

Last video:

Linearisation of

$$(1) \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = X(x(t), y(t)) \\ \dot{y}(t) = Y(x(t), y(t)) \end{cases}$$

around critical point  $(a, b)$ .

If  $\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} + \underline{z}(t)$ ,  $\underline{z}(t)$  small,

then upto higher order terms

$$(L) \quad \ddot{\underline{z}}(t) = M(a, b) \cdot \underline{z}(t)$$

$$M(a, b) = \begin{pmatrix} x_x & x_y \\ y_x & y_y \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{(a, b)}$$

Today:

Classify critical points  
based on properties of  
eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  of  $M(a, b)$ .

Assumption: Critical point  
non-degenerate, i.e.

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \neq 0.$$

## 2.3 Classification of critical points

$$(L) \quad \dot{z} = M \cdot z$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A, B, C, D \in \mathbb{R}.$$

eigenvalues of  $M$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$$

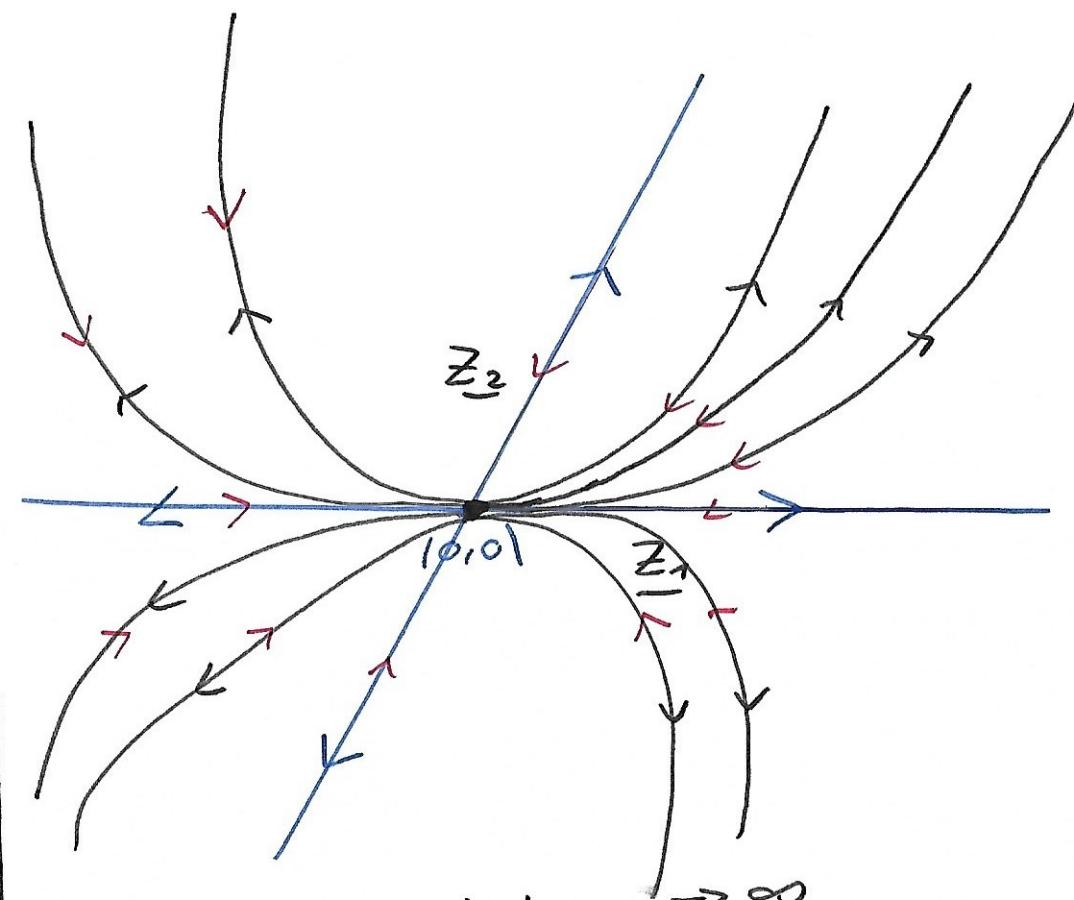
Recall if  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  then

$$z(t) = c_1 \underbrace{z_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}}_{\text{eigenvectors}} + c_2 \underbrace{z_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}}_{\text{eigenvectors}}$$

Case 1:  $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$  "unstable node"

$$z(t) \rightarrow + \rightarrow -\infty$$

1<sup>st</sup> term  $\rightarrow 0$  slower than 2<sup>nd</sup> term.



