

MA3608 Dynamical Systems II

Solutions and marking scheme for exam January 2009

INSTRUCTIONS: Full marks are obtained for correct answers to three of the five questions.
Each question carries 20 marks.

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_1x_2^2 - 9x_1 - 16x_2^3 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= 4x_1x_2^2 + 2x_2x_1^2\end{aligned}$$

(i) **Lyapunov stability theorem:** Consider the system $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{X}(\vec{x})$ with a fixed point at the origin. If there exists a real valued function $V(\vec{x})$ in a neighbourhood $N(\vec{x} = 0)$ such that:

- a) the partial derivatives $\partial V/\partial x_1, \partial V/\partial x_2$ exist and are continuous
- b) the function $V(\vec{x})$ is positive definite
- c) dV/dt is negative semi-definite (definite)

then the origin is a stable (asymptotically stable) fixed point. 3

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Verify the requirements a)-c) for $V(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1^2 + 16x_2^2$

- a) Clearly the partial derivatives $\partial V/\partial x_1, \partial V/\partial x_2$ exist and are continuous.
- b) $\because V(0, 0) = 0$ and $V(x_1, x_2) > 0$ for $(x_1, x_2) \neq 0$
 \Rightarrow the function $V(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1^2 + 16x_2^2$ is positive definite
- c) Compute dV/dt : 6

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} \dot{x}_1 + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} \dot{x}_2 \\ &= 8x_1(x_1x_2^2 - 9x_1 - 16x_2^3) + 32x_2(4x_1x_2^2 + 2x_2x_1^2) \\ &= 8x_1^2x_2^2 - 72x_1^2 - 128x_1x_2^3 + 128x_1x_2^3 + 64x_2^2x_1^2 \\ &= -8x_1^2[9 - x_2^2(1 + 8)] \\ &= -72x_1^2(1 - x_2^2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \dot{V} = 0 \text{ for } (0, x_2) \\ &\Rightarrow \dot{V} \leq 0 \text{ for } |x_2| < 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{is negative semi-definite} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow V$ is a weak Lyapunov function

\Rightarrow by the Lyapunov stability theorem follows that the origin is a stable fixed point. 3

(ii) For $|x_2| < 1$ all points inside the level curve of $V(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1^2 + 16x_2^2$ will be dragged to the origin.

$$\Rightarrow 4x_1^2 + 16x_2^2 < 16 \quad \Rightarrow \frac{x_1^2}{4} + x_2^2 < 1$$

\Rightarrow the length of the minor is 2 and the length of the major is 4. 4

(iii) **Corollary:** Let $V(\vec{x}(t))$ be a weak Lyapunov function for the system $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{X}(\vec{x})$ in a neighbourhood of an isolated fixed point $\vec{x}_f = (0, 0)$. Then if $\dot{V} \neq 0$ on a trajectory, except for the fixed point, the origin is asymptotically stable.

For $(0, x_2)$ the dynamical system reduces to $\dot{x}_1 = -16x_2^3$ and $\dot{x}_2 = 0$. 3

This means the line $(0, x_2)$ is not a trajectory and therefore it follows from the corollary that the origin is asymptotically stable. $\Sigma = 20$

2. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_1 - x_2 - x_1^3 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 + x_2 - x_2^3 \end{aligned}$$

(i) With $x_1 = r \cos \vartheta$ and $x_2 = r \sin \vartheta$ we obtain

$$\dot{x}_1 = \dot{r} \cos \vartheta - r \sin \vartheta \dot{\vartheta} = r \cos \vartheta - r \sin \vartheta - r^3 \cos^3 \vartheta \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = \dot{r} \sin \vartheta + r \cos \vartheta \dot{\vartheta} = r \sin \vartheta + r \cos \vartheta - r^3 \sin^3 \vartheta \quad (2)$$

computing: $(1) \times \cos \vartheta + (2) \times \sin \vartheta$:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{r} &= r \cos^2 \vartheta + r \sin^2 \vartheta - r^3 (\cos^4 \vartheta + \sin^4 \vartheta) \\ &= r \left[1 - \frac{r^2}{4} (3 + \cos 4\vartheta) \right] \end{aligned}$$

