

Comparison Theorem by Sturm

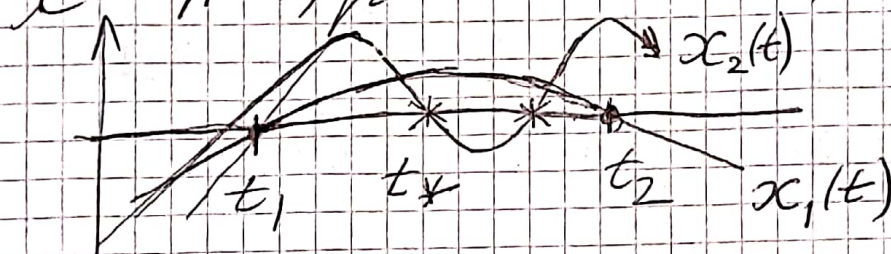
simpler version

$$\ddot{y}_1 + q_1(t)y_1 = 0 \quad \ddot{y}_2 + q_2(t)y_2 = 0$$

change notation: x instead of y
in order to keep the notation
from previous years (exercises, tests)

$$\ddot{x}_1 + q_1(t)x_1 = 0 \quad \ddot{x}_2 + q_2(t)x_2 = 0$$

$q_1(t), q_2(t)$ - continuous, $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1(t_1) = x_2(t_2) = 0 \\ t_1 < t < t_2 \Rightarrow x_1(t) \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} t_1, t_2 \text{ are consecutive} \\ \text{zeros of } x_1(t) \end{array}$$

$$q_1(t) \leq q_2(t) \text{ for any } t \in [t_1, t_2]$$

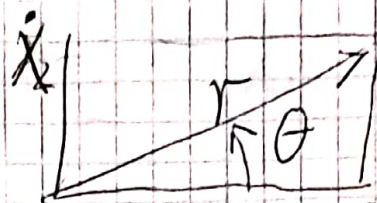
Theorem There are only 2 options:

1) there exists $t_* \in (t_1, t_2)$: $x_2(t_*) = 0$
(in particular $x_2(t) \equiv 0$ is possible)

2) $\exists \lambda \neq 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$: $x_2(t) = \lambda x_1(t)$ over $[t_1, t_2]$
and $q_1(t) \equiv q_2(t)$ for any $t \in [t_1, t_2]$

"solutions of faster equations
have more zeros"

Proof



$$x_1 = r \cos \theta$$

$$x_2 = r \sin \theta$$

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$$\ddot{x} + q(t)x = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = -(\sin^2 \theta + q(t)\cos^2 \theta)$$

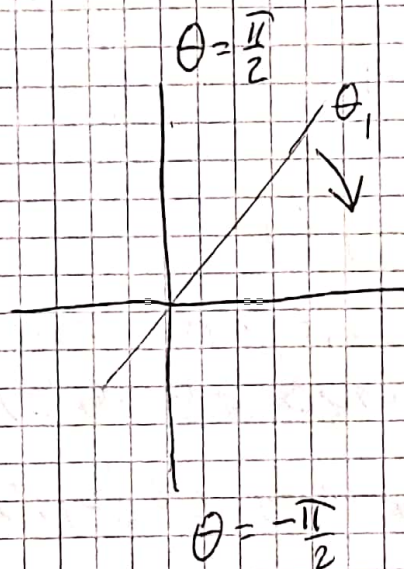
Thus let $\dot{\theta}_1 = -(\sin^2 \theta_1 + q_1(t)\cos^2 \theta_1)$

If: $x_2(t) \equiv 0$ $\dot{\theta}_2 = -(\sin^2 \theta_2 + q_2(t)\cos^2 \theta_2)$

$x_1(t_1) = 0, \dot{x}_1(t_1) \neq 0$ since $x_1(t) \neq 0$

by multiplication $\pm 1 \Rightarrow \theta_1(t_1) > 0, \theta_1(t_1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