$+ \rightarrow \infty$ : Both terms  $\rightarrow \infty$   
2<sup>nd</sup>  $\rightarrow \infty$  faster

Case 2:  $\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 0$  "stable node"

If  $z(t)$  solves (L)

$\rightarrow \tilde{z}(t) = z(-t)$  solves (L) but  
with  $-M$  ( $-\lambda_2 > -\lambda_1 > 0$ )

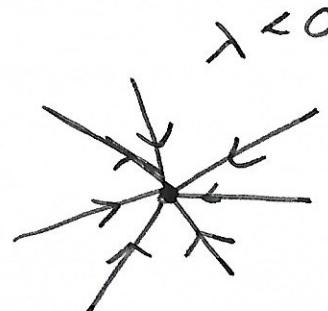
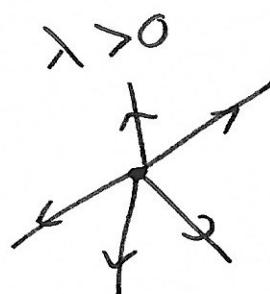
Case 3:  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ :

Case 3a:  $M = \lambda I$ . "stable or unstable star"

$$\dot{x} = \lambda x$$

$$\dot{y} = \lambda y$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot e^{\lambda t}$$



Case 3b  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda, M \neq \lambda I$

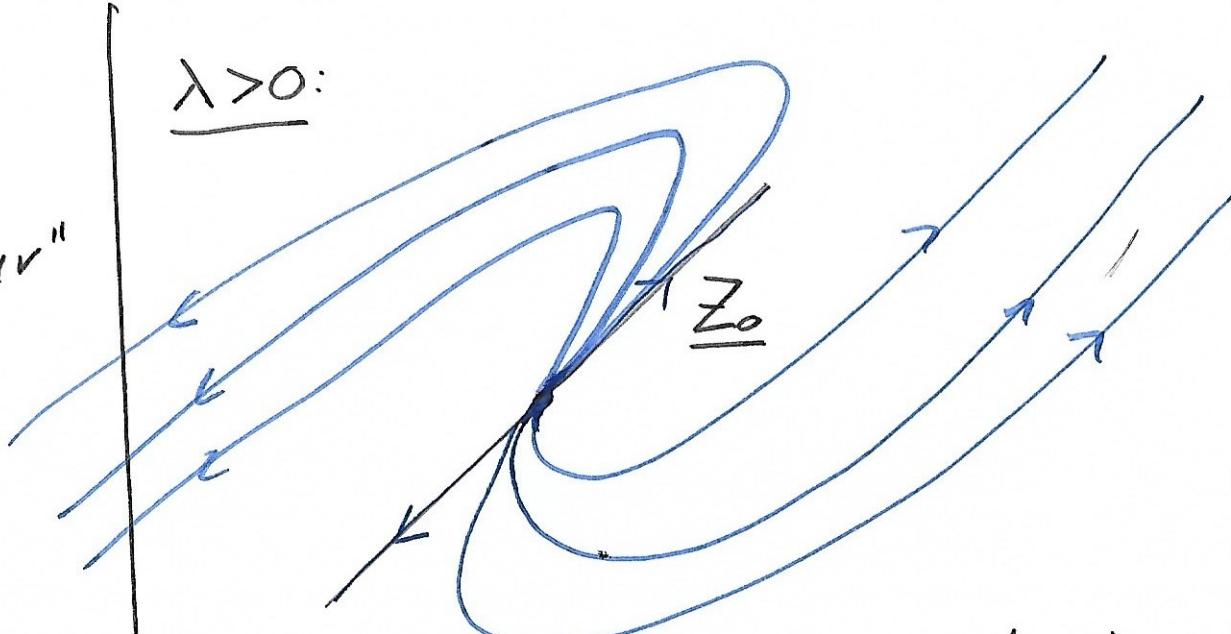
$$\underline{z}(t) = (c_1 \underline{z}_1 + (c_0 + c_1 t) \cdot \underline{z}_0) e^{\lambda t}$$

$\underline{z}_0$  = eigenvector

$\lambda > 0$ : unstable inflected node

$\lambda < 0$ : stable -- -- --

$\lambda > 0$ :



