

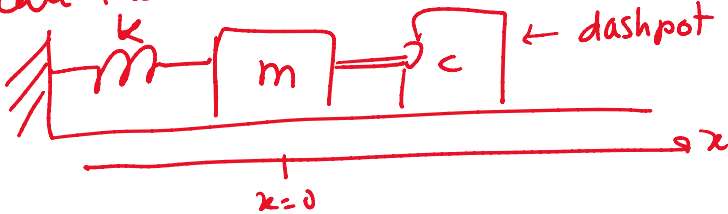
Section 6.4:  
Nonlinear Mechanical Systems

Announcements:

HW + A2 due Tuesday Jun 29  
Midterm 1 on Thurs July 1

Warm up:

Recall the mass-on-a-spring problem:



$x(t)$  - displacement of the spring

Equation:  $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$

Char eqn:  $mr^2 + cr + k = 0$   
 $r = \frac{-c}{2m} \pm \sqrt{\frac{c^2 - 4mk}{2m}}$

Fundamental Solns

$x_1(t) = e^{r_1 t}$

$x_2(t) = e^{r_2 t}$

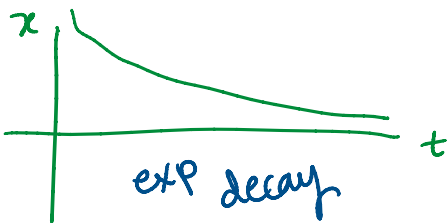
Sketch the solutions for the following cases:

over damped

$c^2 - 4mk > 0$

$r_1, r_2$  are real-valued negative

$x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$

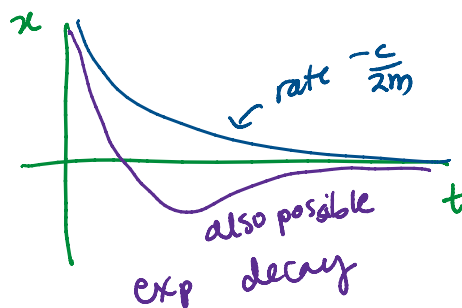


critically damped

$c^2 - 4mk = 0$

$r = \frac{-c}{2m}$   
repeated root

$x(t) = C_1 e^{rt} + C_2 t e^{rt}$



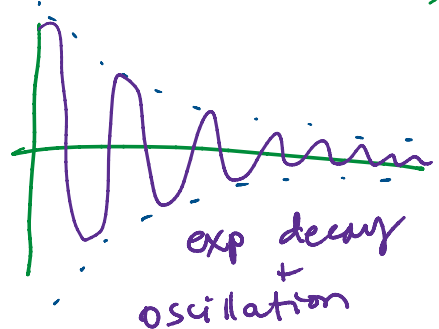
under damped

$c^2 - 4mk < 0$

$r = \frac{-c}{2m} \pm i\omega$

complex valued roots

$x(t) = e^{-\frac{ct}{2m}} (C_1 \cos(\omega t) + C_2 \sin(\omega t))$



I. Mass-on-a-Spring system:

Linear case:

$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$

$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = x'' = -\frac{c}{m}y - \frac{k}{m}x \end{cases}$

Linear case:

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

Convert to a 2D system:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = x'' = -\frac{c}{m}y - \frac{k}{m}x \end{cases}$$

Matrix form:  $\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$

linear system  
c.p. at (0,0)

Look at eigenvalues  $\lambda$

$$\lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = 0$$

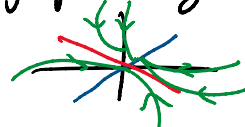
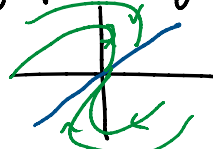
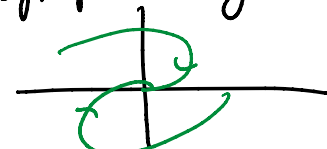
$$\lambda^2 + \frac{c}{m}\lambda + \frac{k}{m} = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-c}{2m} \pm \sqrt{\frac{c^2 - 4mk}{4m^2}}$$

$$T = \text{trace}(A) = 0 - \frac{c}{m} = -\frac{c}{m}$$

$$D = \det(A) = 0 + \frac{k}{m} = \frac{k}{m}$$

same char. eq.  
as for  $\gamma$

case	eigenvalues	phase portrait
$c^2 - 4mk > 0$	$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ real, distinct negative	improper nodal sink asymptotically stable 
$c^2 - 4mk = 0$	$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -\frac{c}{2m}$ mult. eigenvalue defective	improper nodal sink asymptotically stable 
$c^2 - 4mk < 0$	$\lambda = -\frac{c}{2m} \pm i\omega$ Complex valued	spiral sink asymptotically stable 