If $x_2(t) \neq 0$ then $\dot{x}_2(t_1) \geq 0, \theta_2(t_1) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



$$\theta_2(t_1) \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$|\theta_2(t_1)| \leq \theta_1(t_1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$q_2(t) \geq q_1(t)$$

$$\theta_1(t_2) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\dot{\theta}_2(t) = -(\sin^2 \theta_2(t) + q_2(t)\cos^2 \theta_2(t))$$

$$\dot{\theta}_2(t) \leq -(\sin^2 \theta_2(t) + q_1(t)\cos^2 \theta_2(t)) = F(t, \theta_2(t))$$

$$\dot{\theta}_1(t) = -(\sin^2 \theta_1(t) + q_1(t)\cos^2 \theta_1(t)) = F(t, \theta_1(t))$$

According to the theorem we proved a week ago

1) $\theta_2(t_1) < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \theta_2(t) < \theta_1(t)$ for $t \in [t_1, t_2]$
 $\Rightarrow \theta_2(t_2) < -\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow$ on the way $\theta_2 = -\frac{\pi}{2}$
for some $t_* \in (t_1, t_2)$
 $\Rightarrow x_2(t_*) = 0$

further let $\theta_2(t_1) = \theta_1(t_1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ 93

$$\Rightarrow \theta_2(t_2) \leq \theta_1(t_2) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$2) \theta_2(t_2) < -\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \exists t_* \in (t_1, t_2) : \theta_2 = -\frac{\pi}{2} \\ \Rightarrow x_2(t_*) = 0$$

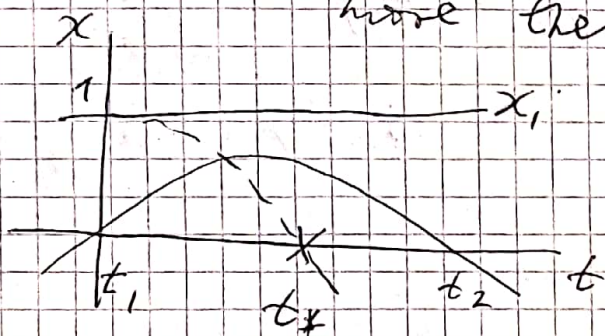
$$3) \theta_2(t_2) = \theta_1(t_2) \Rightarrow \theta_1(t) \equiv \theta_2(t) \\ \Rightarrow \exists \lambda : x_2(t) = \lambda x_1(t) \quad \text{over } [t_1, t_2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_1 \equiv \theta_2 \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_1 + q_1(t) \cos^2 \theta_1 = \sin^2 \theta_1 + q_2(t) \cos^2 \theta_1 \\ = \theta_1(t) \Rightarrow q_1 = q_2 \text{ whenever } \cos^2 \theta_1 \neq 0$$

$$\cos \theta_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{separated points in time}$$

$\Rightarrow$ By continuity of $q_1(t), q_2(t)$ $q_1 = q_2$ also there
Q.E.D.

Example If $\ddot{x} + q(t)x = 0, q(t) \leq 0$
 $\Rightarrow$ solution $x(t)$ cannot have
more than one zero if $x(t) \neq 0$



comparison: $\ddot{x}_1 = 0$

$$q_1 \equiv 0$$

solution $x_1(t) \equiv 1$

$$\text{If } x_1(t_1) > x_1(t_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists t_* : x_2(t_*) = 0$$

$$1 = 0$$

Another way: If $x(t_1) > 0$

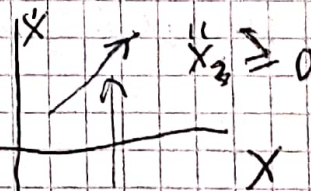
$$\dot{x}(t_1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) > 0 \quad \forall t > t_1$$

$$x(t_1) < 0$$

$$\dot{x}(t_1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) < 0 \quad \forall t > t_1$$



rotation is impossible

"Large" (original) comparison theorem ⁹⁴ Sturm (1836)

$$(p(t)\dot{x})' + q(t)x \geq 0, \quad p(t) > 0$$

obtained in the Sturm-Liouville theory $p \in C^1, q \in C$

$$(p_1(t)\dot{x}_1)' + q_1(t)x_1 = 0 \quad (p_2(t)\dot{x}_2)' + q_2(t)x_2 = 0 \quad p_1, p_2 > 0$$

t_1, t_2 - consecutive zeros of x_1 ,
 $x_1(t_1) = x_1(t_2) = 0, t_1 < t_2, \forall t \in (t_1, t_2): x_1(t) \neq 0$

