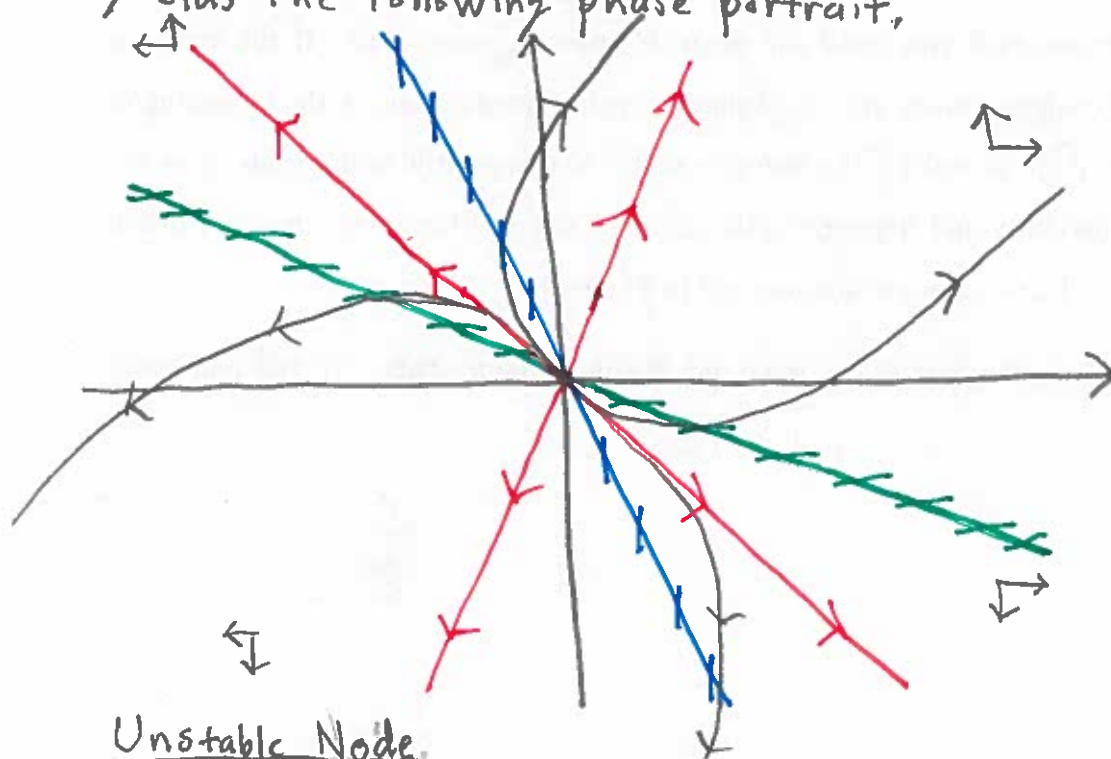
$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The nullclines for this system are given by:

$$\underline{N1}: y = -2x \quad (\dot{x} = 0)$$

$$\underline{N2}: y = -\frac{2}{3}x \quad (\dot{y} = 0).$$

This yields the following phase portrait:



Unstable Node

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues satisfy:

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 5$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \frac{5}{\lambda_1} = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1^2 + 2\lambda_1 + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20}}{2}$$

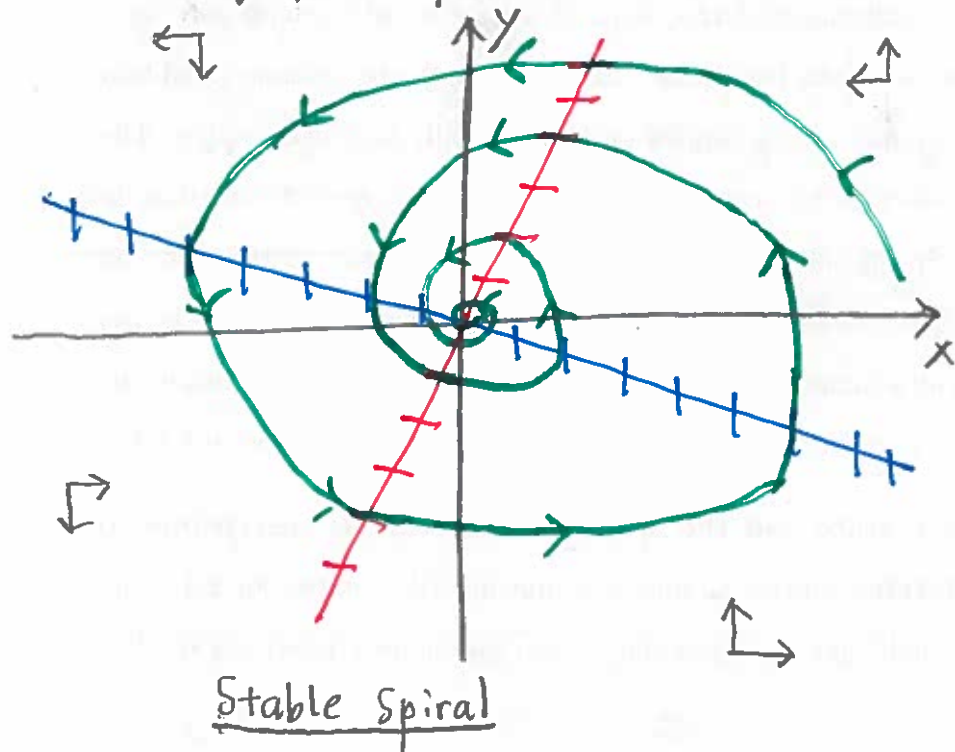
$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = -1 \pm 2i$$