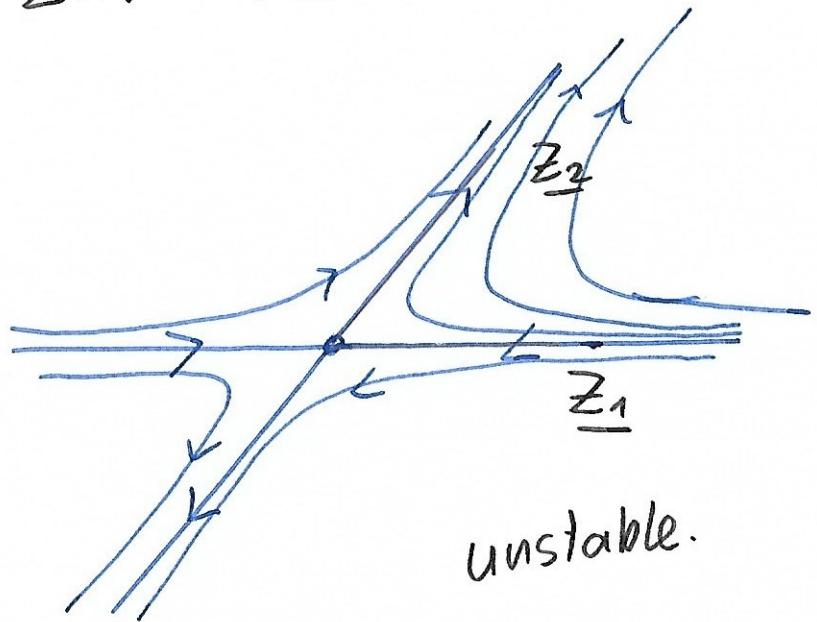
$c_1 > 0, t \rightarrow \infty$  dominating term:  
 $c_1 + \underline{z}_0 e^{\lambda t}$

$t \rightarrow -\infty$  domin. term

$c_1 + \underline{z}_0 e^{\lambda t}$   
different sign!

Case 4:  $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$ : "saddle"

$$z(t) = c_1 z_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 z_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$



unstable.

Complex eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_1 = \mu + i\omega, \lambda_2 = \mu - i\omega$$

$$\underline{z}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ k e^{i\phi} \\ R \end{pmatrix}, \underline{z}_2 = \bar{\underline{z}_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ k e^{-i\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

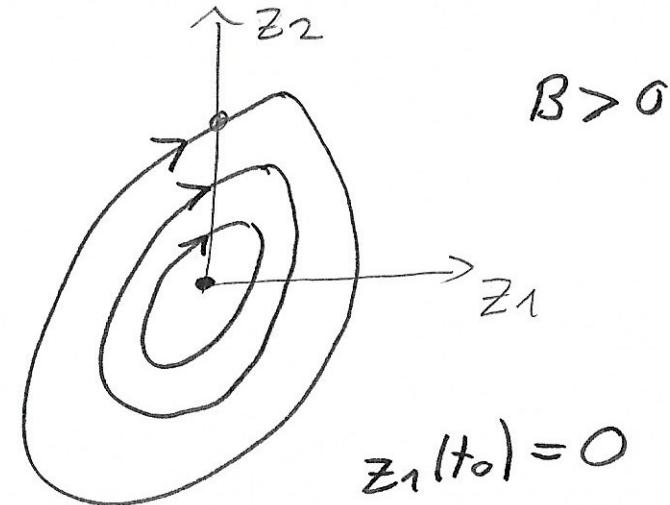
$$c_1 = r \cdot e^{i\theta}, c_2 = r e^{-i\theta}$$

$$\underline{z}(t) = 2 \operatorname{Re} \left( r \cdot e^{i\theta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ k e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} e^{i\omega t} \right) \cdot e^{\mu t}$$

$$= 2r \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega t + \theta) \\ k \cos(\omega t + \theta + \phi) \end{pmatrix} e^{\mu t}$$

Case 5:  $\mu = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_1) = 0$  "centre"

$\underline{z}(t)$  is periodic (periode  $\frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ )



$$\dot{\underline{z}} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \cdot \underline{z}$$

$$\dot{\underline{z}}(t_0) = \begin{pmatrix} B z_2(t_0) \\ D z_2(t_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

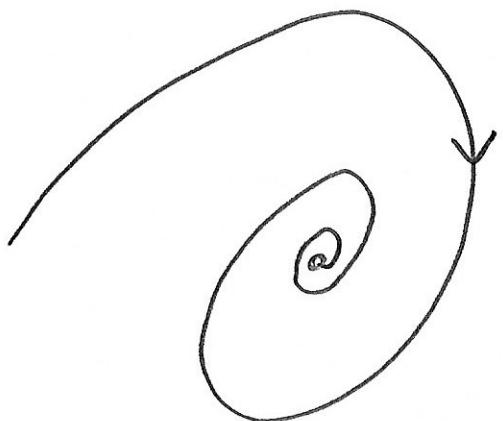
IF  $B > 0, z_2(t_0) > 0$  go to right  $\rightarrow$  clockwise  
 $B < 0, z_2(t_0) < 0$  ... left  $\rightarrow$  anticlockwise