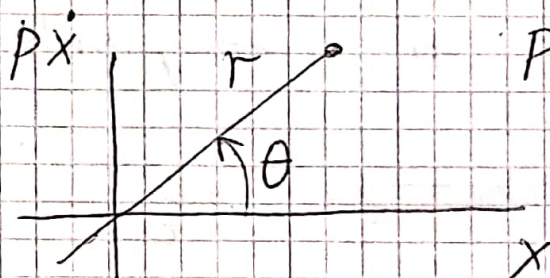
$$p_1(t) \geq p_2(t), \quad q_1(t) \leq q_2(t) \text{ over } [t_1, t_2]$$

Theorem: ~~Except of~~ There are two options only

$$1) \exists t_* \in (t_1, t_2): x_2(t_*) = 0$$

$$2) \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}: x_2(t) \equiv \lambda x_1(t) \quad (\text{Picone } 1910) \\ \lambda \neq 0$$

Proof



Prüfer coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad p\dot{x} = r \sin \theta$$

calculation

$$\operatorname{tg} \theta = \frac{p\dot{x}}{x}$$

$$\operatorname{ctg} \theta = \frac{x}{p\dot{x}}$$

$$\frac{\dot{\theta}}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{(p\dot{x})'x - p\dot{x}^2}{x^2} =$$

$$-\frac{\dot{\theta}}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{\dot{x}^2 p - (p\dot{x})'x}{(p\dot{x})^2}$$

$$= \frac{-q r^2 \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{p} r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{r^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

In both cases get

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Will be used at the end of course

$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{1}{P(t)} \sinh^2 \Theta - q(t) \cosh^2 \Theta$$

Like previously get $\Theta_1(t_1) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \Theta_1(t_2) = \frac{\pi}{2}$
 $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \Theta_2(t_1) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\dot{\Theta}_2 \leq -\frac{1}{P_1(t)} \sinh^2 \Theta_2 - q_1(t) \cosh^2 \Theta_2 = F(t, \Theta_2)$$

$\dot{\Theta}_1 = F(t, \Theta_1)$ continuous, Lipschitzian with respect to Θ_1 and t

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \Theta_2(t_1) < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \Theta_2(t) < \Theta_1(t) \\ \forall t \in [t_1, t_2] \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \exists t_* : \Theta_2(t_*) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$t_* \in (t_1, t_2)$
 $X_2 = 0$

$$2) \left[\begin{array}{l} \Theta_2(t_1) = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \Theta_2(t) \leq \Theta_1(t) \\ \forall t \in [t_1, t_2] \end{array} \right]$$

$$2a) \Theta_2(t_2) \leq -\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \exists t_* \Theta_2(t_*) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$X_2(t_*) = 0$

$$2b) \Theta_2(t_1) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \Theta_2(t_2) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

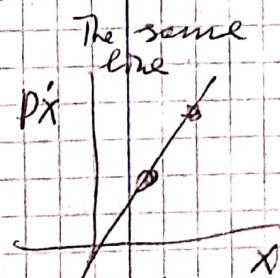
$\Theta_1(t_1) \quad \Theta_1(t_2)$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta_1(t) \equiv \Theta_2(t) \Rightarrow \exists \lambda \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \dot{X}_1 = \lambda \dot{X}_2 \\ X_2 = \lambda X_1 \end{array} \right] \text{ at some } t$$

is kept forever!

QED



1836 Sturm Separation Theorem: $q_1 \neq q_2, P_1 \equiv P_2$
 $X_1 \neq X_2, X_1, X_2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ exactly one zero t_* ~~between~~ ⁱⁿ (t_1, t_2)
 Proof: using twice $\Rightarrow$ not consecutive zeros

