

# Ordinary Differential Equations

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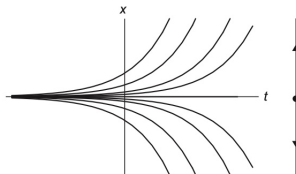


Figure 1.1 The solution graphs and phase line for  $x' = ax$  for  $a > 0$ . Each graph represents a particular solution.

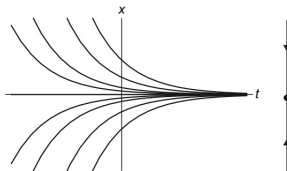


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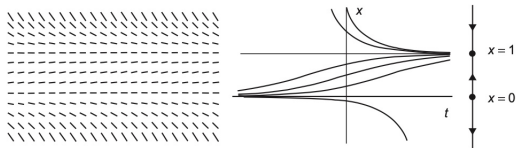


Figure 1.3 Slope field, solution graphs, and phase line for  $x' = ax(1-x)$ .

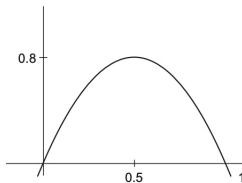


Figure 1.4 The graph of the function  $f(x) = ax(1-x)$  with  $a = 3.2$ .

## Logistic population growth model

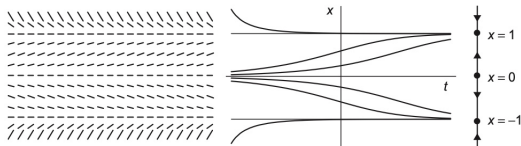


Figure 1.5 Slope field, solution graphs, and phase line for  $x' = x - x^3$ .

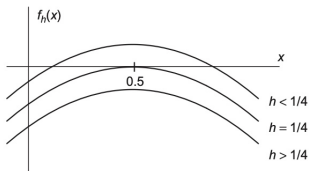


Figure 1.6 The graphs of the function  $f_{h(x)} = x(1-x) - h$ .

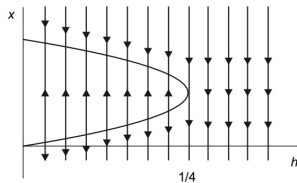


Figure 1.7 The bifurcation diagram for  $f_{h(x)} = x(1-x) - h$ .

## Phase portrait of plane linear systems

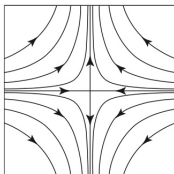


Figure 3.1 Saddle phase portrait for  $x' = -x$ ,  $y' = y$ .

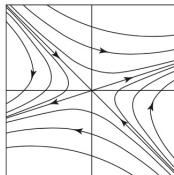


Figure 3.2 Saddle phase portrait for  $x' = x + 3y$ ,  $y' = x - y$ .

Saddle points

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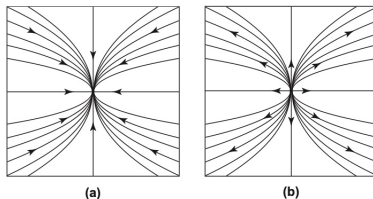


Figure 3.3 Phase portraits for a sink and a source.

Sinks and sources

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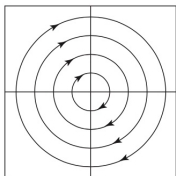


Figure 3.4 Phase portrait for a center.

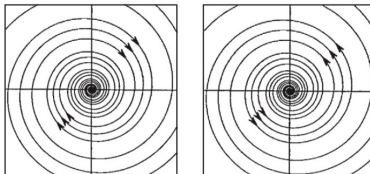


Figure 3.5 Phase portraits for a spiral sink and a spiral source.

Centers and unstable/stable spirals



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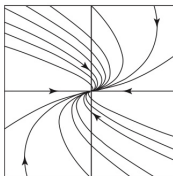
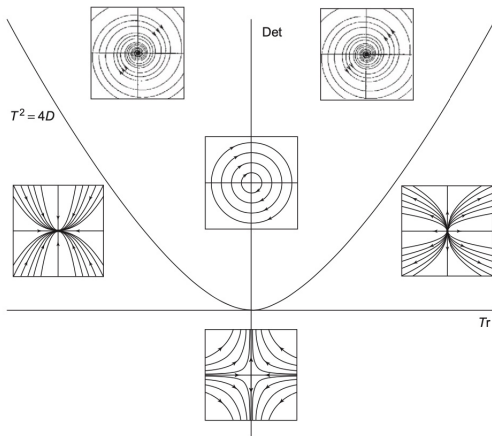


Figure 3.6 Phase portrait for a system with repeated negative eigenvalues.