computing: $(1) \times \sin \vartheta - (2) \times \cos \vartheta$:

$$r \dot{\vartheta} = r - r^3 \sin^3 \vartheta \cos \vartheta + r^3 \cos^3 \vartheta \sin \vartheta$$

dividing by r : 4

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\vartheta} &= 1 - r^2 \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta (\sin^2 \vartheta - \cos^2 \vartheta) \\ &= 1 - \frac{r^2}{2} \sin 2\vartheta \cos 2\vartheta \\ &= 1 - \frac{r^2}{4} \sin 4\vartheta \end{aligned}$$

For a further fixed point to exist we need to solve

$$1 - \frac{r^2}{4}(3 + \cos 4\vartheta) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 - \frac{r^2}{4} \sin 4\vartheta = 0$$

Substituting $r^2 = -4/\sin 4\vartheta$ into the first equation yields

$$3 + \cos 4\vartheta + \sin 4\vartheta = 0,$$

which has no solution. Therefore we have no further fixed point. [2]

- (ii) **Poincaré-Bendixson theorem:** *Let φ_t be a flow for the system $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{X}(\vec{x})$ and let \mathcal{D} be a closed, bounded and connected set $\mathcal{D} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, such that $\varphi_t(\mathcal{D}) \subset \mathcal{D}$ for all time. Furthermore \mathcal{D} does not contain any fixed point. Then there exists at least one limit cycle in \mathcal{D} .* [3]

for $r = 1/3$ we compute:

$$\dot{r} = \frac{1}{3} \left[1 - \frac{1}{36}(3 + \cos 4\vartheta) \right] > 0$$

for $r = 2$ we compute:

$$\dot{r} = 2[1 - (3 + \cos 4\vartheta)] < 0$$

\Rightarrow trajectories which enter the region

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ (r, \vartheta) : \frac{1}{3} \leq r \leq 2 \right\}$$

do not leave it anymore.

\Rightarrow Since there is no fixed point in \mathcal{D} , see (i), we can employ the Poincaré-Bendixson theorem to deduce that there is at least one limit cycle in \mathcal{D} . [3]

- (iii) **Bendixson's criterium:** *Let \mathcal{D} be a simply connected region of the phase plane in which the function $\vec{X}(\vec{x})$ of the system $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{X}(\vec{x})$ has the property that its divergence is of constant sign, i.e.*

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{X} = \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial x_2} < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \operatorname{div} \vec{X} = \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial x_2} > 0.$$

Then the system has no closed orbit contained entirely in \mathcal{D} . [2]

We also have the theorem: *A limit cycle contains at least one fixed point.* [1]

For the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_1^2 - x_2 - 1 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 x_2 - 2x_2 \end{aligned}$$

we compute

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{X} = \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial x_2} = 3x_1 - 2 = \begin{cases} < 0 & \text{for } x_1 < 2/3 \\ = 0 & \text{for } x_1 = 2/3 \\ > 0 & \text{for } x_1 > 2/3 \end{cases}$$

This means if a limit cycle exists it has to cross the line $x_1 = 2/3$.

Find the fixed points from

$$x_1^2 - x_2 - 1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 x_2 - 2x_2 = 0.$$

