



$$\dot{c} = r - kcc - [J_+ - J_- - k_s c_s]$$

$$\dot{c}_s = J_+ - J_- - k_s c_s$$

(a) r : production of cytoplasmic Ca^{2+} by stimulation of the IP_3 sensitive store

kcc leakage of cytoplasmic Ca^{2+} through all

$k_s c_s$ leakage of Ca^{2+} sensitive store to cytoplasm

(b)
$$J_- = \frac{V c_s^m}{K_1^m + c_s^m} \cdot \frac{c^p}{K_2^p + c^p}$$

This is the product of two Hill functions (analogous to ^{cooperative} enzyme production) : the release ~~is~~ increases with c_s

(as for example $c_s + \text{gate} \rightarrow c$)

but is also stimulated by c (CICR) thus



the cytoplasmic Ca^{2+} facilitates the release of the stored Ca^{2+} .

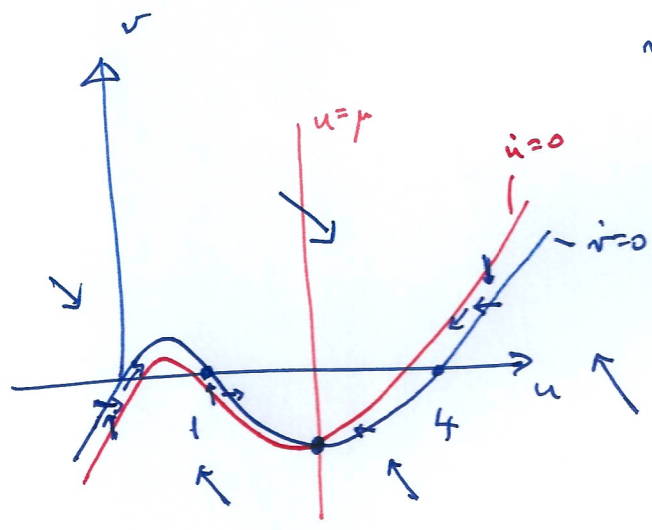
(c)

$$\dot{u} = \mu - u - \frac{\epsilon}{5} f(u, v)$$

$$\dot{v} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} f(u, v)$$

$$f = u[u^2 - 4u + 5] - v \equiv g(u) - v$$

(i)



v nullcline $f=0$:

$$v = u(u-4)(u-1)$$

$\dot{u}=0$ [not sure if the actual nullclines is required - would have depended how the lecturer presented it - I'll do the actual nullcline]

is (with $g(u) = u(u-4)(u-1)$)

$$\frac{\epsilon}{5}(\mu - u) = f = g - v \Rightarrow v = g(u) - \frac{\epsilon}{5}(\mu - u)$$

example above uses $1 < \mu < 4$.

Large v : $\dot{v} < 0$
 $\dot{u} > 0 \Rightarrow$ other trajectories as shown

Note unique steady state at $u = \mu, v = g(\mu)$

[carrying on formally, linearise at steady state

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \mu + U \\ v &= g(\mu) + V \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{linearise} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{U} \\ \dot{V} \end{pmatrix} \approx M \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - \frac{5}{\epsilon} f_u & -\frac{5}{\epsilon} f_v \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon} f_u & \frac{1}{\epsilon} f_v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \det M = -\frac{1}{\epsilon} f_v$$

$$\text{tr} M = -1 - \frac{5}{\epsilon} f_u + \frac{1}{\epsilon} f_v$$

$$f = g(u) - v \quad \text{so } \det M > 0 \quad \text{never null}$$

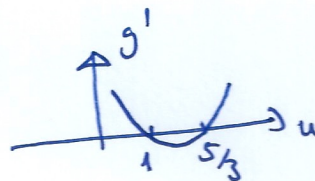
$$\text{tr} M = -1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} [-1 - 5g']$$

$$\text{so } (\epsilon \ll 1) \text{ steady state is stable if } g' \geq -1 - 5g' \leq 0$$