Example $\ddot{x} + \frac{1}{4(t^2+1)} x = 0$

There are not more than one positive zero to $x(t) \neq 0$

Proof! $\frac{1}{4(t^2+1)} \leq \frac{1}{4t^2}$ compare

$\ddot{X} + \frac{1}{4t^2} X = 0$ $t^2 \ddot{X} + \frac{1}{4} X = 0, t > 0$

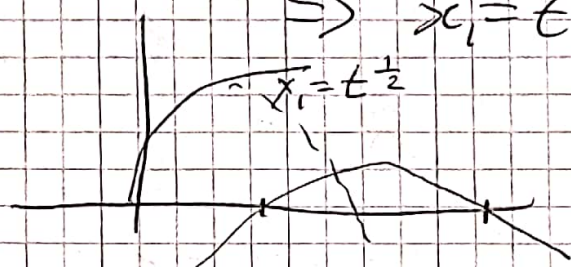
Euler equation

search the solution in the form $x = t^r$

$t^2 r(r-1) t^{r-2} + \frac{1}{4} t^r = 0$

$r(r-1) + \frac{1}{4} = 0$ $r^2 - r + \frac{1}{4} = (r - \frac{1}{2})^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x_1 = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is a solution



contradiction
to the Sturm theorem
our solution

Theorem $\ddot{x} + q(t)x = 0$

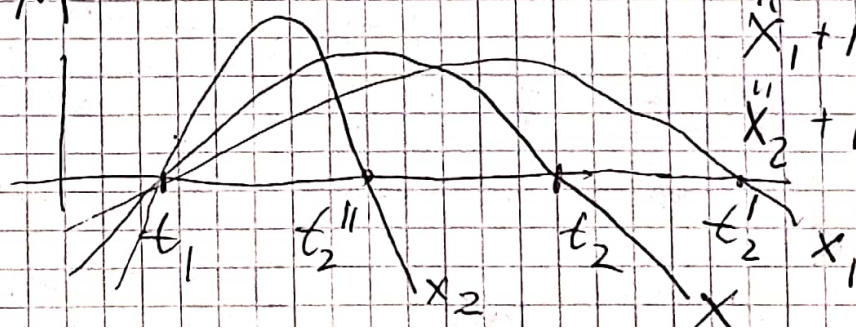
$0 < m \leq q(t) \leq M$

Let $x(t) \neq 0$, t_1, t_2 be consecutive zeros
 $t_1 < t_2$, $x(t_1) = x(t_2) = 0$, $\forall t \in (t_1, t_2): x(t) \neq 0$

Then $\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{M}} \leq t_2 - t_1 \leq \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{m}}$

Proof

$t_2' - t_1 = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{m}}$
 $t_2'' - t_1 = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{M}}$



Theorem $\ddot{x} + q(t)x = 0 \quad q \in C \quad 0 < m \leq q \leq M \quad 97$

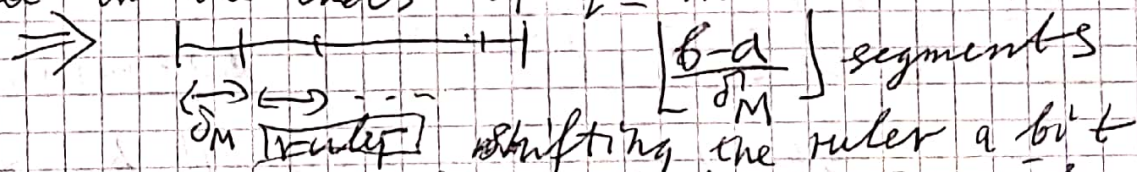
The number of zeros of any nontrivial (nonzero) solution $x(t)$ in the segment $[a, b]$ satisfies the inequality $\left\lfloor \frac{b-a}{\delta_m} \right\rfloor \leq N \leq \left\lfloor \frac{b-a}{\delta_M} \right\rfloor + 1$,

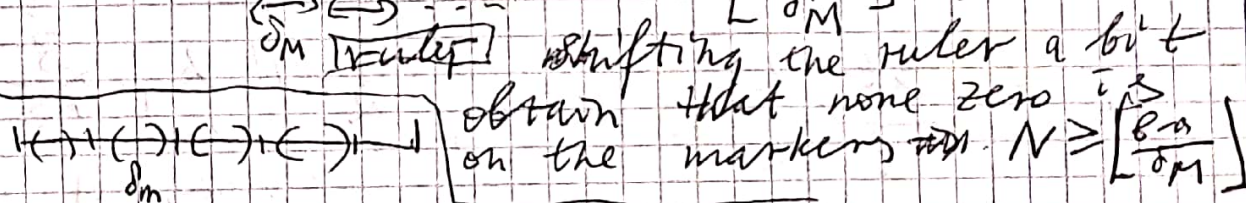
$\delta_m = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{M}}$ (small), $\delta_M = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{m}}$ (larger value)