## Case 6: $\lambda_{1,2}$ complex conj.

$$\mu = \operatorname{Re}(\lambda_1) \neq 0$$

$\mu > 0$  unstable

Spiral in clockwise  $B > 0$   
 $\mu < 0$  stable anticlockw.  $B < 0$



$$\begin{aligned}\mu &< 0 \\ B &> 0\end{aligned}$$

### Remark:

$$\operatorname{trace}(M) = A + D = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

$$\det(M) = AD - BC = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$$

$$\text{If } \det(M) > 0$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  real

both same sign

node star inflected node

and this is

stable if  $\operatorname{trace} < 0$

unstable if  $\operatorname{trace} > 0$ .

$$\det = |\lambda_1|^2$$

$$\lambda_1 = \bar{\lambda}_2 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{trace}(M) \\ = 2\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_1)\end{aligned}$$

so

- centre if  $\operatorname{trace} M = 0$

- unstable spiral  
 $\operatorname{trace} > 0$

- stable spiral  
 $\operatorname{trace} < 0$ .

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$$\text{If } \det M < 0$$

then point = saddle  
 $\rightarrow$  unstable!

Remark:

Q: How reliable is this picture  
for behaviour of trajectories  
of the non-linear system?

Rough answer:

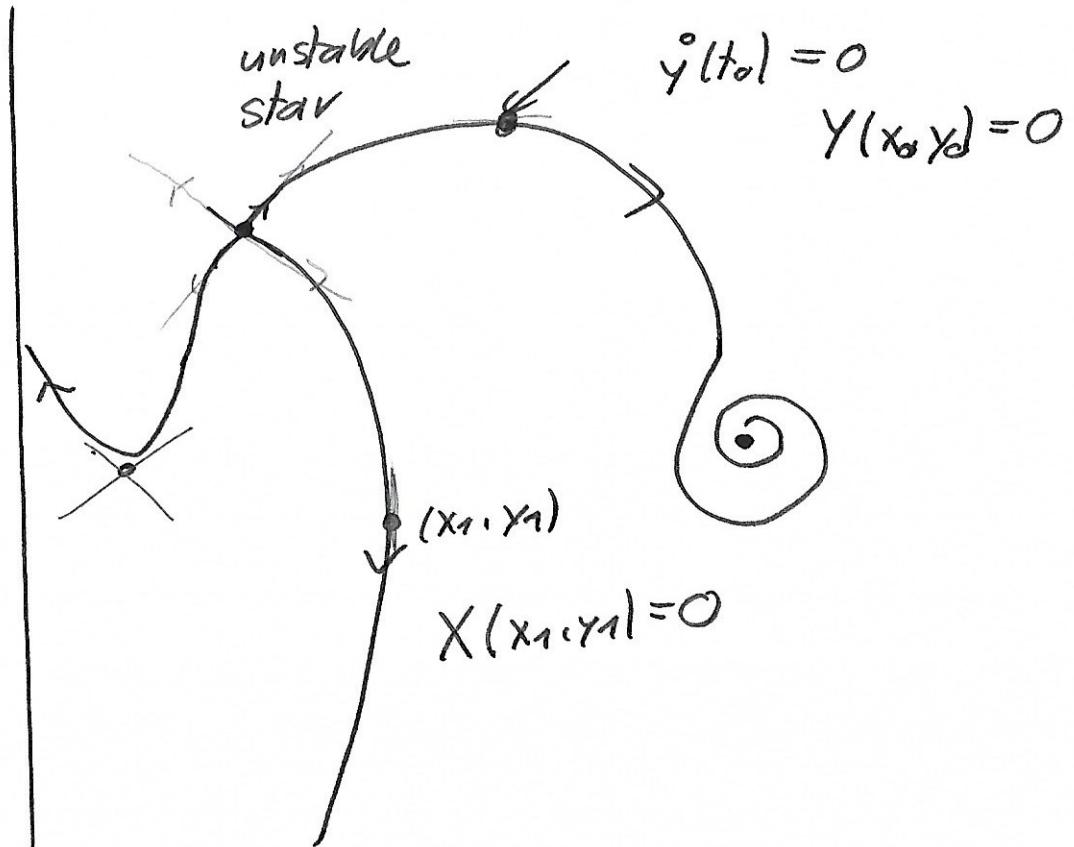
- only applies NEAR a critical point

However: Unless we have a centre

If linearisation  
has stable/unstable  
critical point

Then also  
the corresp.  
crit. point of  
non lin system  
is unstable/  
stable.

Also: Same type of critical point



For a centre we require  
 $\text{Re}(\lambda) = 0$

Know any deviation from this  
can change stability

e.g. can get stable spiral!  
"spirals in slower" than for  $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$