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locally asymptotically stable?

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Newton's 2nd Law with force dep. on position vel.

into a 1st order coupled system:

If $E := \frac{1}{2}my^2 + V(x)$

Take $\frac{d}{dt}E$ and show it vanishes when $f(x, x') = f(x) = -\frac{dV}{dx}$

C) $(1, 1)$ is a critical point of $\begin{cases} x' = y - x \\ y' = -y + \frac{5x^2}{4+x^2} \end{cases}$

Linearize about this critical point, ie get a 2x2 (Jacobian) matrix A

[Hint: $x = 1 + \alpha$, etc...]

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A) Show that the ODE $\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -x \end{cases}$ is equivalent to $x'' + x = 0$
 subst. $y' = x''$ into 2nd eqn.
 therefore write down general solution: $x(t) = c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t$

Is the critical point stable?

locally asymptotically stable?

yes

no.



B) Reverse the above to turn $mx'' = f(x, x')$ Newton's 2nd Law with force dep. on position vel.
 into a 1st order coupled system: \leftarrow see p. 58.

$x' = y$ as before

$y' = x'' = \frac{1}{m} f(x, x')$

I.e. $\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = \frac{1}{m} f(x, y) \end{cases}$ (*)

but have to convert to y'

If $E := \frac{1}{2} m y^2 + V(x)$

Take $\frac{d}{dt} E$ and show it vanishes when $f(x, y) = f(x) = -\frac{dV}{dx}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m y^2 + V(x) \right) = \frac{m}{2} 2 y y' + \cancel{x'} \frac{dV}{dx} y$$

$$= y \left(m y' + \frac{dV}{dx} \right) = m y \left(y' - \frac{1}{m} f(x, y) \right) = 0$$

zero by (*)

C) (1) is a critical point of $\begin{cases} x' = y - x \\ y' = -y + \frac{5x^2}{4+x^2} \end{cases}$

Linearize about this critical point, ie get a 2x2 (Jacobian) matrix A

[Hint: $x = 1 + \alpha$, etc.] sub $\begin{cases} x = 1 + \alpha \\ y = 1 + \beta \end{cases}$ so $\begin{cases} \alpha' = (1 + \beta) - (1 + \alpha) \\ \beta' = -(1 + \beta) + \frac{5(1 + \alpha)^2}{4 + (1 + \alpha)^2} \end{cases}$

I.e. $\alpha' = -\alpha + \beta$

$\beta' = -\beta - 1 + \frac{5 + 10\alpha + 0(\alpha^2)}{4 + 1 + 2\alpha + 0(\alpha^2)}$

So $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 5/5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

What type of motion happens here?
 What is stability? } discuss in class.

$$\frac{1 + 2\alpha + \dots}{1 + 5/5 \alpha + \dots} = 1 + 8/5 \alpha \dots$$