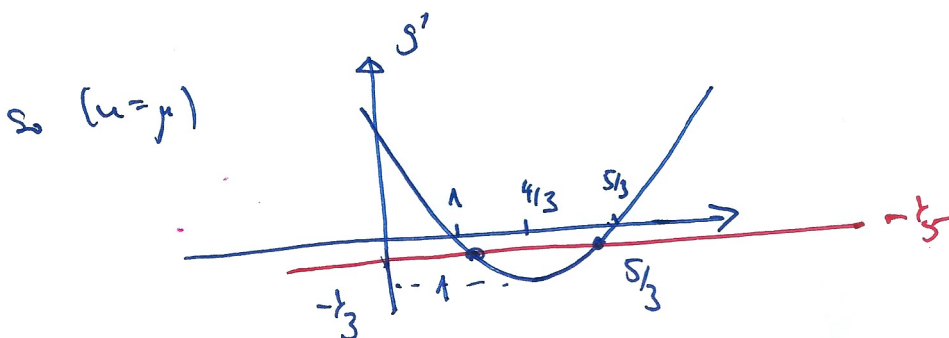
$$\text{i.e. } g' \geq -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$g' = [u^3 - 4u^2 + 5u]' = 3u^2 - 8u + 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{3u^2 - 8u + 5} \\ & = (u-1)(3u-5) \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{min } g' \text{ is at } u = \frac{4}{3}, \quad \text{min } g' = 3 \cdot \frac{16}{9} - \frac{32}{3} + 5 = \frac{15-16}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$



values of u where $g' = -\frac{1}{5}$:

$$3u^2 - 8u + 5 = -\frac{1}{5}$$

are $3u^2 - 8u + \frac{26}{5} = 0$

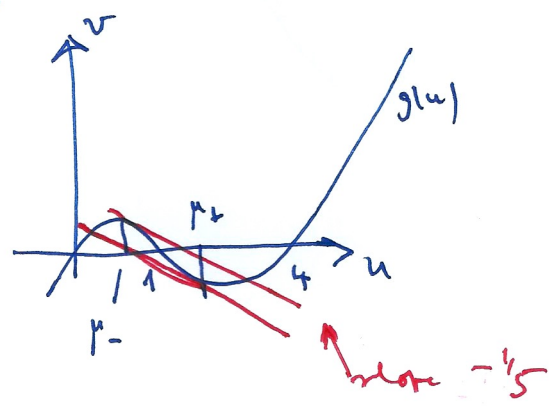
$$u = \frac{1}{6} \left[8 \pm \sqrt{64 - \frac{12 \cdot 26}{5}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[8 \pm \sqrt{\frac{320 - 312}{5}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pm \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} = \mu_{\pm}$$

so for $\mu_- \leq \mu \leq \mu_+$ steady state is unstable.]

Back directly (perhaps all that is required)

