

## 12.3 Almost Linear Systems

An autonomous system

$$x' = ax + by + F(x, y)$$

$$y' = cx + dy + G(x, y)$$

is almost linear at the origin if

$$\frac{F(x, y)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \frac{G(x, y)}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \rightarrow 0$ . If it is almost linear then we can classify the critical point of the corresponding linear system ( $x' = ax + by$ ,  $y' = cx + dy$ )

by using the following chart.

The eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  are the roots mentioned.

<u>Roots</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Stability</u> - (you won't be given this)
distinct, +	improper node	Unstable
distinct, -	improper node	asymptotically stable
opposite signs	saddle pt	Unstable
equal, +	Improper node or proper node or spiral pt	unstable
equal, -	improper node or proper node or spiral pt	asymptotically stable
$r = \alpha \pm \beta i, \alpha > 0$	spiral	Unstable
$r = \alpha \pm \beta i, \alpha < 0$	spiral	asymptotically stable
$r = \pm \beta i$	center or spiral	Indeterminate

Mostly this is the same chart as before, but there are a few changes which I've circled.

Indeterminate because it could be stable (if it is a center) or unstable or asymptotically stable (if it is a spiral)

3) Show that the given system  
is almost linear near the  
origin & discuss the type &  
stability of the critical pt at  
the origin

1.  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x + 2y - y^2$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 2y + xy$$

\* Note: they aren't asking us  
to find & classify all critical  
pts, just the one at the  
origin.

First we'll show it is almost  
linear:

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

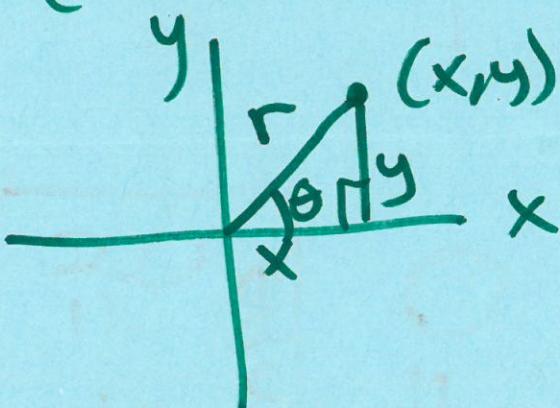
$$G(x,y) = xy$$

4) we need to show

$$\frac{F}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \rightarrow 0$$

Usual technique for doing this  
is to switch to polar coordinates

Recall: In polar coordinates  
(used in Calc 3):



$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \\ x^2 + y^2 &= r^2 \end{aligned}}$$

$r$  is the distance from  
the origin to our point.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} &= \frac{-y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \frac{-(r \sin \theta)^2}{\sqrt{r^2}} = \frac{-r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{r} \\ &= -r \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \rightarrow 0$  is the same as  
 $\sqrt{r^2} \rightarrow 0$  or  $r \rightarrow 0^+$

$$5) \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} -r \sin^2 \theta = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

We need to show  $\frac{G}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \rightarrow 0$   
as well

$$\frac{G}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \frac{r \cos \theta r \sin \theta}{\sqrt{r^2}} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $r \rightarrow 0$  ✓

So this is almost linear

To classify the critical point  
at the origin, set  $F=G=0$   
to get

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x + 2y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 2y$$

$$|A-rI| = \begin{vmatrix} 3-r & 2 \\ -2 & -2-r \end{vmatrix} = (3-r)(-2-r) + 4 =$$

$$(r-2)(r+1) - 2 = 0$$

$$6) \underline{r_1=2, r_2=-1}$$

(0,0) is an unstable saddle

Find all the critical points  
& classify them

$$9. \frac{dx}{dt} = 16 - xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x - y^3$$

Set  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$  &  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$  to find  
critical points

$$16 - xy = 0$$

$$x - y^3 = 0 \rightarrow x = y^3$$

$$16 - xy = 0$$

$$16 - y^3y = 0$$

$$16 - y^4 = 0 \leftrightarrow (4 - y^2)(4 + y^2) = 0$$

$$7) (4-y^2)(4+y^2) = 0 \quad \text{Fun w/ difference of squares!}$$

$$(2+y)(2-y)(4+y^2) = 0$$

$$y = -2, y = 2 \quad 4+y^2 \neq 0$$

If  $y = -2$ ,  $x = (-2)^3 = -8$  for real valued  $y$

If  $y = 2$ ,  $x = (2)^3 = 8$

Two critical points  $(-8, -2)$  &  $(8, 2)$ .

\* Since neither critical point is at the origin we'll need to shift both of them.

Starting w/  $(-8, -2)$

$$x = u + a \quad y = v + b$$

$$x = u - 8 \quad y = v - 2$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{du}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

8) Plugging into our d.e

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= 16 - (u-8)(v-2) \\ &= 16 - [uv - 8v - 2u + 16] \\ &= -uv + 8v + 2u \\ &= 2u + 8v - \underline{uv} \quad \text{F}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dv}{dt} &= (u-8) - (v-2)^3 \quad ; \\ &= u-8 - (v-2)(v^2-4v+4) \\ &= u-8 - [v^3 - \underline{4v^2} + 4v - 2\underline{v^2} + 8v - 8] \\ &= u-8 - v^3 + 6v^2 - 12v + 8 \\ &= u-12v - \underline{v^3 + 6v^2} \quad \text{G}\end{aligned}$$

If we wanted to show its almost linear at  $(-8, -2)$  we would use this  $F \& G$

$$9) A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 1 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A-rI| = \begin{vmatrix} 2-r & 8 \\ 1 & -12-r \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$(2-r)(-12-r) - 8 =$$

$$-24 + 10r + r^2 - 8 =$$

$$r^2 + 10r - 32 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4(-32)}}{2} \leftarrow$$

positive  
number  
under  
the sqrt

$$= \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{228}}{2}$$

$$r_1 > 0, r_2 < 0$$

$(-8, -2)$  unstable saddle

10) we need to do the same thing for our other critical point

$$x = u + 8 \quad y = v + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= 16 - (u+8)(v+2) \\ &= 16 - uv - 8v - 2u - 16 \\ &= \underbrace{-2u}_{a} - \underbrace{8v}_{b} - \underbrace{uv}_{F}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dv}{dt} &= (u+8) - (v+2)^3 \\ &= u + 8 - (v^3 + 6v^2 + 12v + 8) \\ &= \underbrace{u}_{c} - \underbrace{12v}_{d} - \underbrace{v^3 + 6v^2}_{G}\end{aligned}$$

used Pascal's triangle on a separate sheet of paper -- took longer than just multiplying out

$$\text{11) } A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -8 \\ 1 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A-rI| = \begin{vmatrix} -2-r & -8 \\ 1 & -12-r \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-2-r)(-12-r) + 8$$

$$= r^2 + 14r + 24 + 8$$

$$= r^2 + 14r + 32 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-14 \pm \sqrt{14^2 - 4(32)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-14 \pm \sqrt{22 \cdot 7^2 - 4(32)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-14 \pm \sqrt{4 \cdot 49 - 4(32)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-14 \pm \sqrt{4(49-32)}}{2}$$

I forgot  
that  
calculators  
exist

$$12) r = \frac{-14 \pm \sqrt{4(17)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-14 \pm 2\sqrt{17}}{2}$$

$$= -7 \pm \sqrt{17}$$

$$r_1 = -7 + \sqrt{17}, \quad r_2 = -7 - \sqrt{17}$$

little  
bigger  
than 4

Whole point of this, is that

$$r_1 < 0 \text{ and } r_2 < 0$$

(8, 2) is therefore an  
asymptotically stable  
improper node