# Trace-Determinant Map



## 3D examples

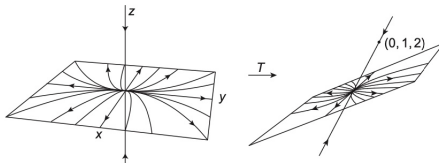


Figure 6.1 Stable and unstable subspaces of a saddle in dimension 3. On the left, the system is in canonical form.

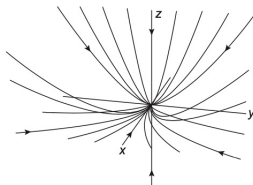


Figure 6.2 A sink in three dimensions.

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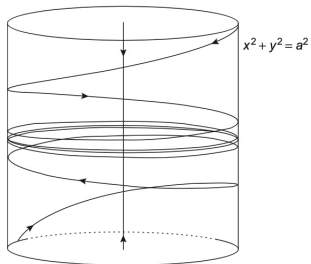


Figure 6.3 Phase portrait for a spiral center.

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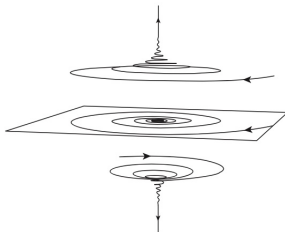


Figure 6.5 Typical spiral saddle solutions tend to spiral toward the unstable line.

## Kronecker foliation on the torus

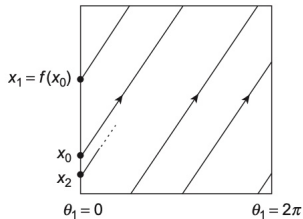


Figure 6.8 Poincaré map on the circle  $\theta_1 = 0$  in the  $\theta_1\theta_2$ -torus.

## Nonlinear systems: equilibria

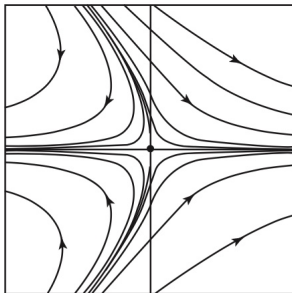


Figure 8.1 Phase plane for  $x' = x + y^2$ ,  $y' = -y$ . Note the stable curve tangent to the  $y$ -axis.

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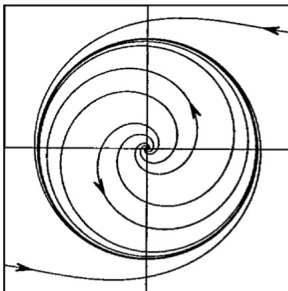


Figure 8.2 Phase plane for  
 $r' = \frac{1}{2}(r - r^3)$ ,  $\theta' = 1$ .



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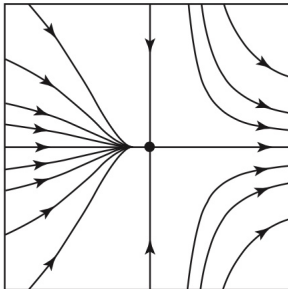


Figure 8.3 Phase plane for  $x' = x^2, y' = -y$ .

# Bifurcations

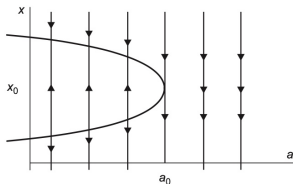


Figure 8.6 Bifurcation diagram for a saddle-node bifurcation.

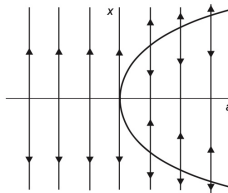


Figure 8.7 Bifurcation diagram for a pitchfork bifurcation.

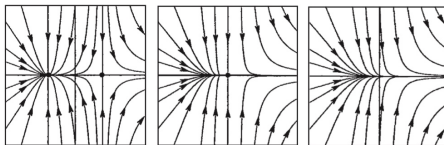


Figure 8.8 Saddle-node bifurcation when  $a < 0$ ,  $a = 0$ , and  $a > 0$ .

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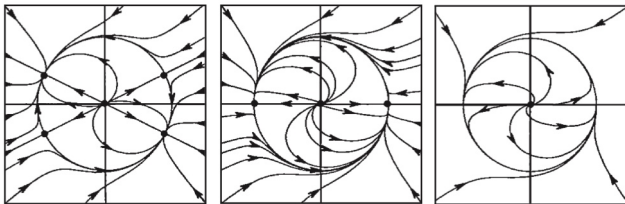


Figure 8.9 Global effects of saddle-node bifurcations when  $a < 0$ ,  $a = 0$ , and  $a > 0$ .

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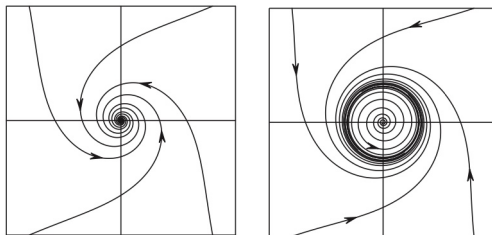


Figure 8.10 Hopf bifurcation for  $a < 0$  and  $a > 0$ .