Nonlinear case:

Before spring force

$$F_s = -kx$$

Consider a nonlinear spring

$$F_s = -kx + \beta x^3$$

"hard" spring if  $\beta < 0$

Consider a spring

$$F_s = -kx + \beta x^3$$

"hard" spring if  $\beta < 0$

"soft" spring if  $\beta > 0$

Equations:  $m x'' + c x' + kx - \beta x^3 = 0$

Convert to a 2D system

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -\frac{c}{m} y - \frac{k}{m} x + \frac{\beta}{m} x^3 \end{cases}$$

Ex: "hard" spring  $m=1, c=0, k=4, \beta=-9$

$$x'' + 4x + 9x^3 = 0$$

System:  $\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -4x - 9x^3 \end{cases}$

1. Find the critical points

$$y = 0$$

$$-4x - 9x^3 = 0$$

$$-x(4 + 9x^2) = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{4}{9}$$

complex valued soln

ignore

C.p. is (0,0)

2. Linearize around c.p. → Jacobian

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 - 27x^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{(0,0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

associated linear system:  $\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$

3. Evaluate the type + stability

$$\lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = 0$$

$$T = 0$$

$$D = 0 + 4 = 4$$

$$\lambda^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm 2i$$

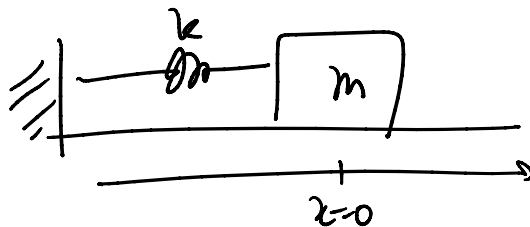
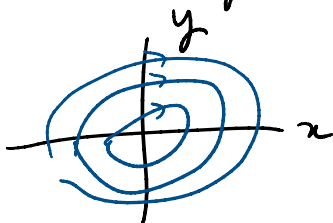
center  
Stable

$$\lambda^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm 2i$$

center  
Stable

4. Sketch phase portrait



↔  
mass oscillates around  
 $x=0$  forever.

Ex: "Soft" spring

$$m=1, c=0, k=4, \beta = +9$$

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -4x + 9x^3 \end{cases}$$

1. Find the critical points  
 $y=0$

$$-4x + 9x^3 = 0$$

$$x(9x^2 - 4) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ x=0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ 9x^2 = 4 \\ x = \pm \frac{2}{3} \end{array}$$

three critical points  
 $(0,0)$   $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$   $(-\frac{2}{3}, 0)$

2. Linearize  $\rightarrow$  Find Jacobian

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 + 27x^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Evaluate the linear system at each c.p.

@  $(0,0)$   $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  same as before  $\lambda = \pm 2i$  center  
stable