$\lfloor Z \rfloor$ is the maximal integer number not exceeding Z , $\lfloor 1 \rfloor = 1$, $\lfloor 0.99 \rfloor = 0$,
 $\lfloor -0.5 \rfloor = -1$, $\lfloor -2.99 \rfloor = -3$

Proof The distance between two consecutive zeros $\delta_m \leq \Delta \leq \delta_M$

Moreover, there is a zero between any two numbers $\xi, \xi + \delta_M$. zeros can be on the ends if $\xi \equiv m$



 δ_m shifting the ruler a bit obtain that none zero is on the markers $N \geq \left\lfloor \frac{b-a}{\delta_m} \right\rfloor$

On the other hand between each two consecutive zeros one can insert a segment of the length δ_m .

The number of such segments is $\left\lfloor \frac{b-a}{\delta_m} \right\rfloor$

The number of their ends $\left\lfloor \frac{b-a}{\delta_m} \right\rfloor + 1 \geq N$ QED

Example How many zeros
have ~~nontrivial~~ solutions of

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + \frac{4t+3}{t+2}x = 0$$

on the segment $[100, 105]$?

Solution Transform the
equation into the form $\ddot{z} + q(t)z = 0$
 $\mu(t)$ - the integration factor

$z = \mu x$, $\mu > 0$, $\mu \in C^1$
search for μ

$$\ddot{z} = \mu \ddot{x} + 2\dot{\mu} \dot{x} + \ddot{\mu} x$$

$$\underbrace{\mu \ddot{x} + 2\dot{\mu} \dot{x} + \ddot{\mu} x - \ddot{\mu} x}_{\ddot{z}} + \underbrace{\frac{4t+3}{t+2}x - \ddot{\mu} x}_{\left(\frac{4t+3}{t+2} - \frac{\ddot{\mu}}{\mu}\right)z} = 0$$

$$\dot{\mu} \dot{x} = \mu \ddot{x} \Rightarrow \dot{\mu} = \mu$$

$\mu = e^t$ can be taken, $\ddot{\mu} = \dot{\mu} = \mu$

$$\ddot{z} + \left(\frac{4t+3}{t+2} - 1\right)z = 0$$

$$\ddot{z} + \frac{3t+2}{t+2}z = 0$$

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$$2 \leq \frac{3t+2}{t+2} = q \leq 3$$

$t \in [100, 105]$

Remark $\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + \frac{4t+3\varphi(t)}{t+2}x = 0$

$\varphi \in [0, 1]$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{z} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{4t+3\varphi(t)}{t+2} - 1\right)}_{\tilde{q}} z = 0$$

$2 \leq \tilde{q} \leq 3$
still

The distance between the consecutive zeros satisfies

$$\sqrt{3}=1.7... \left\{ \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} = \delta_m \leq \Delta \leq \delta_M = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \right\}, \sqrt{2}=1.41... \quad \pi=3.14...$$

$$b-a = 105-100 = 5$$

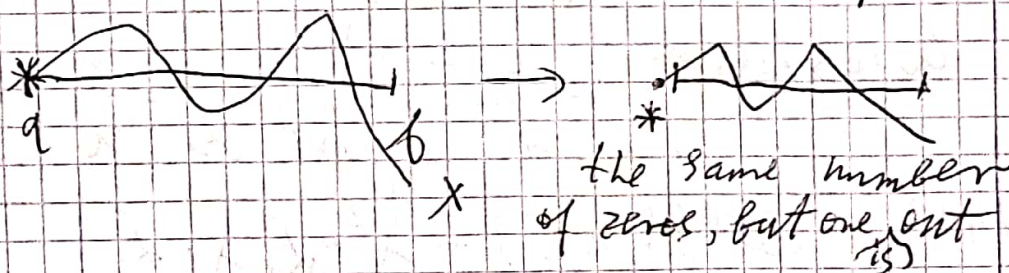
$$\left\lfloor \frac{b-a}{\delta_M} \right\rfloor \leq N \leq \left\lfloor \frac{b-a}{\delta_m} \right\rfloor + 1 = \left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot 5}{\pi} \right\rfloor + 1$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{5 \cdot \sqrt{2}}{3.14} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{7}{3.14} \right\rfloor = 2 \quad \left\lfloor \frac{8.5}{3.1} \right\rfloor + 1 = 3$$

strict!

$$2 \leq N \leq 3$$

The difference cannot be less!



