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EE222: Homework Assignment 2

1. Draw the phase portrait of the reaction-diffusion system

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

List the equilibria and their types. Does the system have limit cycles?

2. Use all the techniques you learned so far to make the phase portraits shown in Figure ?? plausible. You are only allowed to change the directions of some of the orbits or add new ones, but you are not allowed to delete any existing orbits.

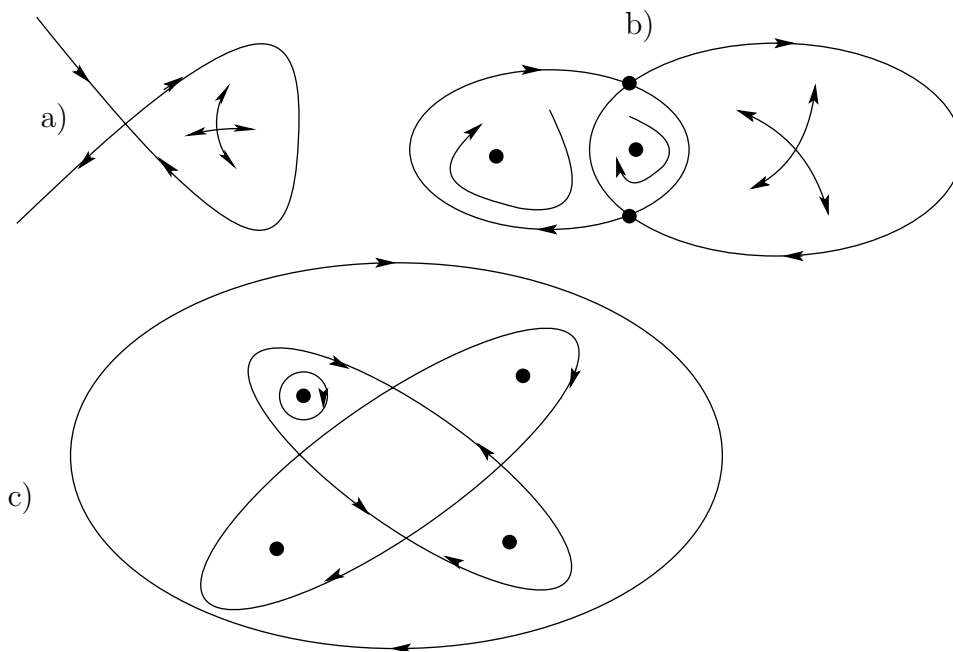


Figure 1: Problem 2.

3. Draw bifurcation diagrams of the following 1-dimensional systems as μ varies:

(a) $\dot{x} = \mu^2 x - x^3$

(b) $\dot{x} = \mu^2 \alpha x + 2\mu x^3 - x^5$, for different α .

4. Let f be a smooth vector field on the annulus

$$A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}.$$

Assume f points inward along the boundary of A , and that for every $0 \leq \alpha \leq 2\pi$, the radial segment (in polar coordinates)

$$S_\alpha = \{(r, \theta) : 1 \leq r \leq 2, \theta = \alpha\}$$

is a **local cross section** in the sense defined in class; that is, at every point $p \in S_\alpha$, the angle between $f(p)$ and S_α is not zero.

(a) Let $p \in S_0$ be an arbitrary point. Show that the orbit of f starting at p returns to S_0 after some positive time.

(b) Show that every continuous function $\phi : [1, 2] \rightarrow [1, 2]$ has a fixed point.

(c) For $p \in S_0$, let $\psi(p)$ be the point of first return to S_0 of the orbit starting at p . Show that $\psi : S_0 \rightarrow S_0$ has a fixed point.

(d) Show that there exists a closed orbit of f in A .

5. Consider the following family of differential equations, parametrized by real numbers μ_1, μ_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= \mu_1 x + \mu_2 y + x^3 - x^2 y.\end{aligned}$$

(a) What does the flow near $(0, 0)$ look like when $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$?

(b) What bifurcations occur at $\mu_1 = 0$ and at $\mu_2 = 0$ (for $\mu_1 < 0$)?

(c) Use Bendixson's theorem and index theory to rule out parameter regions where there are no periodic orbits.

6. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a diffeomorphism; in other words, f is invertible, and both f and f^{-1} are smooth maps. Let p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{N-1} be a period N cycle of f ; that is, $p_k = f^k(p_0)$ for $1 \leq k \leq N - 1$ and $f^N(p_0) = p_0$. Prove that the matrices

$$Df^N(p_k)$$

have the same spectrum for $k = 0, \dots, N - 1$.