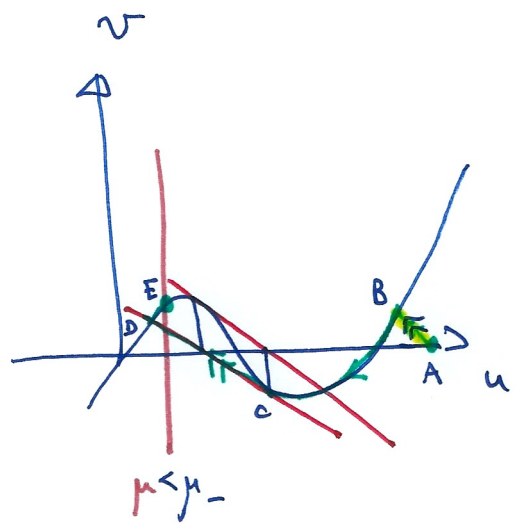


$$\dot{v} = f(u, v) = g(u) - v$$

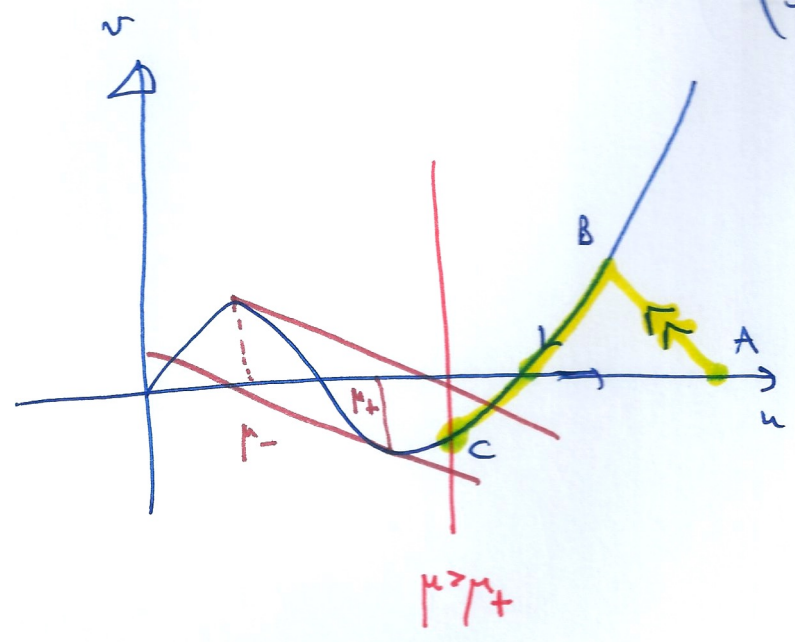
$$(u + 5v) = \mu - u$$

If we define μ_{\pm} to be where $g'(u) = -\frac{1}{5}$ (then as above)

then we will get relaxation oscillations for $\mu_- < \mu < \mu_+$:



trajectory follows
ABCDE

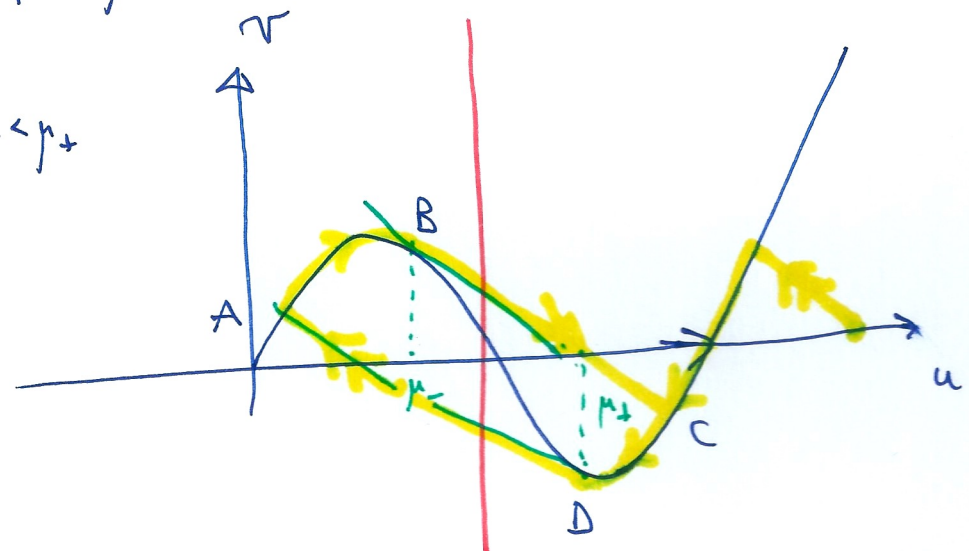


follows ABC

↑ fast ↓ slow

(ii) μ_-, μ_+ close above

$\mu_- < \mu < \mu_+$



relaxation oscillation is ABCD