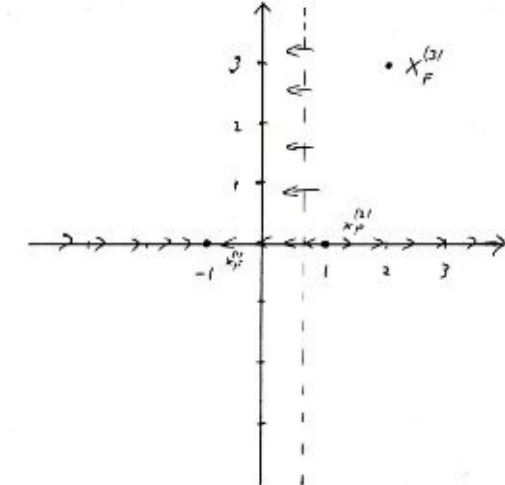
This yields

$$\vec{x}_f^{(1)} = (-1, 0), \quad \vec{x}_f^{(2)} = (1, 0), \quad \vec{x}_f^{(3)} = (2, 3).$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -\frac{5}{9} - x_2, & \dot{x}_2 &= \frac{2}{3}x_2 - 2x_2 & \text{for } x_1 = 2/3, \\ \dot{x}_1 &= x_1^2 - 1, & \dot{x}_2 &= 0 & \text{for } x_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This means we can never encircle a fixed point and cross the $x_1 = 2/3$ at the same time. We assemble these data into the following figure 5



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3. (i) In one dimension *Bifurcation theory* investigates how the number of steady solutions of the system $\dot{x} = F(x, \lambda)$ depend on the parameter λ . A *bifurcation* occurs if the solution of $\dot{x} = F(x, \lambda)$ changes its qualitative behaviour as λ varies.

Def.: Let (x_0, λ_0) be a fixed point for the system $\dot{x} = F(x, \lambda)$. If $\partial F / \partial \lambda|_{(x_0, \lambda_0)} \neq 0$ and $\partial \lambda / \partial x$ changes sign at (x_0, λ_0) , then (x_0, λ_0) is called a turning point.

Def.: Let (x_0, λ_0) be a fixed point for the system $\dot{x} = F(x, \lambda)$. If $\partial F / \partial \lambda|_{(x_0, \lambda_0)} = 0$ and $\partial F / \partial x|_{(x_0, \lambda_0)} = 0$ and if through (x_0, λ_0) pass two and only two branches of the equilibrium curve which have both distinct tangents at (x_0, λ_0) , then (x_0, λ_0) is called a transcritical bifurcation.

Def.: Let (x_0, λ_0) be a fixed point for the system $\dot{x} = F(x, \lambda)$. If $\partial F / \partial \lambda|_{(x_0, \lambda_0)} = 0$ and $\partial F / \partial x|_{(x_0, \lambda_0)} = 0$ and $d\lambda/dx$ changes sign on one branch of the equilibrium curve with distinct tangents, then (x_0, λ_0) is called a pitchfork bifurcation. 4

- (ii) We have the following **corollary**: Suppose that for the system $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{X}(\vec{x})$ we have transformed the linearized system $\dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x}$ with the help of $\vec{x} = U\vec{y}$ into the Jordan normal form

$$\dot{\vec{y}} = U^{-1}AU\vec{y} = J\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega \\ -\omega & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where $\vec{x} = U\vec{y}$, $\dot{\vec{y}} = \vec{Y}(\vec{y})$. Then if the stability index

$$I = \omega (Y_{111}^1 + Y_{122}^1 + Y_{112}^2 + Y_{222}^2) + Y_{11}^1(Y_{11}^2 - Y_{12}^1) + Y_{22}^2(Y_{12}^2 - Y_{22}^1) + Y_{11}^2 Y_{12}^2 - Y_{22}^1 Y_{12}^1$$

computed from is negative, the origin is asymptotically stable.

We compute the Jacobian for the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = 7x_2 \quad \dot{x}_2 = -(x_1^2 - \lambda)x_2 - 7x_1 - 2x_1^3$$

to

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ -7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note this is already in Jordan normal form, such that $A = J$ and $\vec{X} = \vec{Y}$. Therefore $\omega = 7$. The only nonvanishing term in I is $Y_{112}^2 = -2$. This means

$$I = \omega Y_{112}^2 = -14.$$

As I is negative it follows that the origin is asymptotically stable. 3

- (iii) **Hopf bifurcation theorem**: Let $(0,0,\lambda)$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ be a fixed point of the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= F(x_1, x_2, \lambda) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= G(x_1, x_2, \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

If

- i) The eigenvalues $e_1(\lambda)$ and $e_2(\lambda)$ of the linearized system are purely imaginary for some value $\lambda = \tilde{\lambda}$, i.e. $e_1(\lambda) \in i\mathbb{R}$ and $e_2(\lambda) \in i\mathbb{R}$.
- ii) The real part of the eigenvalues $\text{Re}(e_{1/2}(\lambda))$ satisfies

$$\left. \frac{d}{d\lambda} \text{Re}(e_{1/2}(\lambda)) \right|_{\lambda=\tilde{\lambda}} > 0.$$