## Nonlinear systems: nullclines

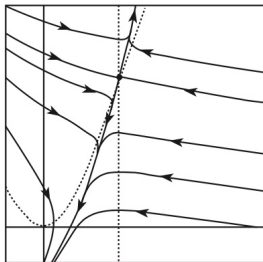


Figure 9.3 Nullclines and phase portrait for  $x' = y - x^2$ ,  $y' = x - 2$ .

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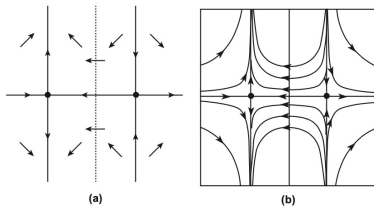


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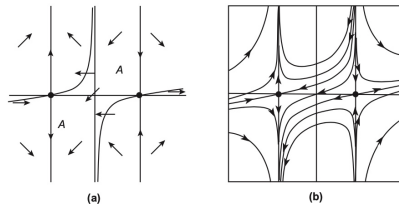


Figure 9.5 Nullclines and phase plane when  $a > 0$  after the heteroclinic bifurcation.

## Nonlinear pendulum

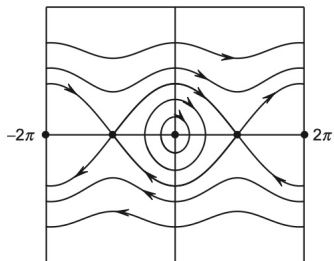


Figure 9.6 Phase portrait for the ideal pendulum.

## Gradient flows

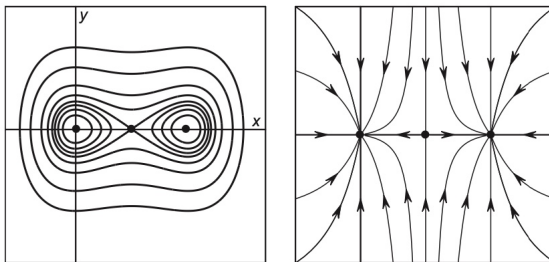


Figure 9.10 Level sets and phase portrait for the gradient system determined by  $V(x, y) = x^2(x-1)^2 + y^2$ .



## Hamiltonian systems

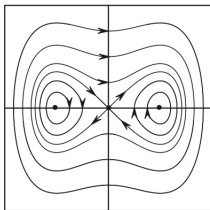


Figure 9.11 Phase portrait for  $x' = y$ ,  $y' = -x^3 + x$ .

A Hamiltonian function is

$$H(x, y) = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{1}{4}.$$

## Nonlinear systems: closed orbits and limit sets

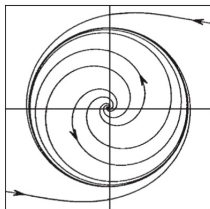


Figure 10.1 The phase plane for  $r' = \frac{1}{2}(r - r^3)$ ,  $\theta' = 1$ .

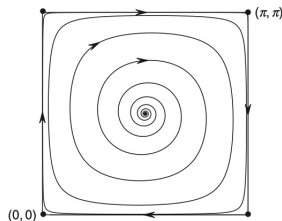


Figure 10.2 The  $\omega$ -limit set of any solution emanating from the source at  $(\pi/2, \pi/2)$  is the square bounded by the four equilibria and the heteroclinic solutions.

## Nonlinear systems: return maps

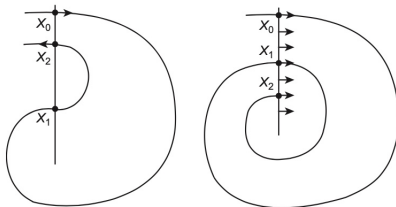


Figure 10.6 Two solutions crossing a straight line. On the left,  $X_0, X_1, X_2$  is monotone along the solution but not along the straight line. On the right,  $X_0, X_1, X_2$  is monotone along both the solution and the line.

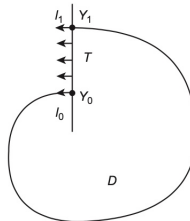


Figure 10.7 Solutions exit the region  $D$  through  $T$ .

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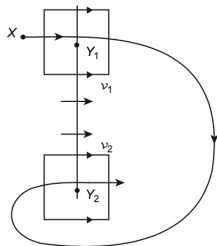


Figure 10.8 The solution through  $X$  cannot cross  $\mathcal{V}_1$  and  $\mathcal{V}_2$  infinitely often.

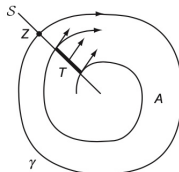


Figure 10.11 The region  $A$  is positively invariant.