Therefore, the origin is a stable spiral. The nullclines are given by:

$$N1: y = -\frac{1}{2}x \quad (\dot{x} = 0)$$

$$N2: y = 2x \quad (\dot{y} = 0)$$

The resulting phase portrait is therefore:



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \circ$$

The eigenvalues satisfy:

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 5$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \frac{5}{\lambda_1} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1^2 - 2\lambda_1 + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-20}}{2}$$

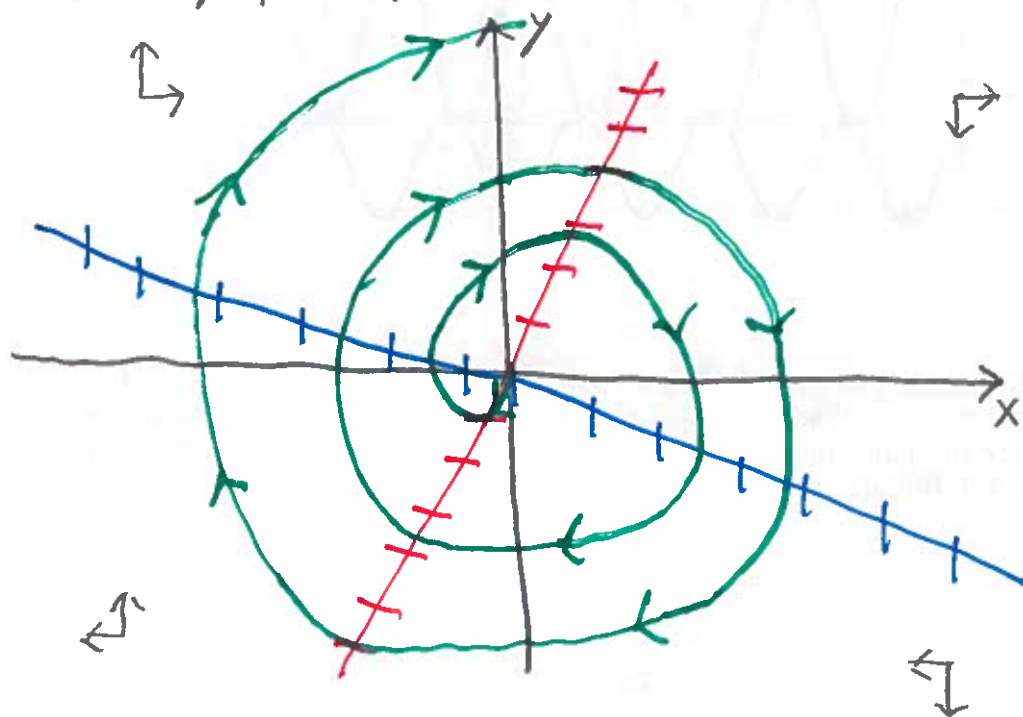
$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = 1 \pm 2i$$

Therefore, the origin is an unstable spiral. The nullclines are given by:

$$\underline{N1}: y = -\frac{1}{2}x \quad (\dot{x}=0)$$

$$\underline{N2}: y = 2x \quad (\dot{y}=0)$$

The resulting phase portrait is therefore:



Unstable Spiral

#2.