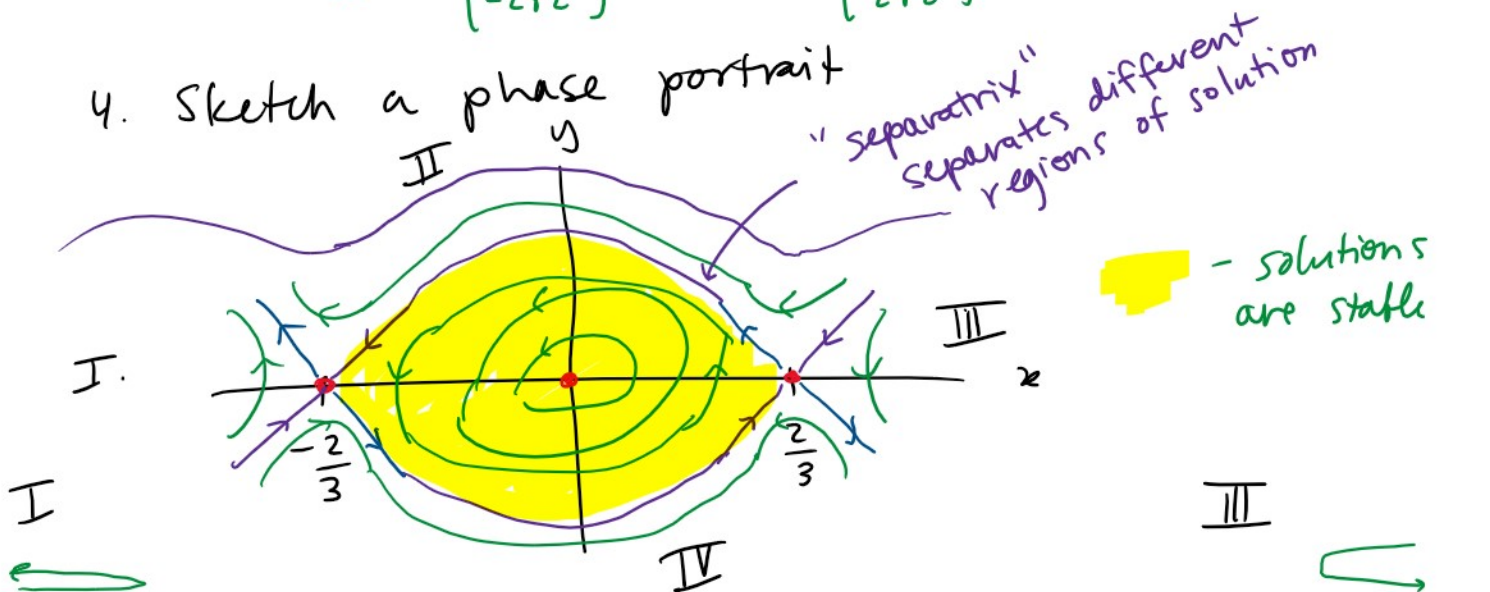
@  $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$   $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $T = 0$   
 $n = -8$

@  $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$   $\underline{\underline{J}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 + 27 \cdot \frac{4}{9} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $T = 0$   
 $D = -8$   
saddle point  
unstable

@  $(-\frac{2}{3}, 0)$   $\underline{\underline{J}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  same as  $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$   
saddle point  
unstable

$\lambda_1 = 2\sqrt{2}$   $\underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$   $\lambda_2 = -2\sqrt{2}$   $\underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$

4. Sketch a phase portrait



I.  $x=0$   
 mass approaches  $-\frac{2}{3}$ ,  
 and turns  
 away before  
 reaching  $-\frac{2}{3}$

b/c  $(0,0)$  is a center  
 b/c  $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$  is a saddle

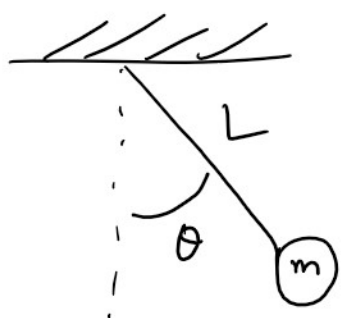
III  $x=0$   $x=\frac{2}{3}$   
 mass approaches  $\frac{2}{3}$   
 and makes  
 a u-turn

$F_s = -kx + \beta x^3$   
 $-4x + 9x^3$

II. Nonlinear Pendulum:

The equations of motion

$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L} \sin\theta = 0$



$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L} \theta = 0$$

!  $\theta$  (m)

In MA 266, we made the small angle approximation

if  $\theta$  is small  $\sin \theta \approx \theta$

$$\rightarrow \theta'' + \omega^2 \theta = 0 \quad \omega^2 = g/L$$

$$\theta(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$$

Let's evaluate the nonlinear case

$$\theta'' + c \theta' + \omega^2 \sin \theta = 0$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{damped motion}}$  (e.g. air resistance)

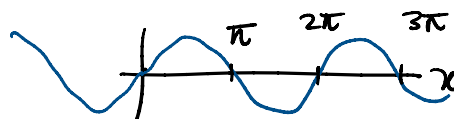
Convert to a system of ODE's

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \theta \\ y &= \theta' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -cy - \omega^2 \sin(x) \end{cases}$$

Ex: Let's analyze case when  $c=0$

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -\omega^2 \sin(x) \end{cases}$$



1. Find the critical points

$$y = 0$$

$$-\omega^2 \sin(x) = 0$$

$$x = n\pi$$

where  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots, -1, -2, -3$

infinitely many critical points  
( $n\pi, 0$ ) where  $n = \dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

2. Linearize  $\rightarrow$  Find the Jacobian

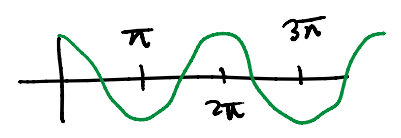
$$\underline{J} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 \cos(x) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