- iii) The origin is asymptotically stable for $\lambda = \tilde{\lambda}$.
then

- a) $\lambda = \tilde{\lambda}$ is a bifurcation point of the system.
- b) For $\lambda \in (\lambda_1, \tilde{\lambda})$ with some $\lambda_1 < \tilde{\lambda}$ the origin is a stable focus.

- c) For $\lambda \in (\tilde{\lambda}, \lambda_2)$ with some $\lambda_2 > \tilde{\lambda}$ the origin is an unstable focus surrounded by a stable limit cycle whose size increases with λ . State the Hopf bifurcation theorem and use it to prove that the system possesses a Hopf bifurcation for $\lambda = 0$. 3

The Jacobian matrix for $\lambda \neq 0$ is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ -7 & \lambda \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues $e_{\pm} = \lambda/2 \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 196}$.

- i) for $\lambda = 0$ the eigenvalues are purely imaginary $e_{\pm} = \pm i7$.
ii) we compute

$$\left. \frac{d}{d\lambda} \operatorname{Re}(e_{1/2}(\lambda)) \right|_{\lambda=\tilde{\lambda}=0} = \frac{1}{2} > 0.$$

- iii) from part (ii) of the question we know that the origin is asymptotically stable.

Therefore the Hopf bifurcation theorem applies. 2

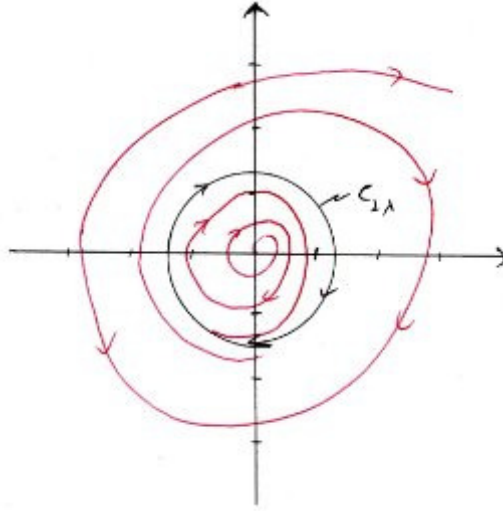
(iv) We have

$$\dot{r} = 0 \quad \text{for } r = 0, 2\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{r} > 0 \quad \text{for } r \neq 0, 2\lambda$$

Therefore

$$L_{\alpha}(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq r < \lambda \\ C_{2\lambda} & \text{for } r \neq \lambda \end{cases} \quad L_{\omega}(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } r = 0 \\ C_{2\lambda} & \text{for } 0 < r \leq \lambda \\ \emptyset & \text{for } r > \lambda \end{cases}$$

Phase portrait:

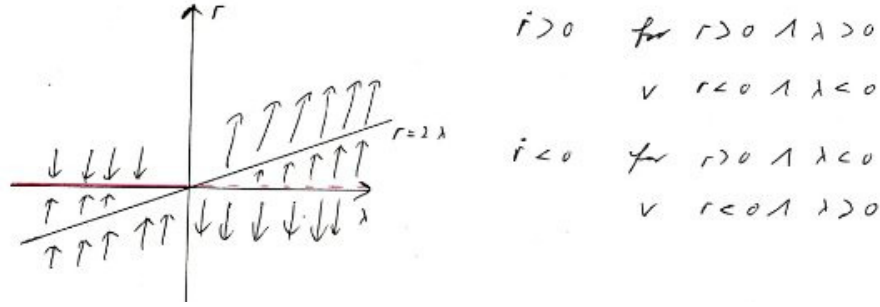


The fixed points are at $r = 0$ and $r = 2\lambda$. With $F(r, \lambda)$ follows 4

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial r} &= 4\lambda^3 - 8r\lambda^2 + 3r^2\lambda = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \lambda = 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \lambda} &= r^3 - 8r^2\lambda + 12r\lambda^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow r = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which means there is a transcritical bifurcation point at $(0,0)$.