Question: For

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + \frac{4t+3\varphi(t)}{t+2} x = 0, \quad \varphi(t) \in [a, 1] \quad (*)$$

the inequality will be the same
 $2 \leq N \leq 3, \quad \tilde{a} \in [2, 3]$

Question

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + \frac{4t+3\cos^2(x^2/1000t)}{t+2} x = 0$$

Answer Consider any solution $x_*(t)$

Then it satisfies the equation $(*)$

$$\text{for } \varphi(t) = \cos^2(x_*(t)^2 + 1000t) \Rightarrow 2 \leq N \leq 3$$

100 autonomous Critical points of linear ODEs in the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$

Critical points, singular points,
 equilibrium (equilibria)
 (many)

$$\dot{x} = Ax + b, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Let $Ax_0 + b = 0 \Rightarrow x_0$ is a critical point

Then $y = x - x_0 \Rightarrow \dot{y} = \dot{x} = A(y + x_0) + b = Ay$

$\dot{y} = Ay$

$\Rightarrow$ Consider $\boxed{\dot{x} = Ax, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2}$

The critical point is $x = 0$

$$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 + \alpha_1 \lambda + \alpha_2$$

Characteristic Polynomial

λ_1, λ_2 - roots

1. $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$Ae_i = \lambda_i e_i, i=1,2, e_1, e_2$ are eigenvectors

Coordinate transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = E z, \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

columns

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 \end{bmatrix} \dot{z} = A \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 \end{bmatrix} z = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 e_1 & \lambda_2 e_2 \end{bmatrix} z$$

$$E \dot{z} = E \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} z$$

10)

$$\dot{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} z \quad \begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 = \lambda_1 z_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 = \lambda_2 z_2 \end{cases}$$

$$z_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t} z_1(0), \quad z_2 = e^{\lambda_2 t} z_2(0)$$

$$z = z_1(0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} + z_2(0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

$$x = [e_1 \ e_2] z = z_1(0) e^{\lambda_1 t} e_1 + z_2(0) e^{\lambda_2 t} e_2$$

a. $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$

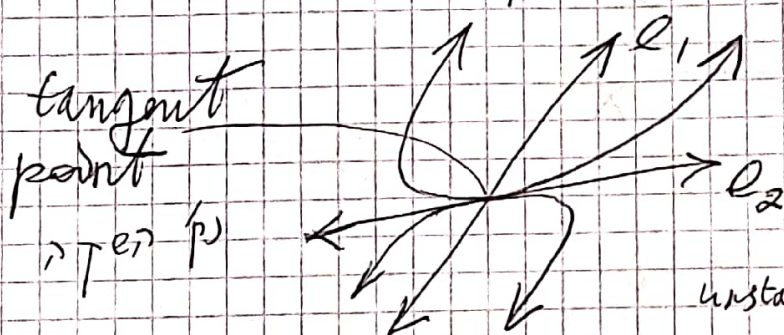
$$t \rightarrow \infty \quad \frac{z_2}{z_1} = \frac{z_2(0)}{z_1(0)} e^{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{\dot{z}_2}{\dot{z}_1} \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{z_1}{z_2} \rightarrow \pm \infty$$

$$t \rightarrow -\infty \quad \frac{z_2}{z_1} \rightarrow \pm \infty, \quad \frac{z_1}{z_2} \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{\dot{z}_1}{\dot{z}_2} \rightarrow 0$$

unstable
knot

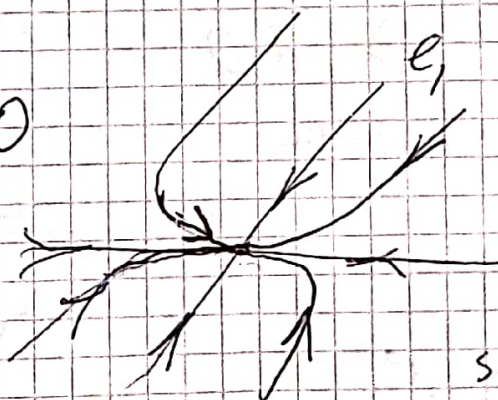
rep. p.