... each critical point



3. Evaluate  $\underline{J}$  at each critical point

@  $(n\pi, 0)$   $\underline{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 \cos(n\pi) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$



$\cos(n\pi) = +1$  if  $n=0, 2, 4, \dots$   
 $\cos(n\pi) = -1$  if  $n=1, 3, 5, \dots$

**n odd**  
 @  $(n\pi, 0)$   
 $n=1, 3, 5, \dots$

$\underline{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $T=0, D=-\omega^2$

$\lambda^2 - \omega^2 = 0$   
 $\lambda = \pm \omega$

Saddle point  
unstable

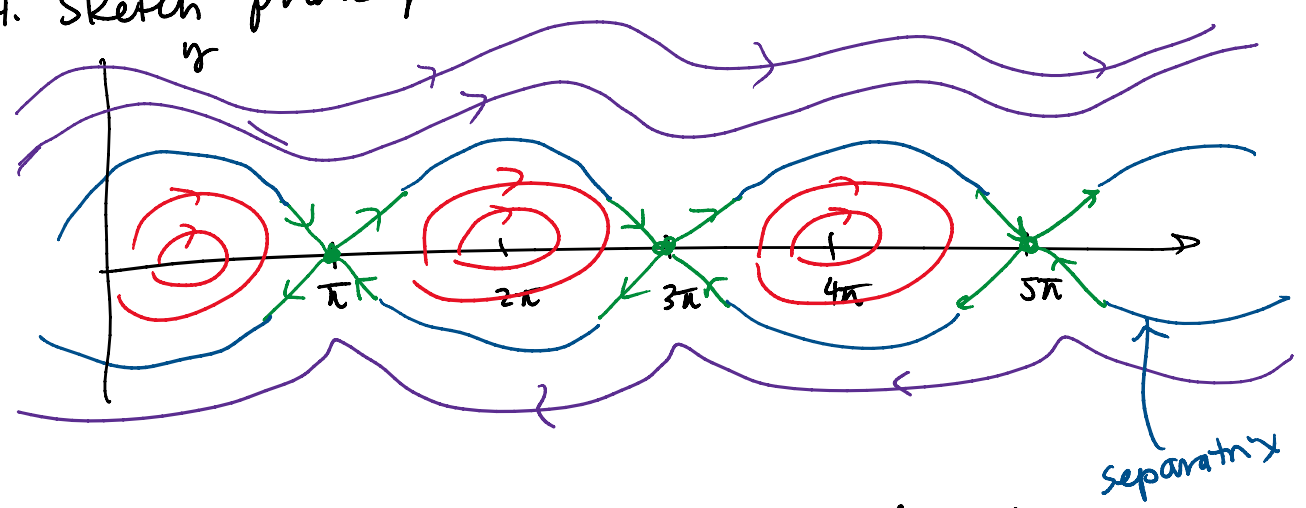
**n even**  
 @  $(n\pi, 0)$   
 $n=0, 2, 4, \dots$

$\underline{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $T=0, D=\omega^2$

$\lambda^2 + \omega^2 = 0$   
 $\lambda = \pm i\omega$

Center  
stable

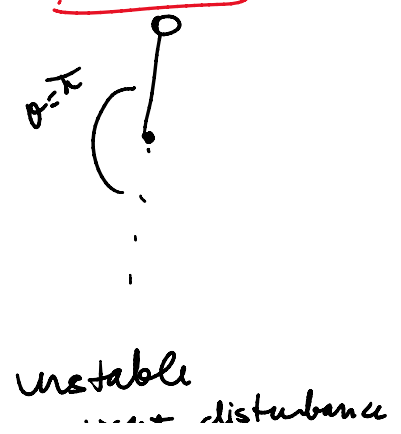
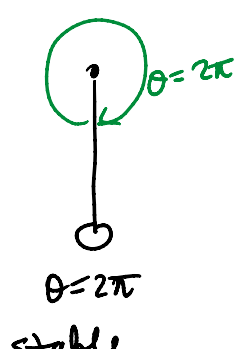
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Q: What does this mean physically for the pendulum

**n = even**

**n odd**



$$\theta = 0$$

Stable  
equilibrium

$$\theta = 2\pi$$

Stable  
equilibrium

Unstable  
any slight disturbance  
and the fall toward  
 $\theta = 0$