Bifurcation diagram:



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4. (i) **Def.:** A system of differential equations on \mathbb{R}^2 is said to be a Hamiltonian system with one degree of freedom if there exists a twice continuously differentiable function $H(x_1, x_2)$ such that

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{x}_2 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1}. \quad (4)$$

(ii) *Proof:* We compute the Jacobian matrix for the system (4) as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_2^2} \\ -\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_1^2} & -\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \end{pmatrix} \bigg|_{\vec{x}_f} =: \begin{pmatrix} H_{12} & H_{22} \\ -H_{11} & -H_{12} \end{pmatrix} \bigg|_{\vec{x}_f}.$$

The eigenvalues are then obtained from

$$\det(A - \lambda \mathbb{I}) = (H_{12} - \lambda)(-H_{12} - \lambda) + H_{11}H_{22} = 0,$$

such that

$$\lambda^2 = -H_{11}H_{22} + H_{12}^2.$$

When the fixed point is nondegenerate we only have the two possibilities

$$H_{12}^2 - H_{11}H_{22} \begin{cases} > 0 \\ < 0 \end{cases} \begin{cases} \equiv \text{real eigenvalues of opposite sign} \\ \equiv \text{purely complex eigenvalues} \end{cases} \begin{cases} \equiv \text{saddle point} \\ \equiv \text{centre} \end{cases},$$

which is what we wanted to prove.

- (iii) **Def.:** A Hamiltonian system which is of the form

$$H(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + V(x_1),$$

where $V(x_1)$ is a function which only depends on x_1 and not x_2 is called a potential system with potential (function) $V(x_1)$.

The corresponding equations of motion are

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} = x_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{x}_2 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1}.$$

For the system under consideration we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(x_1) &= \kappa e^{-x_1} \sin x_1, \\ V'(x_1) &= \kappa e^{-x_1} (\cos x_1 - \sin x_1), \\ V''(x_1) &= -2\kappa e^{-x_1} \cos x_1 \end{aligned}$$

The stationary points from $V'(x_1)$ are at

$$x_1^{(n)} = \frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Therefore

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$$V''(x_1^{(n)}) = -2\kappa e^{-(\frac{\pi}{4}+n\pi)} \cos(\frac{\pi}{4} + n\pi) = (-1)^{n+1} \sqrt{2} \kappa e^{-(\frac{\pi}{4}+n\pi)}$$

for $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}^+$, n even: $V''(x_1^{(n)}) < 0 \Rightarrow$ maximum at $x_1^{(n)} \Rightarrow$ saddle point at $(x_1^{(n)}, 0)$,
for $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}^+$, n odd: $V''(x_1^{(n)}) > 0 \Rightarrow$ minimum at $x_1^{(n)} \Rightarrow$ centre at $(x_1^{(n)}, 0)$,
for $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}^-$, n even: $V''(x_1^{(n)}) > 0 \Rightarrow$ minimum at $x_1^{(n)} \Rightarrow$ centre at $(x_1^{(n)}, 0)$,
for $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}^-$, n odd: $V''(x_1^{(n)}) < 0 \Rightarrow$ maximum at $x_1^{(n)} \Rightarrow$ saddle point at $(x_1^{(n)}, 0)$.

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(iv) For a potential system we have

$$H(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + V(x_1),$$

Since $H(x_1, x_2)$ is conserved along a trajectory, i.e. $H(x_1, x_2) = E = \text{const}$, we can write

$$E = \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + V(x_1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_2 = \pm \sqrt{2[E - V(x_1)]}$$

For the period T we have to integrate along a trajectory

$$T = \oint_C dt = \oint_C dx_1 / \dot{x}_1 = \oint_C dx_1 / x_2 = \int_\alpha^\beta \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2[E - V(x)]}} + \int_\beta^\alpha \frac{dx}{-\sqrt{2[E - V(x)]}}$$

where α, β are the turning point, i.e. the values for x_1 when $x_2 = 0$. Therefore

$$T = 2 \int_\alpha^\beta \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2[E - V(x)]}}$$