Show that solutions of the differential equation

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} x$$

are of the form

$$x(t) = ae^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t + \phi) \\ -\sin(\beta t + \phi) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

By direct computation two linearly independent solutions are given by:

$$x_1(t) = e^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t) \\ -\sin(\beta t) \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } x_2(t) = e^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\beta t) \\ \cos(\beta t) \end{bmatrix}$$

A generic solution can thus be expressed as

$$x(t) = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{\alpha t} \left(c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t) \\ -\sin(\beta t) \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\beta t) \\ \cos(\beta t) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2} e^{\alpha t} \left(\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t) \\ -\sin(\beta t) \end{bmatrix} + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\beta t) \\ \cos(\beta t) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2} e^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t + \phi) \\ -\sin(\beta t + \phi) \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\cos(\phi) = \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \text{ and } \sin(\phi) = -\frac{c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-c_2}{c_1}\right).$$

#3.

For a 2×2 matrix A prove that the eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,2}$ of A satisfy:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\text{Tr}(A)}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\text{Tr}(A))^2 - 4\det(A)}.$$

Solution:

Since $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \text{Tr}(A)$ and $\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$ it follows that

$$\lambda_1 + \frac{\det(A)}{\lambda_1} = \text{Tr}(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1^2 - \text{Tr}(A)\lambda_1 + \det(A) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\text{Tr}(A) \pm \sqrt{(\text{Tr}(A))^2 - 4\det(A)}}{2}$$

#4.

Analyze the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y \\ \dot{y} &= x \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

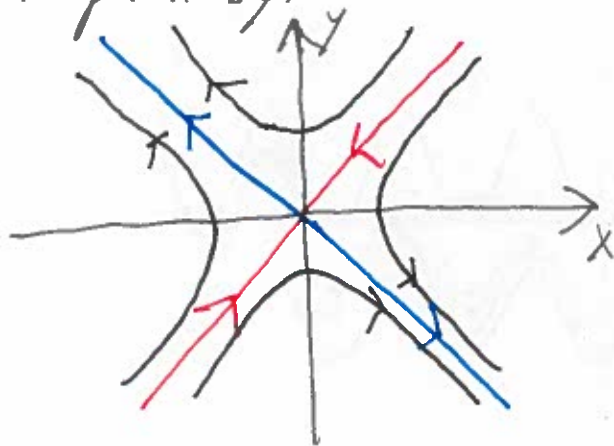
Calculating it follows that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int y dy = \int x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - x^2 = C,$$

where C is a constant. Consequently, the solution curves are hyperbolas if $C \neq 0$ and the lines $y = \pm x$ if $C = 0$. The resulting phase portrait is given by.



#5.

The motion of a damped harmonic oscillator is described by $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$, where $m, b, k > 0$ are constants.

a.) Rewrite the equation as a two-dimensional linear system.

Solution:

Let $v = \dot{x}$. The resulting system is then:

$$\dot{x} = v$$

$$\dot{v} = -\frac{b}{m}v - \frac{k}{m}x$$

b.) Classify the fixed point at the origin and sketch the phase portrait. How do your results relate to the standard notions of overdamped, critically damped, and underdamped vibrations?

Solution:

Let $\alpha = b/m$ and $\beta = k/m$. Then

$$\dot{x} = v$$

$$\dot{v} = -\alpha v - \beta x \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\beta & -\alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues satisfy:

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = -\alpha$$

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \frac{\beta}{\lambda_1} = -\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_1 \alpha + \beta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{-\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 4\beta}}{2}$$