unstable nodal point
nodal source

b. $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$

reversed time

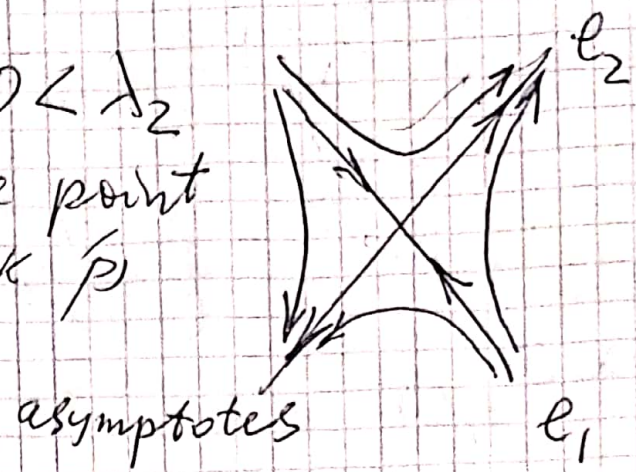


stable
knot point

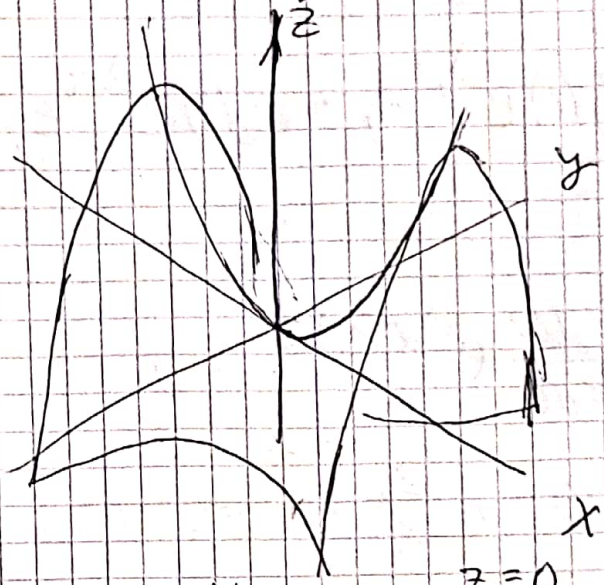
attract. p.

stable nodal
point

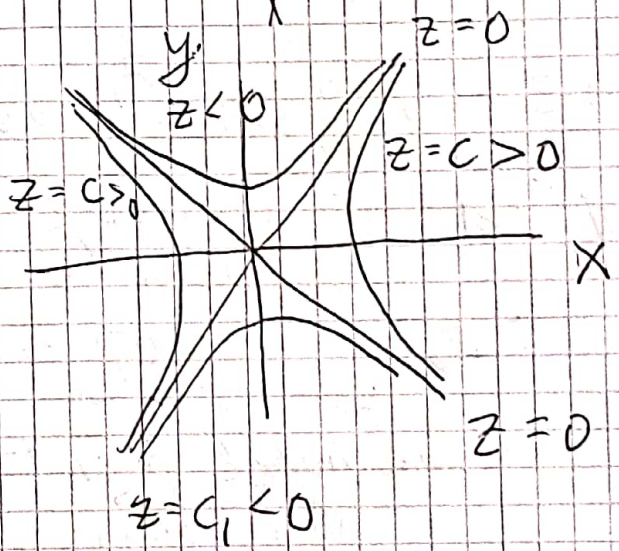
C, $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$
 saddle point
 $f > 1/k \bar{p}$



