

9.9 Phase Plane for Autonomous System

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = F(x,y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = G(x,y)$$

First find the equilibrium points. These are points (x_0, y_0) so that $F(x_0, y_0) = 0$ and $G(x_0, y_0) = 0$.

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - y = F(x,y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x - y = G(x,y)$$

Equilibrium point $x^2 = y$ $x = y$ so $x^2 = x$ so

$x = 0, 1$ Equilibrium points $(0,0)$ and $(1,1)$

At an equilibrium point (x_0, y_0) you have the solution

$$x(t) = x_0 \quad y(t) = y_0.$$

You want to analyze the equilibrium point. Is it stable etc.

We want to analyze the equilibrium point (x_0, y_0) .

$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{New variables} \quad \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 + x(t) \\ y_0 + y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

so now $x(t), y(t)$ represent the displacement of $\vec{x}(t)$ from the equilibrium point (x_0, y_0) .

Now your equations of motion are

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = F(x+x_0, y+y_0)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = G(x+x_0, y+y_0)$$

and $(x(t), y(t)) = (0,0)$ is a solution.

Now we linearize the problem If F is differentiable at (x_0, y_0)

$$F(x+x_0, y+y_0) = F(x_0, y_0) + x \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + y \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + o(\sqrt{x^2+y^2})$$

$$\text{error } o(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2+y^2} e(x, y) \quad e(x, y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \rightarrow 0$$

We replace $F(x+x_0, y+y_0)$ by

$$F(x+x_0, y+y_0) \rightarrow ax + by \quad \text{with} \quad a = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \quad b = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

Likewise we replace $G(x+x_0, y+y_0)$ with

$$G(x+x_0, y+y_0) \rightarrow cx + dy \quad \text{with} \quad c = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \quad d = \frac{\partial G}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

And now we are back the linear problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax + by$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = cx + dy$$

Eigenvalues

Real and negative

Real and positive

Opposite sign

Complex with positive real part

Complex with negative real part

Pure imaginary

Type of Equilibrium Point

Stable node

Unstable node

Saddle

Unstable spiral

Stable spiral

Stable center (linear system)

Center or spiral point
stability indeterminate

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 - y = F$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x - y = G$$

Find and classify the equilibrium points

$$x^2 = y \quad x = y \quad x^2 = x \quad \text{so } x = 0, 1$$

Equilibrium points (0,0) (1,1)

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = 1 \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = -1$$

$$(0,0) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr}(A) = -1 \quad \det(A) = 1$$

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 = 0 \quad \lambda = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4}}{2}$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i$$

stable spiral

(1,1)

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

$$\text{tr}(A) = 1 \quad \det(A) = -2+1 = -1$$

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5}-1) \quad -\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5} + 1)$$

positive negative alternate sign

Saddle point.

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y(t) \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -4 \sin(x(t)) - \frac{y(t)}{25}$$

Equilibrium points

$$y = 0 \quad -4 \sin(x) - y/25 = 0$$

$$y = 0 \quad \sin(x) = 0 \quad x = n\pi \quad y = 0$$

$$a = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \quad b = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

$$c = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \quad d = \frac{\partial G}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

$$F(x, y) = y \quad \text{so } a = 0 \quad b = 1$$

$$G(x, y) = -4 \sin(x) - y/25$$

$$c = -4 \cos(x) \quad d = -1/25$$

$$x = n\pi$$

$$c = -4 \quad n \text{ even} \quad c = 4 \quad n \text{ odd}$$

$$n \text{ even} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -\frac{1}{25} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{\lambda}{25} + 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-0.04 \pm \sqrt{0.0016 - 16}}{2}$$

stable spiral

$$n \text{ odd} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & -\frac{1}{25} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{\lambda}{25} - 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-0.04 \pm \sqrt{0.0016 + 16}}{2}$$

Saddle

Remark Systems of differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2x - y + 7z \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x - y + 3z \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = -x + y - z$$

Same as

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{r}(t)$$