The nullclines for this system are given by

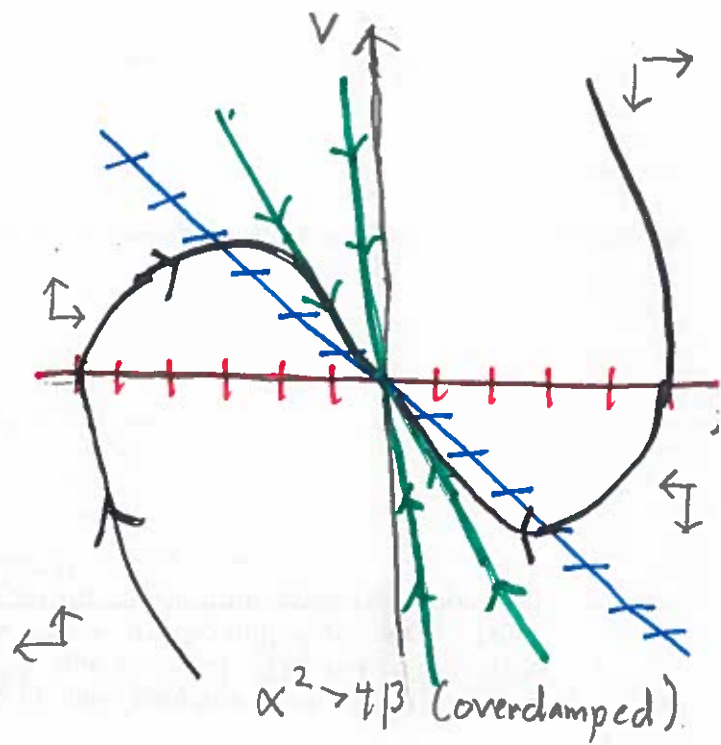
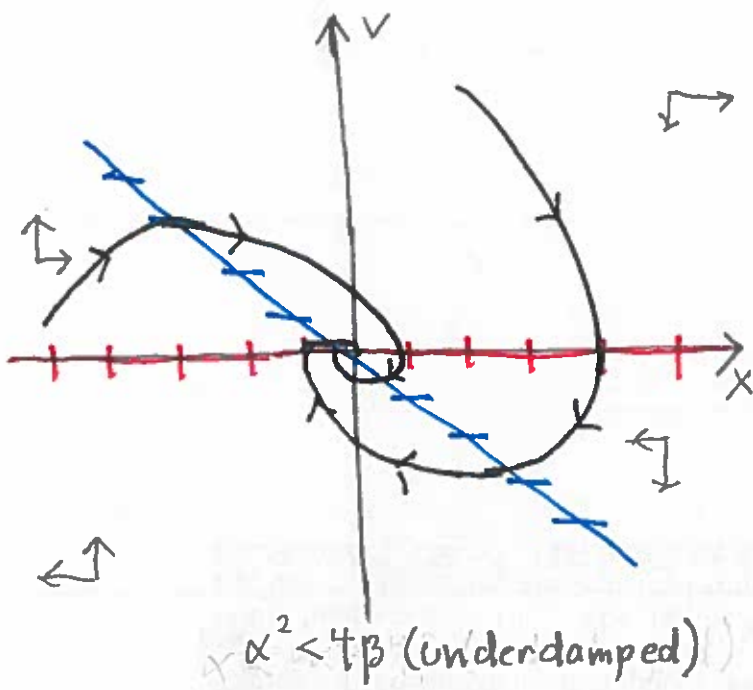
$$N1: v = 0 \quad (\dot{x} = 0)$$

$$N2: v = -\beta/\alpha x \quad (\dot{v} = 0)$$

The eigenvectors are given by:

$$\vec{v}_1 = \left[\frac{\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 4\beta}}{2\beta}, 1 \right]^T, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \left[\frac{-\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 4\beta}}{2\beta}, 1 \right]^T.$$

The phase portraits are therefore given by.



MST: 651 Problem

#1.

For each of the systems decide whether the origin is attracting, Liapunov stable, asymptotically stable, or none of the above.

a) $\dot{x} = y$ and $\dot{y} = -4$.

Solution!

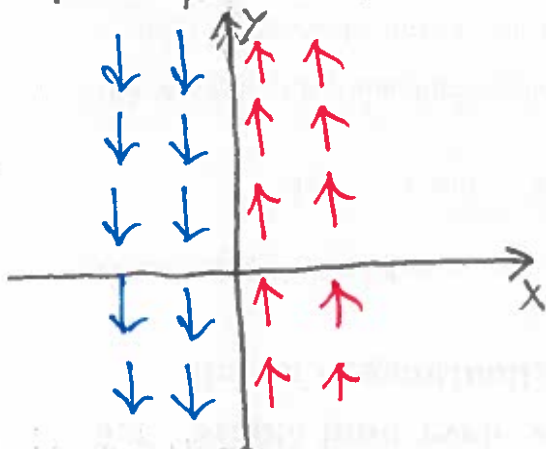
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \pm 2i.$$

Liapunov stable.

b) $\dot{x} = 0$, $\dot{y} = x$

Solution:

The phase portrait is



This is neither.

c.) $\dot{x} = -x, \dot{y} = -5y$

Solution:

The flow is inward towards $(0,0)$ and, thus $(0,0)$ is stable.

d.) $\dot{x} = 2y, \dot{y} = x$

Solution:

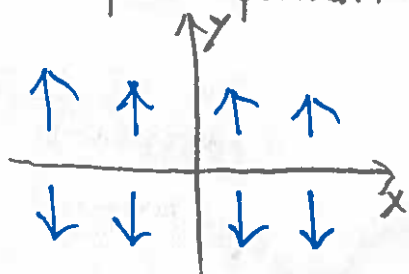
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \pm\sqrt{2}.$$

Consequently is neither Lyapunov stable or attracting.

e.) $\dot{x} = 0, \dot{y} = y$

Solution:

The phase portrait is given by



Clearly, this system is neither attracting or Lyapunov stable.

f.) $\dot{x} = x, \dot{y} = y$

Solution:

The flow is outward from $(0,0)$ and consequently $(0,0)$ is neither attracting or Lyapunov stable.