Mathematical saddle $z = x^2 - y^2$

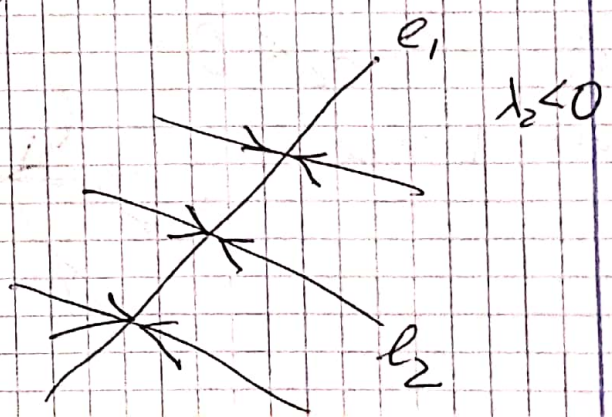
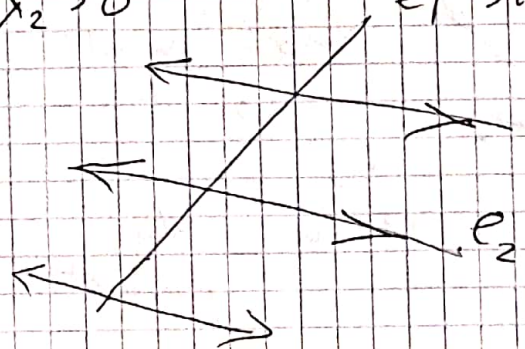


parabole zy
 slides along
 the parabole zx



just similarity

d, $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0$
 $\lambda_2 > 0$
 e_1 static

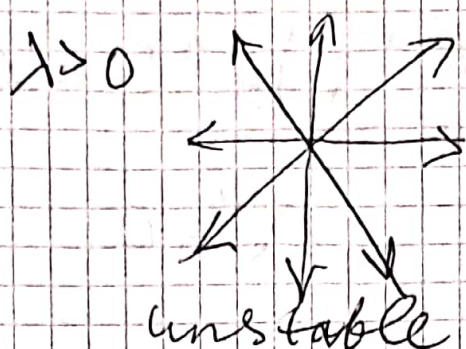


$$1. \quad \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda \quad x = z_1 e_1 + z_2 e_2$$

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$$Ax = z_1 \lambda e_1 + z_2 \lambda e_2 = \lambda x$$

Each vector $\neq 0$ is an eigenvector



star point
 $\lambda \neq 0$



2. $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, there is a generalized eigenvector

$$Ae_1 = \lambda e_1, \quad (A - \lambda I)e_1 = 0 \quad \text{eigen vector}$$

$$Ae_2 = \lambda e_2 + e_1, \quad (A - \lambda I)e_2 = e_1 \quad \text{generalized e.v. corresponding to } e_1$$

e_2 is not unique $\tilde{e}_2 = e_2 + \mu e_1$ also is a generalized e.v. for $\forall \mu \in \mathbb{R}$

$$x = [e_1, e_2] z = z_1 e_1 + z_2 e_2 \quad \text{coordinate transformation}$$

$$[e_1, e_2] \dot{z} = Ax = [\lambda e_1, \lambda e_2 + e_1] z$$

$$[e_1, e_2]^{-1}: e_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{z} = [e_1, e_2]^{-1} [\lambda e_1, \lambda e_2 + e_1] z = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} z$$

Jordan block

$$\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda I + \Delta, \Delta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad 104$$

$$z(t) = e^{\lambda t} z(0), \quad e^{\lambda t} = e^{\lambda I t} \cdot e^{\Delta t} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda t} \end{pmatrix} e^{\Delta t} = e^{\lambda t} e^{\Delta t}$$

$$e^{\Delta t} = I + \frac{\Delta}{1!} t + \frac{\Delta^2}{2!} t^2 + \dots \quad \Delta^2 = 0$$

$$z(t) = e^{\lambda t} (I + \Delta t) z(0) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda t} & t e^{\lambda t} \\ 0 & e^{\lambda t} \end{pmatrix} z(0)$$

$$z_1(t) = z_1(0) e^{\lambda t} + z_2(0) t e^{\lambda t}$$

$$z_2(t) = z_2(0) e^{\lambda t}$$

$$x(t) = [e_1 \ e_2] z = z_1(t) e_1 + z_2(t) e_2$$

$$x(t) = e^{\lambda t} [z_1(0) e_1 + z_2(0) (t e_1 + e_2)]$$

$$\lambda > 0, \quad z_2(0) > 0 \quad \text{Improper node degenerate node} \quad \lambda < 0$$