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(v) First compute the constant E from

$$H(2^{3/4}, 2) = \frac{1}{2}2^2 + \frac{1}{4}2^3 = 4 = E.$$

The turning points result from solving

$$E = 4 = H(x_t, 0) = \frac{1}{4}x_t^4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_t^{(1/2)} = \pm 2.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T &= 2 \int_{-2}^2 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2[4 - x^4/4]}} = 4 \int_0^2 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2[4 - x^4/4]}} \\ &= 4 \int_0^1 \frac{2dx}{\sqrt{8[1 - x^4]}} = \sqrt{8} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1 - x^4}} \\ &= \sqrt{8}\pi\Gamma(5/4)\Gamma(3/4) \end{aligned}$$

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5. (i) We can write

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$$x_{n+1} = F(x_n) = (x_n - 3\lambda)(x_n + 5\lambda)$$

This means we have fixed points at

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$$x_f^{(1)} = 3\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad x_f^{(2)} = -5\lambda.$$

A fixed point x_f is stable iff $|F'(x_f)| < 1$. With $F'(x) = 2x + 2\lambda$ follows that $x_f^{(1)}$ is stable for $|6\lambda + 2\lambda| < 1$, that is $\lambda < 1/8$.

$x_f^{(2)}$ is stable for $|-10\lambda + 2\lambda| < 1$, that is $\lambda < 1/8$.

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(ii) A 2-cycle exists if $F(F(x)) = x$. Compute

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$$\begin{aligned} x &= (F(x) - 3\lambda)(F(x) + 5\lambda) \\ &= F^2(x) + 2\lambda F(x) - 15\lambda \\ &= (x - 3\lambda)^2(x + 5\lambda)^2 + 2\lambda(x - 3\lambda)(x + 5\lambda) - 15\lambda \\ &= x^4 + 225\lambda^4 - 60x\lambda^3 + 4x^3\lambda - 26x^2\lambda^2 + 2\lambda(x - 3\lambda)(x + 5\lambda) - 15\lambda \\ &= x^4 - 15\lambda - 30\lambda^3 + 225\lambda^4 + 4x\lambda^2 + 2x^2\lambda - 60x\lambda^3 + 4x^3\lambda - 26x^2\lambda^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since the fixed point is a solution of this equation, we can factor out the term $F(x) - x$. Verify that:

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$$\begin{aligned} &(F(x) - x)(1 + x + x^2 + 2\lambda + 2x\lambda - 15\lambda^2) \\ &= x^4 - 15\lambda - 30\lambda^3 + 225\lambda^4 + 4x\lambda^2 + 2x^2\lambda - 60x\lambda^3 + 4x^3\lambda - 26x^2\lambda^2 - x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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This means

$$1 + x + x^2 + 2\lambda + 2x\lambda - 15\lambda^2 = 0$$

for a two cycle to exist. Solving this quadratic equation gives

$$x_{\pm} = -(\lambda + \frac{1}{2}) \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{64\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 3}$$

For this to be real we require

$$64\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 3 \geq 0.$$

Therefore the existence of a two cycle is ensured iff

$$(\lambda - \frac{1}{4})(\lambda + \frac{3}{16}) \geq 0,$$

which means $\lambda \geq 1/4$.

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(iii) The 2 cycle is stable of for $G(x) = F(F(x))$

$$|G'(x)| < 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad |F'(x_+)F'(x_-)| < 1$$

Compute

$$|(2x_+ + 2\lambda)(2x_- + 2\lambda)| = |-64\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4| < 1$$

This means

$$\begin{aligned} -64\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 - 1 &= (\lambda - \frac{1}{4})(\lambda + \frac{3}{16}) < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \lambda < \frac{1}{4} \\ -64\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 + 1 &= (\lambda + \frac{1}{4})(\lambda - \frac{5}{16}) > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \lambda > \frac{5}{16} \end{aligned}$$

The domain of stability for the 2 cycle is empty. The two cycle is always unstable.

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